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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

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September 16-17, 2008

1. Opening remarks and review of schedule. [Supplement No. 1] [No action anticipated.]

2. Review of minutes of June 24-25 Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet meeting. [Minutes were sent previously to all cabinet members.] [**Action anticipated**.]

3. Report from September 15 Administrative Committee meeting. [No action anticipated.]

4. Cabinet Policies and Operating Procedures. [Supplement No. 2] [**Action anticipated**.]

   Background: *The cabinet will review its charge, information available in the Cabinet Policies and Operating Procedures, and review the purpose of the Administrative Committee. Cabinet members will need to determine whether to develop policies and, if so, determine which policies should be included. Supplement No. 2 is intended to be a sample and discussion document.*

5. Cabinet member orientation. [Supplement No. 3] (Carol Reep) [No action anticipated.]

   Background: *The cabinet will receive a basic primer on the Division I governance structure, will review championships background information, and policies and legislation to ensure members have the requisite foundation of knowledge regarding issues assigned to the cabinet.*

6. Report from Division I Leadership Council, Division I Board of Directors and Executive Committee August meetings. (Beth DeBauche) [No action anticipated.]

7. Consent package. [Supplement No. 4] [**Action anticipated**.]

   Background: *Previously, routine matters such as approving the appointment of new committee chairs and the automatic qualification (AQ) of conference teams were pulled from the sports committee supplements and placed in a consent package for cabinet*

member approval. Any item could be removed from the consent package at the request of a cabinet member. The cabinet will need to determine whether to continue the practice of using a consent package.

8. Sports committees' recommendations regarding Division I and National Collegiate Championships. (Committee or liaison listed in parenthesis) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: The *cabinet will be asked to formulate a position and/or offer suggested modifications regarding the following sport committee requests:*

a. Division I Baseball Committee. [Supplement No. 5] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs and selection of committee chair*.

b. Division I Men's Basketball Committee. [Supplement No. 6] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs.*

c. Division I Women's Basketball Committee. [Supplement No. 7] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs.*

d. Women's Bowling Committee. [Supplement No. 8] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a change to the selection procedures and selection criteria.*

e. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. [Supplement No. 9] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a change to the awards presented, a change to the selection formula and selection of committee chair.*

f. Division I Men's Golf Committee. [Supplement No. 10] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve criterion for host teams to stay at home and play in the regional they are hosting, and a date formula adjustment. The cabinet also will be asked to approve conference AQs and selection of committee chair*.

g. Division I Women's Golf Committee. [Supplement No. 11] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an AQ waiver request.*

h. Men's Gymnastics Committee. [Supplement No. 12] (Chris Hoyles) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a change to the basis for seeding.*

i. Women's Gymnastics Committee. [Supplement No. 13] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the selection of a committee chair and a change to the way regional sites are selected.*

j. Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. [Supplement No. 14] (Patrick Lyons) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs and a new selection criterion for the at-large selection process.*

k. Division I Women's Ice Hockey Committee. [Supplement No. 15] (Patrick Lyons) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *No action items submitted; informational item only.*

l. Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee. [Supplement No. 16] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs, minimum dollar guarantees for hosting and revised selection criteria for the at-large selection process.*

m. Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee. [Supplement No. 17] (Nance Reed) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs and play-in games, changes to primary and secondary selection criteria, a change to the selection date formula, a video exchange policy and selection of committee chair.*

n. Division I Women's Rowing Committee. [Supplement No. 18] (Bruce Rasmussen) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to provide feedback to the women's rowing committee on handling future AQ requests that exceed 50 percent of the field.*

o. Men's and Women's Skiing Committee. [Supplement No. 19] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve changes to regional selection criteria and championship scoring.*

p. Division I Softball Committee. [Supplement No. 20] (Sheri Booker) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs.*

q. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. [Supplement No. 21] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the selection of a committee chair.*

r. Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. [Supplement No. 22] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve AQ waivers for two conferences, conference AQs, selection of committee chair and changes to the selection criteria and procedures.*

s. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Supplement No. 23] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a new qualifying format for outdoor track and field, and conference AQs.*

t. Men's Volleyball Committee. [Supplement No. 24] (Susan Delaney-Scheetz) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an out of region schedule, conference AQs and selection of committee chair.*

u. Women's Water Polo Committee. [Supplement No. 25] (Paula Smith) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs, a modification to selection criteria, and selection of committee chair.*

v. Division I Wrestling. [Supplement No. 26] (TBD) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve conference AQs.*

9. Report of Men's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 27 – to be distributed at meeting] (Judy Rose) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: The *cabinet will be asked to formulate a position and/or offer suggested modifications regarding the committee request.*

10. Report of Women's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 28] (DeBauche) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to formulate a position and/or offer suggested modifications regarding the committee's recommendations regarding some legislative proposals.*

11. Administrative policies/student-athlete eligibility. [Supplement No. 29] (Dave Schnase) [**Possible action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to review sport administrative policies that have the potential of negatively impacting a student-athlete's championship eligibility. Previously the cabinet's Administrative Committee dealt with several cases in which a sports committee ruled a student-athlete ineligible for a championship because of the negligence of the student-athlete's institution (e.g., failure to submit an appropriate entry form). The Administrative Committee allowed the student-athlete to participate but expressed concern about how best to hold institutions accountable for their negligence.*

12. Review of legislative proposals. [Supplement No. 30] (Brad Hostetter) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: The *cabinet will be asked to formulate a position and offer suggested modifications regarding legislative proposals that have been referred to the cabinet.*

13. Oversight and Monitoring Group. [Supplement No. 31] (Reep) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet is being provided information on progress regarding recommendations from the Presidential Task Force.*

14. Travel issues, WATS and expense reports. [Supplement No. 32] (Reep) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet is being provided information on contacting the NCAA governance structure, travel profile forms and online expense reports.*

15. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. February 17-18, 2009; Hyatt Regency, San Antonio.

    b. September 15-16, 2009; TBD, Indianapolis.

    c. February 16-17, 2010; TBD, Indianapolis.

    d. September 14-15, 2010; TBD.

16. Other business.

17. Adjournment.

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Schedule for September 16-17, 2008, Meeting of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Monday, September 15		**Meeting Room**
Administrative Committee (Dinner provided)	6 to 8 p.m.	James Frank Room
Tuesday, September 16		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Palmer Pierce
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m. to noon	Palmer Pierce
Lunch	Noon to 1 p.m.	Atrium
Cabinet meeting	1 to 5:30 p.m.	Palmer Pierce
Reception	5:30 to 7 p.m.	Atrium
Wednesday, September 17		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Atrium
Cabinet meeting	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Palmer Pierce
Administrative Committee	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Palmer Pierce

NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Policies and Operating Procedures

[Effective September 1, 2008]

NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Policies and Operating Procedures

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OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW NCAA DIVISION I GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

If the recent governance restructuring is to ultimately achieve its desired goals and be responsive to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, it is imperative that both staff liaisons and representatives serving within the governance structure be mindful of the objectives behind this restructuring and stay true to its intent.

OBJECTIVES AT THE LEVELS BELOW THE NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALL DIVISION I CABINETS

1. Develop a national dialog within the full membership on consequential issues facing Division I and use representative governance bodies to develop legislation and discuss policy issues.

2. Achieve a significant contributing role for the membership in decisions that set the direction of the Association.

3. Identify a delegated agenda from the Board on which the governance entities take action for the Association.

4. Ensure governance matters are addressed at the appropriate level in the substructure so the Board and the NCAA Division I Legislative Council and the NCAA Division I Leadership Council are not tied down addressing minutiae.

5. Attract the right people to serve (experience, maturity, respect and judgment) for meaningful work.

6. Regain membership trust that the operating level of intercollegiate athletics has a voice in consequential decisions within the Association.

7. Provide for minimum representational (functional, gender, ethnicity) distribution in some defined sense overall within the governance structure, but not necessarily on each Council, cabinet or committee.

Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet
Policies and Operating Procedures

CABINET RESPONSIBILITES

1. The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has Oversight Authority in the following areas:

    a. NCAA Division I National Championships and National Collegiate Championships;

    b. Sports sciences issues, including injury surveillance, drug education and drug testing;

    c. Playing and practice seasons;

    d. Olympic sports issues; and

    e. Sports and sports issues committees.

2. The following Committees Report to the Cabinet:

    a. All sports committees and sports issues committees;

    b. Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Committee;

    c. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee; and

    d. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (informational purposes).

3. Additional Responsibilities:

    a. Oversight of the NCAA statistics program;

    b. Oversee the Championships Awards Program;

    c. Offering comments on legislative proposals as directed by the Legislative Council; and

d. Provide counsel to NCAA staff on matters under the cabinet jurisdiction.

Initially the cabinet will meet two times annually (February and September). The number of annual meetings will be evaluated on a regular basis. The cabinet's meetings will take place during a designated three week window for all Division I cabinets. If a cabinet member is unable to attend a cabinet meeting, a conference may appoint an alternate for that individual. Alternates may attend, participate fully and vote in any cabinet meeting or activity in which the regular member is unable to participate (excluding the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee meetings). The cabinet will use technology to the greatest extent possible to help manage the workload.

CABINET ORGANIZATION

Thirty-one individuals serve on the cabinet; all 31 multisport conferences are represented. Beginning September 2, 2008, representatives on the cabinet will have been assigned staggered terms of two, three and four years to help create a level of continuity. On expiration of these terms, all service terms will be four years in length.

1. Leadership Roles.

The cabinet will operate with a chair and a vice chair. Cabinet chairs shall serve at least one year but no more than two years in that role. A vice chair will be appointed when the chair has one year remaining on his or her term. The cabinet chairs and vice chairs will be forwarded to the Board for approval. At least once in every three rotations, there shall be a representative serving as chair who is not from the Football Bowl Subdivision.

One representative from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will serve as a nonvoting member of the cabinet.

2. Administrative Committee.

The cabinet has established the Administrative Committee to allow the cabinet to make timely and efficient progress on issues between meetings. The Administrative Committee consists of four members, including the chair of the cabinet (who also serves as chair of the Administrative Committee) and one member from each of the subdivisions of Division I. The vice chair of the cabinet will serve as a nonvoting member of the Administrative Committee if he or she is not already a member of the Administrative Committee.

- The Administrative Committee is authorized to:

  (1) Act for the cabinet on routine and noncontroversial matters (e.g., site recommendations) between cabinet meetings;

  (2) Act for the cabinet on matters of an emergency nature, particularly those related to the health and safety of student-athletes;

  (3) Organize and structure meeting agendas; and

  (4) Hear appeals from individuals and institutions on matters determined to be misconduct by governing sports committees.

The full cabinet will receive minutes or reports of Administrative Committee actions as soon as possible.

3. Conference Representation in the Governance Structure.

- Weighted voting and voting percentages. Weighted voting shall be applied at the Leadership Council, Legislative Council and Championships/Sports Management Cabinet levels, as these bodies are the three 31-member bodies in the Division I governance structure. The voting percentages in the new governance structure reflect the percentages established under the 1997 agreement. These percentages are listed below as follows:

  (1) One representative (who shall have three votes) from each of the following seven conferences:

    (a) Atlantic Coast Conference;

    (b) Big East Conference;

    (c) Big Ten Conference;

    (d) Big 12 Conference;

    (e) Conference USA;

    (f) Pacific-10 Conference; and

    (g) Southeastern Conference.

  (2) One representative (who shall have 1.5 votes) from each of the following four conferences:

    (a) Mid-American Conference;

    (b) Mountain West Conference;

    (c) Sun Belt Conference; and

    (d) Western Athletic Conference.

(3) One representative (who shall have 1.2 votes) from each of the following conferences:

(a) America East;

(b) Atlantic 10 Conference;

(c) Atlantic Sun Conference;

(d) Big Sky Conference;

(e) Big South Conference;

(f) Big West Conference;

(g) Colonial Athletic Association;

(h) Horizon League;

(i) Ivy Group;

(j) Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference;

(k) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference;

(l) Missouri Valley Conference;

(m) Northeast Conference;

(n) Ohio Valley Conference;

(o) Patriot League;

(p) Southern Conference;

(q) Southland Conference;

(r) Southwestern Athletic Conference;

(s) Summit League; and

(t) West Coast Conference.

REPRESENTATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

1. Gender and Diversity Requirements. The legislated minimums of 20 percent ethnic minorities and 35 percent of either gender shall be applied independently to two separate groups of governance bodies (i.e., the three 31-member governance bodies and the five 21-member governance bodies). Specifically, the representational minimums shall be applied to the 93 service opportunities provided by the cabinet, the 31-member Legislative Council and the 31-member Leadership Council. The minimum percentages shall be applied separately to the 105 service opportunities provided by the five 21-member cabinets.

2. Positional Requirements. While there are no specific positional requirements at the Council and cabinet levels, it is expected that the Division I governance structure will be populated by faculty members and athletics administrators who hold a variety of positions.

3. Role of the Board in the Appointment Process. The Board will make all appointments to the Councils and cabinets. As part of this process the Board will examine slates of nominees not only to ensure they meet the legislated requirements but to confirm that each governance body has balanced representation.

AGENDA DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Any cabinet member or conference may submit an agenda item for a meeting. Agenda items should be sent to the staff liaison at the NCAA national office. The staff will consult with the cabinet member or conference to determine how best to handle the item and what supplementary material should be provided, if any. The item will be placed on the agenda with the name of the member or conference that submitted the item.

The staff will send a request for agenda items to cabinet members approximately 10 weeks prior to the meeting. Items must be submitted eight weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda and supplements will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to the meeting so as to be received at least 17 days prior to the meeting. All materials will be posted on the NCAA Web site at least 17 days prior to the meeting. Every effort will be made to ensure the meetings materials are as complete as possible at the time of mailing and the distribution of supplemental materials at meetings are kept to a minimum. In the event additional supplements need to be distributed after the 17-day mailing/posting deadline, these supplements will be posted to the NCAA Web site in a timely fashion.

Coaches associations should submit issues through the respective sports committees, rather than directly to the cabinet.

Agendas will include background information regarding action items to assist the cabinet members and the membership in putting the issues in contest.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the cabinet has the best information possible and will enlist the participation of subject matter experts as appropriate. Generally, appearances before the cabinet must be approved by the Administrative Committee on a case-by-case basis.

The report from the Cabinet meetings will be written and posted on the NCAA Web site within three days of the scheduled conclusion of the meeting.

Reports shall distinguish between action items and informational items, and between legislative items and nonlegislative items.

CABINET COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- NCAA Communications and Coordination Committee.

  a. Duties. The NCAA Communications and Coordination Committee, which is composed of the chairs of the cabinets and Councils, is charged with coordinating consideration of issues and legislative concepts between the various Division I governance bodies.

  b. Staff Liaisons. At least one staff liaison from each cabinet and Council will be expected to participate on this group's conference calls and in-person meetings.

  c. Communication with Governance Representatives and with the Membership.

     - Cabinet Level. The cabinet chair may be asked to attend a meeting of one of the Councils from time to time depending on the issues being discussed but it will not be required as a matter of course. Additionally, as a supplement to the work of the Communications and Coordination Committee, representatives from both Councils will be assigned as informal liaisons to follow the work and discussions of each cabinet. These liaisons will not automatically be expected to attend their assigned cabinet meetings; rather the type and frequency of communication between the Councils and the cabinets will be dictated by the issues being examined.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BRACKETS/FIELD SIZES

The cabinet will review sports sponsorship numbers and trends for all NCAA championship sports annually at its February meeting, with a view toward long-range planning for future bracket/field size expansion or reduction. This planning is intended to ensure the appropriate allocation of the Association's financial resources relative to the membership's priorities, and to encourage the maintenance of a consistent and equitable championships program. [Appendixes D, E and F]

1. Accordingly, sports committees are not permitted to submit specific requests for bracket expansion independent of the February cabinet review. Instead, after reviewing the sports sponsorship trends at its February meeting, the cabinet will determine which, if any, sports committees would be asked to submit data at the February meeting that would support bracket/field size expansion. [Note: Relative to this policy, requests for expansion of regional competition for which the Association does not reimburse transportation and per diem expenses are considered bracket expansions, regardless of whether there is any cost to the Association.]

2. Any changes contemplated in the size of a specific championship bracket or field size will be based on the following factors:

    a. Maintenance of an equitable number of opportunities for men and women in the overall championships program (i.e., gender equity);

    b. The responsible allocation of the Association financial resources;

    c. The ability to efficiently manage and administer the event;

    d. The number of Division I conferences that sponsor each sport;

    e. The number of conferences eligible for automatic qualification and the need to provide access for all eligible conferences;

    f. The last time the particular bracket or field size was expanded;

    g. Any trend (increase or decrease) in sponsorship of the sport;

    h. Whether a sport is considered an emerging sport for women;

i. For National Collegiate Championships, the number of Divisions I, II and III institutions sponsoring the sport;

j. General interest in and commitment to creating opportunities for student-athletes;

k. The ratio of championship berths in a particular sport relative to the number of institutions that sponsor the sport; and

l. Perceived quality of competition in a particular sport.

3. The established bracket sizes within each percentage category are not intended to be automatic; in some cases, it would be logical that there be interim steps for bracket expansion when some increase is warranted (e.g., from 16 to 20 or 24 teams, rather than 32). What those appropriate interim steps are may differ from sport to sport and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

WORKING PRINCIPLES FOR SEEDING/PAIRING/SITE SELECTION (CHAMPIONSHIPS OTHER THAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL)

The following principles have been established for all sports other than men's and women's basketball:

A fair and equitable championship should be created to provide national-level competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions, with consideration also for approved regional structures for certain championships.

Access to championships shall be provided by a combination of automatic qualifiers and at-large selections (the cabinet previously approved guidelines based on sponsorship percentages).

Consideration should be given to the academic impact on the participating institutions and to the financial impact on the participating institutions and the NCAA.

1. Top teams should be seeded (no more than 25 percent of the bracket, except for those brackets where 25 percent does not make sense, for example allowing a 48-team bracket to seed the top 16 rather than the top 12).

2. First-round conference matchups should be avoided. First round is defined as first contest.

3. Higher seeded teams should be given consideration in hosting (e.g., taking into account other factors such as missed class time, quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations, attendance history, financial considerations, geography, quality of the student-athlete experience, championship atmosphere and accessibility of fans, etc.).

4. After seeding the approved number of teams, teams should be placed in brackets per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.3.2.5 (i.e., geographically) with consideration given to missed class time, the quality of the student-athlete experience, championship atmosphere and accessibility of fans.

APPEALS OF CHAMPIONSHIPS MATTERS

The following sports committee actions relative to championships administration are subject to appeal to the cabinet, which acting for the Leadership Council, is the final authority on appeals of championships matters: (1) Automatic qualification/play-in conference decisions; (2) Assessment of penalties for misconduct (Item No. 6 below); and (3) Assessment of penalties for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration. In addition:

1. The appeal of a decision made by a sports committee first must be submitted to and considered by the sports committee itself. The appeal must be submitted in writing not later than 30 days after receipt of notification of the original decision.

2. The sports committee must make available to the involved party the opportunity to present the appeal during a telephone conference, if the appellant wishes to do so. Otherwise, the appeal will be by written submission.

3. If consideration of an appeal could potentially impact an institution or conference other than the one submitting the appeal (for example, if a conference appeals for automatic qualification and such action would displace another conference), that other entity must be provided an opportunity to respond as well.

4. If the sports committee upholds its original decision, that action may be appealed to the cabinet. That appeal must be submitted to the cabinet within 30 days of receipt of notification of the sports committee's action.

5 If a decision involving failure to adhere to championships policies and procedures is appealed to the cabinet, the cabinet will afford to the involved party the same opportunity for a telephone conference, if the appellant wishes to do so; otherwise, the appeal will be by written submission. In appeals of automatic qualification/play-in conference decisions, the cabinet may, but is not obligated, to hear an appeal via telephone conference.

6. Appeals of Division I misconduct findings go directly to the Administrative Committee of the cabinet. If a decision involving misconduct is appealed to the cabinet, the cabinet will afford to the involved party the same opportunity for a telephone conference, if the appellant wishes to do so; otherwise, the appeal will be by written submission. The subcommittee has the authority to grant the appeal, in whole or in part or uphold or reduce but not increase penalties imposed by the sports committee.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1. Sponsoring Legislation. The Legislative Council along with the Board, Leadership Council, cabinets and any of the 31 multisport conferences will be permitted to propose legislation under the Division I governance structure.

2. Timeframe for Sponsoring Legislation. The deadline for sponsoring legislation for the conferences, cabinets and Councils is July 15.

3. Role of the September Cabinet Meeting. The six issue-specific cabinets will meet within a three week window in September to begin offering comments and suggested modifications to legislative proposals in the annual legislative cycle. Comments will appear in the official notice, published November 15.

4. Emergency/Noncontroversial Legislation – Guidelines. The following guidelines are to assist in determining whether a proposal should be considered outside the normal legislative process as either noncontroversial or emergency legislation:

   a. Noncontroversial legislation**.** Legislative proposals shall be considered noncontroversial only if:

      (1) Broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way;

      (2) Significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated; or

      (3) Such proposals do not have a significant impact (unanticipated consequences, undesirable precedent) on existing legislation or proposed legislation.

   b. A noncontroversial proposal, at a minimum, should have the following factors present:

      (1) The proposal should have minimal impact on competitive or recruiting equity;

      (2) The proposal should have minimal financial impact;

      (3) The proposal must enjoy broad support from its primary stakeholders;

(4) The proposal should not negatively impact student-athlete welfare; and

(5) The proposal should not significantly impact the Division I academic standards (initial and continuing eligibility).

c. Emergency legislation. Legislative proposals shall be considered emergency legislation only if:

(1) Significant values or harm are at stake; or

(2) The use of the regular legislative cycle is likely to cause undue hardship to the Association or the Division I membership because of the delay in its effective date.

(3) Examples of situations in which it may be appropriate to consider legislation emergency include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Immediate health and safety concerns or issues;

(b) Potential legal actions;

(c) Issues that have a significant financial impact;

(d) Egregious situations involving disparities in fairness; or

(e) Unintended or unanticipated consequences resulting from the current legislation.

5. Process for Considering Noncontroversial or Emergency Proposals.

There is a two-part process for voting on noncontroversial or emergency proposals, as follows:

a. The Legislative Council shall initially vote on whether a proposal shall be considered as noncontroversial or emergency. The proposal must receive three-fourths majority of all Legislative Council members present and voting to satisfy such a standard. Those proposals that do not satisfy such standards will not be considered defeated, but will be considered by the Division I membership in accordance with the normal legislative process.

b. A proposal that satisfies the initial standard as being either noncontroversial or emergency will then be debated by the full Legislative Council on its merits. Such a proposal will then require a three-fourths majority of Legislative Council members present and voting to approve the proposal. Proposals that do not receive a three-fourths majority vote, but receive a majority vote, will be remanded back into the normal legislative cycle.

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

The cabinet has assigned its members to serve as liaisons to committees that report to the cabinet, to enhance communication and understanding of committees' issues and recommendations, and to better communicate the cabinet actions to the committees. These liaisons are to be a communication link between the committees and the cabinet, as opposed to a "champion" for a particular sport or an advocate for a particular sport or rules committee's issues or recommendations. There also should be consistency in the liaisons' degree of involvement in their respective committees' work.

Liaisons will receive the minutes of all meetings and telephone conferences of the sports committee for which they serve as liaison. In addition, prior to each cabinet meeting, liaisons should discuss with their sports committee chair the recommendations that will be submitted by the committee for cabinet consideration. Liaisons should be sufficiently knowledgeable about their sports committee's recommendations and issues to present them in a balanced and impartial manner to the full cabinet at each meeting (including making the cabinet aware of both the pros and cons of a recommendation) and to be prepared to offer clarification or explanation of them. Finally, it is not necessary for liaisons to attend sports or rules committee meetings or championships. [Appendix G]

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Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Orientation

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 16, 2008

1. Welcome and introductions. (Joni Comstock and Jeff Schemmel)

2. Review of the New Governance Structure. (Beth DeBauche)

   a. Objectives of restructuring. [Supplement No. 1]

   b. Overview of the basic structure. [Supplement No. 2]

   c. Guide to the new Division I Governance Structure. [Supplement No. 3]

   d. Division I Governance Organizational Chart. [Supplement No. 4]

3. Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

   a. Review of policies and operating procedures. [Refer to Supplement No. 2 of cabinet agenda, Cabinet Policies and Operating Procedures] (Dave Schnase)

   b. Review of issues identified by previous structure for further discussion. [Supplement No. 5]

      (1) Bracket/Format Subcommittee History. (Wayne Burrow and Judy Rose)

      (2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee History. (Brad Hostetter and Jane Miller)

      (3) Awards/Travel Policies/Bylaw 16 Subcommittee History. (Burrow and Sue Delaney-Sheetz)

      (4) Oversight and Monitoring Group (OMG) Recommendations. [Refer to Supplement No. 31 of cabinet agenda, Oversight and Monitoring Group] (Carol Reep)

4. Overview of committees that report to the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

   a. Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS). (Mary Wilfert)

   b. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC). (Burrow)

c. Rules Committees. (Ty Halpin)

d. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) – informational purposes only. (Halpin)

e. Sport Issues Committees (football, men's basketball and women's basketball). (DeBauche)

f. Sport Committees. (Reep)

g. Statistics. (Jim Wright)

5. Legislation process. (Hostetter)

6. General discussion items.

a. Participation in media interviews/speaking agent. [Supplement No. 6] (Schnase)

b. Online travel expense system. [Refer to Supplement No. 32 of cabinet agenda, Travel issues, WATS and expense reports] (Kenny Sprague)

7. Other business.

a. Lunch with the Division I championships administrators.

b. Division I championships sport overviews. [Supplement No. 7]

8. Adjournment.

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CONSENT PACKAGE

In consultation with the chair of the cabinet, the staff has identified the following recommendations as noncontroversial or "housekeeping" in nature. The recommendations will be voted on as a package. Any objection from any member of the cabinet will remove the relevant item from the consent package for separate consideration and a separate vote.

1. Division I Men's Baseball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 5, item nos. 1.a. and b. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification
   -committee chair

2. Division I Men's Basketball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 6, item 1. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

3. Division I Women's Basketball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 7, item 1. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

4. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 9, item 3. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

5. Division I Men's Golf Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 10, items nos. 1.c. and d. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification
   -committee chair

6. Women's Gymnastics Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 13, item 1.a. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

7. Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 14, item 1.a. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

8. Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 16, item 1. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

9. Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 17, item 6. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

10. Division I Softball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 20 of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification

11. Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 21, item 1. of cabinet agenda.]
    -committee chair

12. Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 22, item nos. 1.c. and d. of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification
    -committee chair

13. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 23, item 2 of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification

14. Men's Volleyball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 24, item nos. 2. and 3. of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification
    -committee chair

15. Women's Water Polo Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 25, item nos. 1. and 3. of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification
    -committee chair

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 30 conferences receive automatic bids for their conference champion into the 2009 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. The balance of the 64-team field will be selected at-large by the Division I baseball committee:

America East Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, The Patriot League, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

(2) Rationale. Each conference meets the defined criteria for automatic qualification.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Appointment of Committee Chair.

(1) Recommendation. The committee voted to appoint Tim Weiser, Deputy Commissioner from the Big 12 Conference, as the committee chair effective immediately.

(2) Rationale. Mr. Weiser is a well respected veteran member of the committee. He is currently in his second term on the committee, is a former baseball student-athlete and has been athletics director at multiple NCAA Division I institutions.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. **ESPN**. The baseball committee met with representatives from ESPN to review the 2008 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship/Men's College World Series (MCWS) and looked forward to 2009. ESPN was very pleased with this year's Division I Baseball Championship television ratings, which are the highest ever. See attached attendance and television ratings. (Attachments A and B.)

b. **CWS of Omaha, Inc. Report.** The baseball committee met with representatives from the Omaha local organizing committee (CWS of Omaha, Inc.) to review the 2008 MCWS. They reviewed feedback from the participating teams, marketing efforts, ticket sales and hotel issues. There were also discussions about 2009 ticket prices and future hotel accommodations. CWS of Omaha, Inc. also provide an update on the new baseball stadium and the preparations for its opening in June 2011.

c. **National Coordinator of Umpires Report**. The new national coordinator of umpires, Gene McArtor, was introduced to the baseball committee. Gene provided the committee with updates on the baseball umpire improvement program, as well as his views for the direction of the program.

d. **Pace of Play**. The baseball committee had serious discussions regarding the pace of play in collegiate baseball and what can be done to shorten the length of games. The committee feels that this is a serious issue in college baseball and is committed to doing what it can to improve in this area. They will continue to discuss ideas to speed up the game and hope to make recommendations later this fall.

Committee Chair: Larry Templeton, Mississippi State University
Staff Liaison(s): Dennis Poppe, Baseball and Football
Randy L. Buhr, Championships
Damani Leech, Baseball and Football

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Automatic Qualification.

1. Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2009 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Ivy Group, Horizon League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

2. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Mike Slive, Southeastern Conference
Staff Liaisons: Tom Jernstedt, Greg Shaheen, Division I Men's Basketball

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEM.

2008 Women's Basketball Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences are eligible for automatic qualification for the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sunbelt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

b. Rationale. All 31 eligible conferences are being recommended to receive automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. **Host Honorarium.** The committee approved the 2008 Women's Final Four host honorarium for the University of South Florida.

b. **2010 Division I Women's Basketball Championship Regional Playing Dates.** The committee approved the following regional competition dates for the 2010 Division I Women's Basketball Championship:

March 27 and 29, 2010 – Memphis, Tennessee and Sacramento, California
March 28 and 30, 2010 – Dayton, Ohio and Kansas City, Missouri

Committee Chair: *Judy Southard, Louisiana State University*
Staff Liaisons: *Sue Donohoe, Division I Women's Basketball*
Rick Nixon, Division I Women's Basketball
Michelle Perry, Division I Women's Basketball

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REVISED REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Selection Procedure.

(1) Recommendation. That the Women's Bowling Committee be permitted to consider lane maintenance violations per Rule 1.1.3.3 of the NCAA Women's Bowling Rules when evaluating regular-season match results in the selections process.

(2) Rationale. The committee is concerned with the integrity of regular-season competition in the area of lane conditioning. Lane conditioning refers to the application of oil to a lane for the purpose of establishing a pattern with a degree of difficulty. Rule 1.1.3.3 specifies the ratio of oil application per board and the distance which it must cover from the start of the foul line. Lane conditions vary from competition to competition and do not always comply with the guidelines specified in the rules book. The committee will use another administrative tool already in place, the event certification form, to monitor whether lane conditioning violations occur – pattern parameters including overall distance and ratio of application are components of the form. This form is submitted by the host following competition and requires the sign-off of the head official. In the event of a violation, the committee will decide whether to consider the event's match results (for all participating teams) during the selections process. The committee hopes that considering reported lane conditioning violations will further standardize the conduct of regular-season competition.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection Criteria.

(1) Recommendation. That the Quality of Wins Index (QWI) used in the selections process be adjusted as follows:

Win versus a team at or above .750 – 16 points
Win versus a team at or above .500, but below .750 – 12 points
Win versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 – 8 points
Win versus a team below .333 – **6 points (change from 4 points)**
Loss versus a team at or above .750 – **8 points (change from 10 points)**
Loss versus a team at or above .500, but below .750 – 6 points
Loss versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 – 2 points
Loss versus a team below .333 – 0 points

(2) Rationale. The committee recommends the changes in the QWI to generate more balance between losses against teams at or above .750 and wins against teams below .333. The committee feels that teams that schedule strong opponents currently benefit from both the QWI and the strength of schedule component as part of the selection criteria. With the minor changes, the QWI will better represent the committee's intent for the criteria as a part of the selections process.

The QWI is one piece of selection criteria. The current complete selection criteria used is as follows (not necessarily in preferential order):

Overall Criteria (Primary)
• Eligibility and Availability of Student-Athletes
• Overall win-loss percentage
• Head-to-head competition as compared between two teams
• Results versus common opponents
• Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
• Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' win-loss percentage)
• Overall Quality-of-Wins Index (below)
  Win versus a team at or above .750 16 points
  Win versus a team at or above .500, but below .750 12 points
  Win versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 8 points
  Win versus a team below .333 4 points
  Loss versus a team at or above .750 10 points
  Loss versus a team at or above .500, but below .750 6 points
  Loss versus a team at or above .333, but below .500 2 points
  Loss versus a team below .333 0 points

Secondary Criteria
Baker
• Overall win-loss percentage
• Head-to-head competition as compared between two teams
• Results versus common opponents
• Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
• Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' win-loss percentage)
• Overall Quality-of-Wins Index (same as above)

Regular Team
• Overall win-loss percentage
• Head-to-head competition as compared between two teams
• Results versus common opponents
• Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
• Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' win-loss percentage)

• Overall Quality-of-Wins Index (same as above)

Tie Breaker
• Conference win-loss percentage
• Non-conference win-loss percentage

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. Officials Testing Program. The committee will launch an online test for officials, effective 2008-09. Participation in the testing program is voluntary and individuals may be certified as either tournament officials or assistant tournament officials by answering a certain number of questions correctly, 80 percent and 70 percent respectively. Certifications will be renewable annually. Questions will come directly from the content in the NCAA Women's Bowling Rules Book. Institutions hosting competition will be encouraged to utilize officials that have passed the test. The secretary-rules editor has developed the test and will be responsible for administering and monitoring the test as part of his assigned duties. The committee believes the test is an important educational tool to introduce more consistency to the game and place more emphasis on the importance of the tournament official.

b. Region Assignments. In anticipation of Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ) and Adrian College (Adrian, MI) adding bowling as a sponsored sport, the committee has assigned the states of Arizona and Michigan to the Central Region. Currently, there are two regions, the Central and the Northeast, and the assignment to the Central Region is consistent with geography as well as balance of sponsoring institutions in each region.

Committee Chair: Brian Reese, Vanderbilt University
Staff Liaison: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Awards.

a. Recommendation. That the third place bout is eliminated from championship competition and the third and fourth place awards are eliminated and replaced with two semifinalist awards.

b. Rationale. Traditionally the third place bout is not conducted during United States Fencing Association and the Federation Internationale D'Escrime contests. Since NCAA fencing follows the USFA and FIE rules, the committee believes it should follow their lead and conduct two semifinal bouts but not a third place bout. This would be consistent with most other NCAA Division I team championships since they do not conduct competitions to determine third place but award both teams a semifinalist award.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Selection Formula.

a. Recommendation. That the Individual Strength Factor be adjusted to take into account the best 50 percent of all victories up to 32. If the number of victories exceeds 32, only the 16 best victories will be taken into account. Thirty-two is the capped number.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that adjusting the individual strength factor will be more inclusive of all student-athletes and provide for a more consistent evaluation of individual performances in the selection process. This adjustment would be more helpful to the committee when evaluating individual student-athletes who participate on teams with varying size and strength of schedules.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Zoltan Dudas, head fencing coach at Princeton University, be appointed chair of the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

b. Rationale. Coach Dudas will be starting his third year on the fencing committee. He is in his second year at Princeton and has also coached at the University of Notre Dame. He is well respected in the fencing community for his coaching and leadership abilities.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Sheryl Sousa, Brandeis University
Staff Liaison: Sharon K. Cessna, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Regional Selections.

(1) Recommendation. That a host institution must be ranked in the top 30 or outside the top 100 in order to stay at home and play in the regional they are hosting, effective with the 2009 regionals.

(2) Rationale. The committee believes that host institutions have a tremendous advantage playing at home, especially in the sport of golf. The committee feels that if an institution is ranked in the top 30 they have earned the opportunity to play at home. However, the committee feels that a host institution would gain an unfair advantage should they be able to play at home without being ranked in the committee's top 30. The committee believes that teams should earn the privilege of playing at home through their performance during the regular season and not because they prevailed in the bidding process.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None to the NCAA, however some host institutions may have to travel to regionals should they not be ranked in the top 30. Since regionals are not reimbursed by the NCAA, those teams would have to pay their own way to travel to a regional.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. Very little except for those hosts that would have to travel by not being ranked in the top 30. In addition, those institutions that are hosting and would have to travel will miss one additional day of classes.

b. Date Formula.

(1) Recommendation. That the date formula be adjusted to start on the Monday of Memorial Day and finish on the following Sunday, effective with the 2010 championships.

(2) Rationale. The committee believes that adjusting the date formula by one day would assist in securing golf courses in the future as the Memorial Day holiday is a very busy time for golf. Should a team that has a no-Sunday-play policy advance to the final match, then the semifinals and finals would take place on the same day (Saturday).

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. 2008-09 Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. That the Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference be granted automatic qualification for the 2009 championships.

(2) Rationale. Each conference meets the defined criteria for automatic qualification.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Committee Chair.

(1) Recommendation. That Darin Spease, senior associate athletics director at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, be named as chair, replacing Mike Holder, Oklahoma State University, effective September 1.

(2) Rationale. Mr. Holder's term has expired. Mr. Spease has demonstrated many qualities that will benefit the committee. Mr. Spease is also the sport administrator for men's golf at Charlotte.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. Match Play. The committee determined that straight match play with all five players counting would be the format for the 2009 championships once the final eight teams are determined according to 54 hole results. The committee believes that this format is most understood by the general public and is the format used in all other team competitions (Ryder Cup, Walker Cup, President's Cup, etc) around the world.

b. 2009 Championships. Once the final eight teams have been determined, the quarterfinals and semifinals will take place the same day with the championship match being played the final day. The Inverness Club and the University of Toledo requested that the committee consider this change to comply with the original dates in their proposed bid. This would be for the 2009 championship only. The schedule for the week would be as follows:

Monday – Practice Round
Tuesday – 1st day of competition (18 holes)
Wednesday – 2nd day of competition (18 holes)
Thursday – 3rd day of competition (18 holes)
Friday – Quarterfinals and Semifinals of Match Play
Saturday – Championship match.

c. Range Finders. The committee approved the use of range finders during the super regionals and finals. The committee believes that more and more players have access to range finders and that using them will help speed up the pace-of-play during competition. This is a local rule in the United States Golf Association rule book that will be adopted for the competition.

Committee Chair: Mike Holder, Oklahoma State University
Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEM.

Big West Conference Waiver Request.

a. Recommendation. That the Big West Conference be granted an exception to the six "core member" requirement to receive automatic qualification for their 2009 conference champion.

b. Rationale. The Big West Conference has kept their automatic qualification in golf based on the two year grace period in NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.4.1. The Big West Conference will have six members beginning in 2007-2008; however, the University of California, Davis, will not be a "core member" until 2015-16. The committee will continue to monitor the status of the members in the Big West Conference and determine each year whether the Big West Conference shall continue to keep their automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. Women's Golf Sponsorship. The NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee reviewed the sport sponsorship numbers for the past five years. Women's golf has 70 percent (230) of the Division I institutions sponsoring the sport. In addition, the women have had 37 institutions add the sport since 2000 (an average of 5 institutions per year) which is an increase of eight percent. Presently, the field size for each of the three regions is 21 teams and three individuals. The championship field is 24 teams and six individuals. The tee times allocated for the championship with 24 teams has 21 slotted times, which allows for all the time slots to be filled. Presently, the regional format has three time slots open since there are only 21 teams participating.

Since per diem and travel expenses for the regional tournaments are paid for by the institutions, it would make sense that three additional teams and three additional individuals be invited to each of the regional tournaments. There would be no change to the championship format and, therefore, no increase to the championship budget.

b. Range Finders. The committee approved the use of range finders during the regionals and finals. The committee believes that since this is a local rule in the United States Golf Association rule book, the NCAA championship should allow the usage of range finders. This rule does not mandate that all players use this device but rather gives the individual the option.

Committee Chair: Nancy Cross, Purdue University
Staff Liaisons: Tina Krah, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Seeding.

1. Recommendation. That the seeding to determine team starting positions for the championship (Friday session), be based on the scores from the National Qualifier session (Thursday) as opposed to using teams' national qualifying average from the regular season.

2. Rationale. The committee feels that the national qualifying average determines whether a team is selected to participate in the National Qualifier and that it should be their performance in the qualifier that should ultimately determine the start position on the following day.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Yoshi Hayasaki, University of Illinois, Champaign
Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Committee Chair.

(1) Recommendation. That Paul Plinske, director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, serve as committee chair, effective September 2008.

(2) Rationale. The current chair, Christie Purks, will rotate off the committee. Mr. Plinske has served on the committee for two years and demonstrated good leadership skills during his tenure. Mr. Plinske has been active in the women's gymnastics community serving as a site representative at regional competition. Under his direction, the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, hosted the 2007 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Division III Women's Gymnastics Championships.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection of Regional Sites.

(1) Recommendation. That the six predetermined regional sites be selected irrespective of region, effective with the 2011 women's gymnastics regionals.

(2) Rationale. Under the current system, the committee has limited flexibility to secure regional sites in close proximity to qualifying teams and individual competitors. Securing sites in some regions has been challenging since only one institution submitted a bid to host and in other instances no bids were received. The top 36 teams based on the Qualifying Score (QS) will be selected for preliminary-round competition. The top 18 teams will be seeded, and the remaining competition spots will be filled in order of qualifying scores with teams and individuals placed at the closest host site. Individual qualifiers from the same team will be placed at the same site based on the individual with the highest QS. Movement to the next closest host site will be made according to the QS. Sites will be named based on the city rather than region.

Selecting six sites that are geographically located throughout the country allows for the following:

(a) Flexibility in choosing sites;

(b) More opportunities for institutions to host;

(c) Providing 'new' institutions the ability to host;

(d) Ability to pick sites for the best overall student-athlete experience;

(e) Selecting locations in close proximity to all qualifying institutions;

(f) Decrease the number of institutions that would have to host competition in consecutive years; and

(g) Flexibility for an institution to serve as a site in more than one region *(i.e., currently, West Virginia University can only serve as the host of a Southeast regional. Under the proposed system, West Virginia could serve as a host for either the Southeast region or the Northeast region).*

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. Since participating institutions do not receive per diem or transportation reimbursement from the NCAA, expenses may be reduced since the committee will place teams 19 to 36 more geographically.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. With the potential of preliminary-round sites being in closer proximity to participating institutions, opportunities for spectators to support their respective student-athlete may increase. Missed class time may also be reduced.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Misconduct. The committee issued a public reprimand and a $300 fine to the head coach at the University of Georgia for unsportsmanlike conduct during the national championship. Additionally, a public reprimand and withholding of a portion of the honorarium was also imposed on the university for failure to adhere to administrative procedures.

Committee Chair: Christie Purks, University of Georgia
Staff Liaisons: D'Ann Keller, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. That the following receive automatic qualification for the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship: Atlantic Hockey Association, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, College Hockey America, ECAC Hockey League, Hockey East Association and the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

(2) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection Criteria.

(1) Recommendation. That to be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or above.

(2) Rationale. The committee believes that this is an appropriate requirement for consideration of an at-large bid. The men's ice hockey bracket provides for a competitive field and the committee believes that a winning record for an at-large selection is a reasonable expectation.

Note: The following Division I championships require an overall won-lost record of .500 or above to be considered for an at-large bid: field hockey, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's volleyball, women's volleyball, men's water polo and women's water polo.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Two-Referee, Two-Linesman System. The NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee approved the implementation of the two-referee, two-linesman system, for Divisions I and II, effective with the 2008-09 season. Staff has planned adjustments to maintain the same budget for officiating expenses.

Committee Chair: Steve Cady, Miami University (Ohio)
Staff Liaisons: Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships
Donnie Wagner, Championships

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REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

***INFORMATIONAL ITEM*.**

12-Team Bracket. The committee discussed the impact of a 12-team bracket and how it would affect the growth of the sport at the Division I level. The current bracket consists of eight teams.

Committee Chair: Zafir Bludevich, Saint Michael's College
Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk, Championships

REVISED
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic-qualification privileges for the 2009 Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship: America East Conference; Colonial Athletic Conference; Eastern College Athletic Conference; Western College Athletic Conference; Great Western Lacrosse League; Ivy Group; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and Patriot League.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences have applied and received an automatic qualification.

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Minimum Guarantee.

a. Recommendation. That to host the Division I Men's Lacrosse first round and quarterfinals competition, host institutions must provide a minimum guarantee of $2,500 and $15,000 respectively. The first round would be conducted on the campuses of participating institutions and would not be predetermined. The quarterfinals are predetermined sites.

b. Rationale. The committee believes host institutions and communities should make a commitment to the championship and the student-athlete experience. The 2007 guarantees ranged from $300 to $6,000 for first rounds and $15,000 to $82,000 for quarterfinals.

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Selection Criteria.

a. Recommendation. That the at-large selection criteria be revised as attached, effective 2009.

b. Rationale. After review of the selection criteria by the national office staff review committee it was suggested that men's lacrosse consider expanding the selection criteria to include more of the available information in the review of at-large teams. To this end, the attached selection criteria takes into consideration the full body of work for each team and will present a complete picture of a team's performance in comparison to all teams and provide more complete information for the selection committee.

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Tim Pavlechko, Bucknell University
Staff Liaison: Wayne Burrow, Championships
Sharon K. Cessna, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification and Play-In Games.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship:

America East Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference
Big East Conference
Colonial Athletic Association
Ivy Group
Patriot League

b. Rationale. A total of nine eligible conferences have applied for automatic qualification to the 2009 championship; eight automatic qualification berths have been allotted (one through play-in game).

The American Lacrosse Conference currently has five member institutions and has requested an exception per Bylaw 31.3.4.6. The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee supports that exception for the 2008-09 season, but noted its intention to support the conference going through the two-year waiting period for conference continuity 2009-11, when a sixth member is scheduled to join the conference (2009-10). The committee's support for a one-year exception is based on the decision and timing of a former conference member to drop the sport of women's lacrosse. The institution announced its decision to discontinue the program following the 2007 season prior to the start of that season. The women's lacrosse student-athletes then made the decision to not play the 2007 season. This action resulted in the conference utilizing the Grace Period [Bylaw 31.3.4.4.3] for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. The committee believes this has resulted in unintended consequences for the other conference members. *[Waiver denied by the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet]*

The seven conferences above are being recommended for automatic qualification with the final berth being awarded via a play-in game. The following two conferences will compete in the play-in game: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference representative will host the Northeast Conference

representative. Participants in the 2009 play-in game were identified based on the final conference Rating Percentage Index ranking for the 2008 season.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Selection Criteria - Primary.

a. Recommendation. That the current primary criterion "wins against common opponents" be changed to "winning percentage versus common opponents."

b. Rationale. The current criterion was in place to evaluate and compare results against common opponents. The committee believed looking at wins would assist when one team may have played the common opponent more than the other team. The committee believes that evaluating winning percentage will allow them to review all information (e.g., all results versus common opponents rather than only wins).

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Selection Criteria - Secondary.

a. Recommendation. That the late-season performance criterion be defined as the last six games on an institution's schedule. Evaluation will include strength of schedule and winning percentage.

b. Rationale. The current criterion of late-season performance is not defined. Defining this criterion will allow institutions to clearly understand what will be reviewed and evaluated during the selection process. This will also assist the committee during the ranking and selection process.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

4. Selection Date Formula.

a. Recommendation. That the selection date be changed from Monday to Sunday prior to first-round competition.

b. Rationale. The committee recommends this change to allow the Division I Women's Lacrosse selections to be televised as part of a selection show with the other lacrosse championships. The ability to televise the selection announcement will provide greater exposure for the championship, as well as enhance the student-athlete experience. In researching conference championship dates, it was noted that one of the 11 conferences that sponsor women's lacrosse is scheduled to have its championship final on that Sunday.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

5. Video Exchange Policy.

a. Recommendation. That a video exchange policy be implemented that requires institutions to provide a tape of their most recent game to opponents for all rounds of the championship.

b. Rationale. A defined video exchange policy will assist coaches in acquiring film of their opponents and will ensure that all teams participating in the championship will receive appropriate game film.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Approximately $15 per institution per round.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

6. Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Ryan Bamford, associate director of athletics, Yale University, serve as chair for the 2008-09 academic year.

b. Rationale. Mr. Bamford is an experienced member of the committee and has demonstrated good leadership skills during his tenure.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Amanda Backus, Bucknell University
Staff Liaison: D'Ann Keller, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Feedback for Automatic Qualification.

1. Recommendation. The NCAA Women's Rowing Committee will be recommending automatic qualification (AQ) for its championship at the cabinet's February 2009 meeting and would like to request feedback from the cabinet with regards to how the committee should handle AQ anticipating the possibility that requests from conferences at some point will exceed 50 percent of the field.

2. Rationale. The championship will increase to 16 full teams in 2009 from its current structure of 12 full teams and four at-large eight boats. In addition, rowing was recently classified as a team sport and therefore the committee feels that providing AQ will improve access to the championship for conferences that sponsor the sport. Currently, there are six conferences that meet the criteria for AQ, and there are three more that are only one school away from being able to meet the criteria. Therefore, as early as 2011, the committee could be faced with the challenge of what to do when conference AQs exceed more than 50 percent of the field. (Attachment)

   The committee has determined its two most viable options are 1) having a play-in at the site of the national championships between the two lowest ranked automatic qualifiers determined by using the selection criteria, or 2) not granting access to the championship for any conference qualifier that is eligible for AQ but falls outside the top eight teams for those that are automatically qualified.

   The first option of having a play-in would allow access to the championship for every conference that was eligible for AQ. However, the play-in would require the rowing committee to request a budget request in the future. The cost of having a play-in for the eighth and ninth ranked automatic conference qualifiers would cost $67,000. However, due to the nature of having to transport boats potentially cross-country it would be extremely difficult to do a play-in any other way.

   Currently, there are two championships that have play-in competitions, women's field hockey and women's lacrosse. Both of these committees decide who is in the play-in at the annual meeting the year before and then have the competitions prior to the start of the championship. The conference play-in match-ups are based on conference Rating Percentage Index (RPI) rankings. However, rowing does not have an objective way to determine an entire conference's strength (such as an RPI).

   In the other option, the committee would rank all of the teams from conferences that have automatically qualified and then only recommend the top eight for advancement to the championship. This action would be against the current bylaw, so if the cabinet is supportive of this proposal the rowing committee would request that they sponsor legislation to make this option possible.

The committee also discussed the following options.

Rotating the eight AQ slots among the eligible conferences: This idea could definitely have an impact on the quality of the field at the championship. In addition, it would have to be arbitrary with regards to who would be selected to receive the AQs in which year. The committee ultimately felt that there are better options available.

Providing AQ for more than eight conferences: Currently, this is against legislation so the cabinet would need to sponsor legislation to grant rowing an exception to make this possible. The committee strongly feels this would have a negative impact on the strength of the field. There are only eight at-large berths available, so by allocating more than eight for AQ purposes it would diminish the overall field.

Play-in based on current year data (competition held somewhere in the middle part of the country to make it neutral): The complexities for this could make it very challenging and would have a significant impact on lost class time for the student-athletes that are still in school. The logistical complications of a possible play-in away from the finals site could cause a detriment to those AQs that do qualify.

Play-in based on previous year data (determine which two conferences would be in the play-in the year before based on conference strength, and two AQs from the weakest conferences would know a year out they would be rowing against each other on a specific date for a right to compete at the championship): The main objection to this option is that there is no scientific method (e.g. RPI) for evaluating conferences in rowing. It would obviously be easier to evaluate one team against another team as opposed to one conference against another conference. The committee also felt that there would be an arbitrary nature to selecting the weakest conferences.

The committee has also discussed possibly implementing as part of its policies a five-year moratorium (2010-14) on a conference's ability to use new affiliate members to meet AQ status. This moratorium would also include formation of single sport conferences. The reason for the policy by the committee would be to try to grow the sport by having institutions add the sport as opposed to joining for the sole purpose of AQ.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Tom Bold, Brown University
Staff Liaison: Mark Bedics, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SKIING COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Selection Criteria – East Region.

(1) Recommendation. That the following replace current qualifying criteria for East Region Nordic student-athletes:

"NCAA Nordic selections will be made by scoring the total of the best two results from classical races and the best two results from freestyle races using the NCAA Qualification Ranking lists. If there is a tie in points after combining the possible four results then the best race will be used to break the tie; this will continue until the tie is broken. Ties between non-Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association (EISA) and EISA skiers in the events lists will go to the non-EISA skier. An automatic slot will be awarded to any skier named to the World Junior Team that achieves a top-30 finish in a non-sprint race."

(2) Rationale. The current criteria consists of scoring the total of the best two results from each Nordic discipline using the National Team Selection Method (NTSM) as defined by the United States Ski and Snowboard Association. The proposed language eliminates use of the NTSM.

The current criteria also provide an automatic championships berth to any student-athlete that competes in the Olympics, World or Junior World Championships. The proposed criteria would narrow the scope to participation and success on the World Junior Team.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection Criteria – West Region.

(1) Recommendation. That the following be included for West Region Alpine qualifying criteria:

"The official points base is 50 for all races regardless of the actual number entered or finished. The race winner receives 50 points and each racer that follows receives one less point down to 50th place; and in case of ties for place, both skiers earn the points for that place."

(2) Rationale. The proposed 50-point base will replace use of the Ameel Table for race results. The committee believes the Ameel Table has become outdated in ski racing and supports use of a 50-point base. The 50-point base system is clearer and provides for a less complicated scoring system.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Championship Scoring – Weighted Results.

(1) Recommendation. That a weighted scoring system be adopted for use at the championships. The system will have a 50-point base regardless of the number of starters.

(2) Rationale. With the proposed scoring system, the top nine finishers will be awarded points in various increments, with 50 points awarded for a first-place finish, the tenth-place finish will receive 30 points and the remainder of the field will receive one point less per finishing place. This scoring system will award the top finishers and may allow teams that do not qualify a full team to score more points if successful.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

2009 Regional Allocations. The committee confirmed regional berths (regional allocated and earned slots) for the 2009 championships as follows:

Men's Alpine:	Women's Alpine:
East – 17	East – 17
West – 18	West – 18

Men's Nordic:	Women's Nordic:
Central – 9	Central – 11
East – 10	East – 12
West – 20	West – 16

The regional allocated berths have been slotted equally to each region (Alpine and Nordic); each region was allocated six Nordic slots and eight Alpine slots. The earned slots were awarded based on the approved full-field method, which incorporates results by region from the previous two championships.

Committee Chair: Drew Galbraith, Dartmouth College
Staff Liaison: Kerri Fagan, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Automatic Qualification.

1. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification privileges for the 2009 NCAA Division I Softball Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific Coast Softball Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

2. Rationale. All eligible conferences have applied and received an automatic qualification.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: David Batson, Texas A&M University
Staff Liaison: Sharon K. Cessna, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEM.

Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Tracy Huth, athletics director at Oakland University, serve as chair, effective September 1, 2008.

b. Rationale. Mr. Huth has a tremendous background in the sport of swimming. His knowledge of the sport both technically and philosophically, will provide the committee with successful administrative oversight.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Swimsuit Technology. During its annual meeting, the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee discussed new swimsuit technology and the numerous records that have been set recently in national and international competitions. The new swimsuits utilizing this technology were made commercially available after January 1, 2008.

The committee expressed concerns regarding the buoyancy of the suits during competition. Rule 3, Article 3 of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book addresses "Artificial Aids":

> "No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device or foreign substance to help his or her speed, pace of buoyancy in competition."

The committee previously placed a moratorium on use of the new suits during the 2008 national championships. The committee remains concerned despite approval of these suits by USA Swimming (national governed body) and FINA (international governing body).

Therefore, the committee has agreed to extend the moratorium on the use of the swimsuits for qualification purposes. Times achieved with this suit will not be counted during the 2008-09 season as it relates to qualifying for the NCAA Championships. The committee's moratorium will remain in effect until more testing is conducted and additional data is gathered.

Committee Chair: Skip Foster, University of Florida
Staff Liaison: Wayne Burrow, Championships

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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE

1. ACTION ITEMS.

a. America East Conference Waiver.

(1) Recommendation. That the America East Conference be granted a waiver per NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.6 (c) for an exception to the six "core member" automatic qualification requirement for the 2009 Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

(2) Rationale. The America East Conference has exhausted its "two-year" grace period for falling below the six-team requirement in men's tennis after the completion of the 2008 tennis championships. The tennis committee recognized that the five institutions that continue to sponsor the sport in the America East Conference remain committed to men's tennis and the conference continues to pursue options that will enable America East to strengthen its membership numbers (nine total overall members), including the pursuit of associate membership in the sport. The committee will continue to monitor the status of the tennis members in the America East Conference, and determine each year whether a waiver will be requested on behalf of the America East. Finally, the Cabinet has routinely approved a similar waiver for the Big 12 Conference in the sport of wrestling for the past 12 years.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Big West Conference Waiver.

(1) Recommendation. That the Big West Conference be granted a waiver per NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.6 (c) for an exception to the six "core member" automatic qualification requirement for the 2009 Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

(2) Rationale. The Big West Conference exhausted its "two-year" grace period for falling below the six-team requirement in the sport of men's tennis after the completion of the 2007 championships. Beginning in 2007-2008, the University of California, Davis became the newest member of the Big West Conference after successfully completing the reclassification process from Division II to Division I. The Big West Conference has six institutions sponsoring men's tennis. However, automatic qualification requirements dictate that each of a conference's six sponsoring institutions, must be a Division I member for eight years in order to be considered a "core" member of the conference. Therefore, the Big West continues to have only five "core" members sponsoring men's tennis, despite having six members competing for the conference championship (and nine total members overall). The Cabinet approved a similar waiver for the Big West Conference for the 2008

championships. The committee will continue to monitor the status of the members in the Big West Conference and determine each year whether a waiver will be requested on behalf of the Big West Conference.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Automatic Qualification.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences sponsoring men's and women's tennis be awarded automatic qualification into the 2009 championships:

Men's Conferences: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

Women's Conferences: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

(2) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Committee Chair.

(1) Recommendation. That Sybil Blalock, associate director of athletics, Mercer University, be appointed chair of the committee, effective September 1, 2008.

(2) Rationale. Ms. Blalock has just completed her second year as a member of the tennis committee and has provided strong leadership and input to the group as the tennis championships have continued to grow over the past two years. Additionally, Ms. Blalock has the support of the committee in assuming this role. The current committee chair, Matt Brachowski, will rotate off of the committee, effective August 31, 2008.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Selection Criteria.

(1) Recommendation. That the primary criteria for including "wins versus teams (or individuals) already selected at time of consideration" be modified as follows effective with the 2009 championships:

- Wins versus the top 50 teams in the ITA rankings.
- Wins versus the top 60 singles players in the ITA rankings for eligible/ entered singles players.
- Wins versus the top 30 doubles teams in the ITA rankings for entered/ eligible doubles teams.

To make this determination, the committee will use Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rankings, based on all team results during the regular spring season, and individual results (singles/doubles) in collegiate matches played from September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier through the day prior to selections.

(2) Rationale. The committee believes that this modification will better define the quality of opponents used in this selection criteria and therefore continue to enhance the transparency of the overall championship selection process.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

f. Selection Procedure.

(1) Recommendation. That a student-athlete who is ranked in the ITA Top 60 for entered/eligible doubles teams with two different partners would have the ability to be selected in the doubles draw with the other partner as an alternate, effective with the 2009 championships.

(2) Rationale. The committee believes that by adding this flexibility to the doubles teams selections that a deserving outstanding student-athlete would still have the opportunity to compete in the doubles portion of the championships, if extenuating circumstance would result in their initially designated doubles partner being rendered unable to compete. The second doubles team would be listed on the alternate list in the order of selection, but would only be included in the championships field if the circumstances above occurred, otherwise; the committee would continue to follow the alternate list in the order designated at the time of selections.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Women's Championship Tennis Ball. The committee discussed and decided to revert back to the use of the Wilson U.S. Open extra duty ball for the women's tournament, effective for the 2009 championships. This is the same tennis ball that the men's tournament has continued to use for NCAA championship play. The change for the women parallels the recent decision by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) to also return to the use of the Wilson U.S. Open extra duty balls for their women's tournaments.

Committee Chair: Matt Brachowski, University of Georgia
Staff Liaison: Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships
Carol A. Reep, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Outdoor Track and Field – Qualifying Format.

a. Recommendation. That the current regional qualifying system be replaced with either a three- or two-site first round of the national championships. The committee recorded a preference for the three-site model. The proposed formats for the first round are as follows:

(1) Three-Site, Three-Day Format. Qualifiers include the top 32 declared student-athletes in each individual event at each site (East, Central, and West – see Attachment A for site assignments) as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances. The event exception is the combined events (heptathlon and decathlon) which will be contested at the final site only.

In addition, the top 16 declared relays in each relay event as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances qualify per site for the first round of the championships.

Qualifiers to the national championship final site include eight (8) student-athletes in each individual event and five (5) teams in each relay event from each first round site. Twenty-four (24) student-athletes in the combined events qualify to the final site of the national championships based on a national descending order list of season-best performances. Additional relays and combined events competitors may be added based on the NCAA cap on total competitors. The combined events will not be contested in the first round due to the physical demands of the competition – this is the practice in the current regional qualifying system.

(2) Two-Site, Three-Day Format. Qualifiers include the top 48 declared student-athletes in each individual event at each site (East and West – see Attachment B for site assignments) as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances. The event exception is the combined events (heptathlon and decathlon) which will be contested at the final site only.

In addition, the top 24 declared relays in each relay event as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances qualify per site for the first round of the championships.

Qualifiers to the national championship final site include twelve (12) student-athletes in each individual event and eight (8) teams in each relay event from each first round site. Twenty-four (24) student-athletes in the combined events

qualify to the final site of the national championships based on a national descending order list of season-best performances. Additional relays and combined events competitors may be added based on the NCAA cap on total competitors. The combined events will not be contested in the first round due to the physical demands of the competition – this is the practice in the current regional qualifying system.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that the recommendation, either a three-site or two-site, is in the best interest of the sport, achieves competitive equity – the championship driver that eluded the committee in past regional realignment proposals – and has the support of key constituencies within the track and field community. The committee favors the three-site model as it offers a more manageable meet set-up and alleviates concerns over the length of time it may take to conduct some of the field events in a two-site model.

The proposed three- and two-site models were designed by the Division I outdoor track and field championships study group comprised of members of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Subcommittee and the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). In addition, both the three- and two-site models have been endorsed by the Division I Track and Field Executive Committee of the USTFCCCA, a representative body of sponsoring conferences.

(1) Current Format. The current regional qualifying format created in 2002 is defined by four regions and was developed in an attempt to balance the three-year average number of student-athletes who qualified to the championships meets in the previous descending order system. After six years of regional competition, the lack of competitive equity in the regional system has been exacerbated by the inequity in the number of participants in each region – the average number of East region participants is 1,062 while the average for the West region is just 688.

The inequity in the number of participants points to several concerns:

(a) Competitive equity. The current system falls woefully short in the area of competitive equity. Head-to-head competition is compromised by several aspects of the current regional system. Twenty competitors in each individual event automatically qualify (five from each of the four regions) leaving approximately one-third of the national championships field to be filled by qualifiers selected based on times from a national descending order list of season-best performances, not head-to-head competition.

(b) Fairness in the advancement process. Due to the significant inequity in numbers of competitors across the regions, the number of heats in running events along with the number of rounds in some running events as well as flights in field events varies from region to region.

(c) The operational scale of the meets. The unequal number of participants across the regions affects the conduct and timing of the meet – running a meet with 1,000 student-athletes is different from running one with 650 student-athletes. The proposed three- and two-site models are a concerted attempt to standardize first round sites and the experience of the participating student-athletes.

(2) A New Model. The committee feels that both the three- and two-site plans address the key championship drivers of competitive equity, fairness in the advancement process, and access. In all of these areas, both plans provide an improvement over the current qualifying process.

The field for the final site of the national championships would be set at the conclusion of the first round. The current qualifying process includes at-large entries that are not determined until three days after the conclusion of regional qualifying and are based upon place finish at the regional championships in combination with rank on the national descending order list (marks achieved from March 1 through conference championships).

In addition, both plans generate significant access to the first round of competition. Based on regional qualifying participant numbers from 2007 and 2008, it is important for the cabinet to know that over 95 percent of individual conference champions would be represented among the qualifiers in the proposed model with either two or three sites.

Furthermore, both plans necessitate a three-day meet format in the first round. Even though the current regional championships are conducted over the course of two days, the committee argues that a three-day format would better serve the well-being and overall experience of the student-athletes (appropriate rest between rounds and shorter days at the track) as well as ease facility constraints due to the long throw events (hammer, discus, javelin).

(a) Three-Sites. The three-site proposal represents greater competitive equity in advancement to the first round and in advancement to the final site than the current regional qualifying format. With approximately 1,300 participants at each site, the conduct of a three-site meet is manageable from an operational standpoint – by comparison, the current East regional has an average of 1,062 participants. The committee is also concerned with tra-

vel implications and believes the three-site proposal may serve the membership with a higher potential for shorter travel for some institutions to the first round sites (however, Texas, for example, would be in the West in both two-site and three-site models).

The committee acknowledges that the three-site proposal does not achieve competitive equity to the degree that the two-site proposal does. In other words, the less concentrated the participant pool (i.e. more sites), the less competitive equity in the form of head-to-head competition.

(b) Two-Sites. The two-site proposal represents greater competitive equity in advancement to the first round and in advancement to the final site than in three-sites or the current regional qualifying format. In addition, two sites allow for a deeper pool of available facilities and a more concentrated pool of officials to drive improved officiating as compared to three or more sites.

The committee believes the two-site proposal is a viable model, but is concerned with the number of participants at each site (approximately 1,900 at each site). The large size of the meet adds operational complexity as well as some concern over the time it may take to conduct some of the field events.

(c) An Alternate Model. The committee examined the former bracket/format subcommittee's (of the former championships/competition cabinet) suggestion to consider a four-region model with a bye component. While the committee appreciates the cabinet's willingness to engage on the topic, the committee does not believe the bye proposal is viable for several reasons.

The bye concept does not include head-to-head competition for a specific sub-set of participants and, therefore, lacks the competitive equity that is critical to the championships format. The bye proposal is contrary to the fairness inherent in the established NCAA track and field advancement rules and inconsistent with other bracket and competition formats across other sports and divisions of NCAA championships. The committee also cautions the cabinet regarding the indirect effect of a bye system in creating an environment for coaches and competitors to chase marks during the regular season in order to obtain a bye to advance to the national championships. In turn, this environment would result in increased financial expenditures for institutions due to scheduling. Finally, a bye system is not practical for student-athletes and coaches who will not want to go approximately four weeks between the major Division I conference championship weekend and the national championships without a competition.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. There is no budget impact to the NCAA to create a three- or two-site first round of the national championships. The current regional qualifying system allocates a $10,000 stipend to each of the four regions while the hosts maintain all ticket, concessions, and parking revenue. These stipend funds would be distributed to three or two sites evenly.

As mentioned previously, either a three- or two-site model requires a three-day first round format, a departure from the current two-day format. Since institutions bear the expense for preliminary round competition, the committee acknowledges that a three-day format may increase those expenses. However, the committee notes that, with the exception of the limited number of institutions that follow a quarter system, institutions are already paying housing and per diem expenses for student-athletes to remain on campus. And, the committee has anecdotal evidence that institutions travel to the competition site more than one day in advance of competition in the current regional qualifying system. In addition, coaches and competitors would value the time for rest built into the three-day format.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. For those student-athletes either at an institution following a quarter system or enrolled in summer classes, there is a potential for one additional day of missed class time.

2. **Automatic Qualification.**

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for their individual event champions into their respective outdoor track and field regional championship meets:

Men's Track and Field (30 conferences): America East Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, Western Athletic Conference.

Women's Track and Field (30 conferences): America East Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Confe-

rence, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, Western Athletic Conference.

b. Rationale. These conferences meet the legislated requirements to receive automatic qualification into the championship process.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Alecia Shields-Gadson, Coppin State University
Staff Liaisons: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships
Maisha Palmer, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Out of Region Schedule.

a. Recommendation. The committee requires that teams play a minimum of two out of region matches (not being the same opponent) in order to be considered for an at-large selection to the men's volleyball championship. This would be effective for the 2009-10 season.

b. Rationale. In an effort to continue the growth of men's volleyball, the committee feels it would be beneficial to encourage such practices in order to further strengthen the sport in all regions. It should also be noted that 19 of the 22 Division I men's volleyball programs were already in compliance with this recommendation in 2007-08.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation be granted automatic qualification to the 2009 championships.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Mr. Brian Summers, assistant director of athletics at Lewis University, replace Mr. Ron Shayka as the chair of the men's volleyball committee, effective September 1, 2008.

b. Rationale. Mr. Shayka's term on the committee will expire September 1, 2008.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Ron Shayka, George Mason University
Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. 2009 Automatic Qualification (AQ).

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2009 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship: Collegiate Water Polo Association, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Western Water Polo Association.

b. Rationale. All five eligible conferences are being recommended to receive automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Selection Criteria.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2009 championship, the selection criteria should be modified to include both primary and secondary criteria. Automatic qualification will be provided to five eligible conferences (provided the first recommendation above is approved), and the remaining at-large teams shall be selected to the championship by the following criteria (not necessarily in preferential order):

Primary criteria:
(1) Won-lost record;
(2) Strength-of-schedule;
(3) Head-to-head competition;
(4) Results versus team under consideration.

Secondary criteria:
(1) Results versus common opponents;
(2) Late season performance – defined as the last 10 games including conference tournaments (strength and results);
(3) Rating Percentage Index (RPI) (Factor One – 25 percent, Team's own winning percentage; Factor Two – 50 percent, Opponents' average winning percentage; and Factor Three – 25 percent, Opponents' opponents' average winning percentage);
(4) Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that these changes will more clearly define how the committee actually plans to review teams during the selection process. The main difference is that the revised selection criteria will include both primary and secondary criteria.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Brian Streeter, Director of Athletics at Pennsylvania State University, Erie, the Behrend College, serve as the committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that Mr. Streeter will do an exemplary job. Mr. Streeter is a veteran administrator on the committee and he also previously served on the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Committee.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Daniel R. Smith, Loyola Marymount University
Staff Liaison: Randy L. Buhr, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

Automatic Qualification.

1. Recommendation. That the Big 12 Conference be approved per NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.6-c to be granted an exception to the six-team requirement to receive automatic qualification for their conference champions in each weight class to automatically qualify for the 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

2. Rationale. The conference only has five institutions which sponsor wrestling, and this exception has routinely been granted in previous years.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Brad Traviolia, Big Ten Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Randy L. Buhr, Championships
Mark Bedics, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Action Items.

a. NCAA Proposal No. 2008-30 Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics – Employment at Camp or Clinic – High School, Preparatory-School Two-Year College Coaches or other Individuals Involved with Prospective Student-Athletes – Employment as Speaker – Men's Basketball.

(1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet modify from August 1 to immediate the effective date of Proposal No. 2008-30, which would specify that it is not permissible to employ any speaker at a Division I institution men's basketball camp who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or associated with prospective student-athletes as result of the prospect's participation in basketball.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee noted institutional camps/clinics are conducted during the months of June, July or August and an immediate effective date will ensure that the legislation is applied consistently throughout the entire summer.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings to institutions.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

[Note: Given the fact that this proposal impacts Division I men's basketball recruiting, it will be referred to the NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet for review at its September 2008 meeting.]

b. Definition of Men's Basketball Prospective Student-Athlete.

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet requests that the NCAA Division I Legislative Council sponsor noncontroversial or emergency legislation to be considered by the Legislative Council at its October meeting to amend NCAA Bylaws 13.02.11 and 13.11.1.1 to specify that in the sport of men's basketball, for purposes of applying recruiting regulations, an individual becomes a prospective student-athlete when the individual begins classes for the seventh grade.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate

(3) Rationale. Current legislation prohibits Division I basketball coaches or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball from being employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional privately owned camps or clinics. The prohibition though applies only to those camps or clinics in which prospect age participants (ninth grade and above) will be involved. Further, current legislation governing institutional sports camps or clinics that requires such camps or clinics to be open to any or all entrants does not apply to camps or clinics conducted only for nonprospect age participants. Nonistitutional camp operators have now begun to conduct camps or clinics for elite seventh and eighth graders and are employing Division I basketball coaches in such camps or clinics. Coaches feel some pressure to accept employment opportunities as many of the operators also have ties to nonscholastic teams that include prospect age participants. This only increases the nonscholastic influence in youth basketball, creates potential recruiting advantages for those coaches who are employed at these camps or clinics and encourages the practice of early verbal offers and commitments that in the long run can be detrimental to the well-being of both the youth and the collegiate institutions. In addition, there is some evidence Division I coaches also are conducting elite camps for seventh and eighth graders using this unfettered access to further their own recruiting interests, which runs counter to the altruistic motives of protecting these youth from those who want to further their own self interest. This proposal to modify the definition of a prospect will help address such concerns and further the creation of a more healthy environment for the recruitment of men's basketball prospective student-athletes.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Institutional Camps and Clinics.

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the Championships/ Competition Cabinet sponsor legislation to be considered in the 2009-10 legislative cycle to amend Bylaw 13.12.1.1.3 to specify that institutional camps and clinics shall be conducted either on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate

(3) Rationale. The trend of hosting institutional camps or clinics in different regions of the country is an unwanted development in the men's basketball recruiting culture. Camps or clinics should not be hosted for recruiting purposes. Remote camps or clinics come at a great expense to institutional and personal resources. This proposal limits the location of institutional camps and clinics to campus or a reasonable distance from campus.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings as institutions have been expending funds to rent facilities to conduct these activities.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Nonscholastic events conducted on a Division I institution's campus.** The committee agreed with concerns expressed by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Board of Directors regarding potential recruiting advantages resulting from institutions that make arrangements with nonscholastic event operators to conduct on-campus events involving elite-level prospects outside a contact or evaluation period. Although institutional coaching staff members are not allowed to engage in recruiting activities during the events, the participants are engaging in "free" unofficial visits while visiting the institution's campus and, in some instances, remaining in the locale to conduct more organized recruiting visits after the event. Further, the increased potential for recruiting violations, some inadvertent in nature, also exists. The committee directed staff to consult with legal counsel regarding potential legislative solutions to address such concerns.

2. **Proposal No. 2007-30-C.** The committee received a status report regarding Proposal No. 2007-30-C, which in part would eliminate the ability for Division I coaches to observe prospective men's basketball student-athletes participating in nonscholastic events during the April contact period. The NCAA Division I Board of Directors continues to strongly support the proposal and its rationale as recommended by the committee, despite receiving the requisite override votes. As a result, the proposal will be put to a vote at the 2009 NCAA Convention.

3. **Reduction of the summer evaluation period.** The committee noted that the NABC Board of Directors is currently studying the merits of a reduction in the number of evaluation days during the July evaluation period. The NABC Board of Directors supported the concept of a reduction, but intends to thoroughly canvass its membership and provide a specific recommendation to the committee at a later time.

4. **Verbal offers of athletically related financial aid.** Consistent with the directive mandated by the committee during its June 2008 meeting, the NABC continues to monitor the activities of Division I coaches making financial aid offers to and/or receiving oral commitments from prospective student-athletes (e.g., eighth and ninth grade basketball players) who have not yet reached the age where coaches can begin to initiate active recruitment through correspondence and phone calls.

5. **NBA draft-related issues.** The committee received an update regarding discussions at the NABC Board of Directors meetings regarding draft-related issues, specifically the problems related to the length of time currently allowed before a men's basketball student-athlete must withdraw his name from the draft in order to remain eligible for intercollegiate basketball competition. The NABC Board of Directors, consistent with the committee's position, also strongly encouraged dialogue between the NCAA and the NBA on this issue.

6. **NCAA sportsmanship initiative.** The committee received a presentation from NCAA staff regarding the new NCAA sportsmanship initiative designed to address concerns about negative sportsmanship/fan behavior. The committee voiced support for the initiative, which will launch a campaign in the fall in an effort to raise awareness of the sportsmanship issues.

Committee Chair: Lee Fowler, North Carolina State, Atlantic Coast Conference
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Tom Jernstedt, Executive
Steve Mallonee, Membership Services

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee submits the following report from its August 18, 2008, conference call:

1. *LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS*.

a. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2008-30 Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics – Employment at Camp or Clinic – High School, Preparatory School, Two Year College Coach or other Individuals involved with Prospective Student-Athletes – Employment as Speakers – Men's Basketball.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships/Sport Management Cabinet modify Proposal No. 2008-30 Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics – Employment at Camp or Clinic – High School, Preparatory School, Two Year College Coach or other Individuals involved with Prospective Student-Athletes – Employment as Speakers – Men's Basketball, which the former Championships/Competition Cabinet sponsored, to also include women's basketball.

(2) Effective Date: August 1, 2009.

(3) Rationale. Under current legislation, institutions can provide honorariums to a prospective student-athlete's coach to speak at an institution's camp or clinic. These honorariums are sometimes used as a recruiting inducement, either to pay for the costs of the coach's players to attend the camp or to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete associated with that coach. Proposal No. 2008-30, which currently applies only to men's basketball, intends to address the concerns with these types of recruiting inducements by specifying an institution shall not employ a speaker in its camp or clinic who is involved in coaching prospective student-athletes or is associated with a prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball. The issues identified in this proposal exist in women's basketball as well as men's. Therefore, the Women's Basketball Issues Committee believes women's basketball should be included in this proposal. In supporting the proposal, the committee noted that at some point, consideration should be given to whether the proposal should be expanded to include all camp employees in an effort to further address the problem this proposal seeks to address.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

b. Proposal No. 2008-49 Playing And Practice Seasons – Men's Basketball – First Contest – Exceptions – Informal Practice Scrimmages – No Missed Class Time.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships/Sport Management Cabinet modify Proposal No. 2008-49 Playing And Practice Seasons – Men's Basketball – First Contest – Exceptions – Informal Practice Scrimmages – No Missed Class Time, which the former Championships/Competition Cabinet sponsored, to also include women's basketball.

(2) Effective Date: August 1, 2009.

(3) Rationale. Proposal No. 2008-49, as currently presented, specifies that in men's basketball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with an informal practice scrimmage, including activities associated with such scrimmages (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities). While it appears the issue of missed class time associated with informal practice scrimmages is more prevalent in men's basketball than in women's, there have been some reported instances involving institutions that have traveled significant distances to participate in scrimmages against other Division I institutions and as a result, missed class. The original legislation was adopted with the intent that scrimmages would occur in close proximity to the institution and, therefore, the Women's Basketball Issues Committee believes women's basketball would benefit from being included in this legislation.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings for institutions that have been traveling significant distances while classes were in session to participate in practice scrimmages.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: Less missed class time.

c. Proposal No. 2008-69 Administrative Regulations -- Summer Basketball Leagues And Certified Basketball Events -- Additional Criteria -- Approval Of Event And League Operators -- Men's Basketball.

(1) Recommendation. That the Championships/Sport Management Cabinet modify Proposal No. 2008-69 Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Leagues And Certified Basketball Events – Additional Criteria – Approval Of Event And League Operators – Men's Basketball, which the former Championships/Competition Cabinet sponsored, to also include women's basketball for all certified events during the academic year and the summer.

(2) Effective Date: Immediate.

(3) Rationale: Proposal No. 2008-69, currently specifies that in men's basketball, that in order for a summer basketball league or a basketball event to be certified, the event or league operator or manager must be approved in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA basketball certification staff. Recently, there have been situations involving event operators who have engaged in questionable activities, yet these operators were still able to operate a certified event. If background checks had been required of the event operators, these type of questionable activities potentially could have been avoided. The concerns this proposal seeks to address are the same regardless whether it is men's or women's basketball. Therefore, for the well-being of the game and the participants at the certified events, the Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends expanding this proposal to include women's basketball. Additionally, the committee supports the Legislative Council's consideration of this proposal as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and therefore does not appear to be a significant impact on existing legislation or proposed legislation.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal additional costs for background checks.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact: None

2. *LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION ITEMS*.

The Women's Basketball Issues Committee offers the following comments regarding select legislative proposals pending in the 2008-09 Division I legislative cycle:

NOTE: As the Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee considered the legislative proposals listed below, they also discussed the positions and comments provided by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) Board of Directors.

a. Proposal No. 2008-12 Personnel – Limitations On Number Of Off-Campus Recruiters At Any One Time – Exception – Women's Basketball – July Evaluation Periods. Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that during the July evaluation periods, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.

Comment/Position: The Women's Basketball Issues Committee took no formal position on this proposal, but did stress the importance of the governance substructure continuing to examine issues surrounding the number of coaches recruiting off campus and the associated travel challenges and expenses. Additionally, the committee recommends that this proposal receive initial support by the governance structure to encourage further review and discussion of the broader concept by both the governance structure and the Division I membership through the comment and amendment period.

b. Proposal No. 2008-45 Playing And Practice Seasons – General Regulations – Skill Instruction – Sports Other Than Football – Concurrent Sessions. Intent: In sports other than football, to specify that prior to September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any one facility.

Comment/Position: The Women's Basketball Issues Committee supports Proposal No. 2008-45, as written. In supporting the legislation, the committee noted that the current bylaw does not allow more than four student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility prior to September 15 and after April 15, which puts a strain on both coaches and student-athletes. By allowing separate groups of student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction at the same time but at separate locations, this proposal would reduce the total time needed by coaches to conduct such instruction, while still maintaining the intent of the original legislation.

c. Proposal No. 2008-50 Playing and Practice Seasons – Women's Basketball – First Contest Exceptions and Annual Exemptions – Foreign Team in U.S. and USA Basketball Club. Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate the exception to the first contest date and the annual exemptions for exhibition contests against club members of USA Basketball and foreign teams in the U.S.

Comment/Position: The Women's Basketball Issues Committee supports Proposal No. 2008-50, as written, noting many of these club teams are associated with junior club teams, which include prospective student-athletes. As a result, these contests have become intertwined with access to prospective student-athletes who play on noncollegiate teams, which is not good for the long term health and well-being of the game.

3. *INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.

a. Overview of Women's Basketball Academic Access Model discussion. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee received a brief update on the August 8, 2008, meeting of the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Working Group and learned that the group is expected to present its recommendations to the Division I Board of Directors by January 2009, with consideration by the membership and substructure thereafter.

b. September 24-25, 2008, Women's Basketball Issues Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee was informed that at its next meeting, the committee would review its charge and objectives, seek to identify strategic issues for discussion and have an opportunity to provide comments on other proposals that may be of interest to the women's basketball community, including Proposal No. 2008-31 Recruiting – Use of Recruiting Funds – Recruiting Services – Video Services. Additionally, at its next meeting, the committee will continue its work on developing a Women's Basketball Academic Access Model.

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Staff liaisons: Sue Donohoe, Women's Basketball
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Lynn Holzman, Membership Services
Michelle Perry, Women's Basketball

Sport Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-Athlete's Championship Eligibility

Sport	Administrative Area	Current Administrative Policy and/or Procedure	Student-Athlete Impact	Alternate Ways of Holding Institutions Accountable Pros/Cons	Recommendation for Adjustment
Field Hockey	No such policy				
M Golf	No such policy				
M Gymnastics	No such policy				
M Ice Hockey	No such policy				
M Lacrosse	No such policy				
M Soccer	No such policy				
M Water Polo	No such policy				
M/W Cross Country	No such policy				
M/W Fencing	No such policy				
M/W Indoor Track & Field	Final Declaration	Any institution declaring an athlete after the deadline of 1 p.m. Central time and before 3 p.m. Central time Monday, March 10, will be charged $300 per institution per gender. There is no opportunity to submit declaration forms after 3 p.m. Central time Monday, March 10. All athletes not declared by their institution will be scratched from the national championship competition.	Deserving student-athletes could be denied the opportunity to compete in the championships due to the institution not declaring them before the required deadline (1 p.m. Central), or by the "grace period" deadline of (3 p.m. Central).	The committee could institute an appeal process that would be available to institutions in extenuating circumstances. A potential con would be that institutions could use the opportunity to see the list of student-athletes accepted into the meet by event before committing to a declaration which could be a competitive advantage for one individual over another. The timing needed to gather the appeals body could influence the selection announcement release for the championships. If the appeal comes after the selection announcement there is the potential that the student-athlete would put the number of the participants above the cap. In this instance the committee recommends that the institution be responsible for all travel and per diem expenses associated with the student-athlete. A potential pro of an appeal process would be instituting an additional avenue that would assist deserving student-athletes an opportunity to be included in the championship.	No adjustments recommended as the committee feels that the built in two hour "grace period" allows for institutions that might have missed the initial deadline to still submit a declaration for student-athletes that could potentially be selected into the championship. Additionally, in an effort to have all deserving qualifiers considered for the championships, members of the committee call the coaches of potentially selected athletes to remind them to declare their athletes.

Sport Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-Athlete's Championship Eligibility

Sport	Administrative Area	Current Administrative Policy and/or Procedure	Student-Athlete Impact	Alternate Ways of Holding Institutions Accountable Pros/Cons	Recommendation for Adjustment
M/W Outdoor Track & Field	National Championships Declarations	Coaches must submit the online declaration form to enter student-athletes in the national championships prior to the deadline at 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, June 2. All student-athletes must be declared or scratched in every event in which they qualified at this time. Declaration forms submitted after the 1 p.m. deadline and prior to 3 p.m. Eastern time, will be accepted as late and the institution will be fined $300. There is no opportunity to submit declaration forms after 3 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, June 2. All student-athletes not declared by their institution will be scratched from the national championship competition.	Deserving student-athletes could be denied the opportunity to compete in the championships due to the institution not declaring them before the required deadline (1 p.m. Eastern), or by the "grace period" deadline of (3 p.m. Eastern).	The committee could institute an appeal process that would be available to institutions in extenuating circumstances. A potential con would be that institutions could use the opportunity to see the list of student-athletes accepted into the meet by event before committing to a declaration which could be a competitive advantage for one individual over another. The timing needed to gather the appeals body could influence the selection announcement release for the championships. If the appeal comes after the selection announcement there is the potential that the student-athlete would put the number of the participants above the cap. In this instance the committee recommends that the institution be responsible for all travel and per diem expenses associated with the student-athlete. A potential pro of an appeal process would be instituting an additional avenue that would assist deserving student-athletes an opportunity to be included in the championship.	No adjustments recommended as the committee feels that the built in two hour "grace period" allows for institutions that might have missed the initial deadline to still submit a declaration for student-athletes that could potentially be selected into the championship. Additionally, in an effort to have all deserving qualifiers considered for the championships, members of the committee call the coaches of potentially selected athletes to remind them to declare their athletes.
M/W Outdoor Track & Field	Regional Meet Declarations	The track and field committee will post declaration forms online for all institutions whose student-athletes meet regional qualifying standards or are conference champions, regardless of position on the descending order list, by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, May 21. Coaches will have access to their declaration form and can make changes up to the deadline of 2 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday, May 24. Declaration forms or changes submitted after the 2 p.m. Eastern time deadline and prior to 5 p.m. Eastern time, will be accepted as late and the institution will be fined $300. There is no opportunity to submit declaration forms after 5 p.m. Eastern time, May 24. Institutions failing to complete and submit the declaration form will have their student-athletes scratched from regional competition.	Deserving student-athletes could be denied the opportunity to compete in the regional meet that advances student-athletes to the national championship due to the institution not declaring the athlete by the required deadline (2 p.m. Eastern), or by the "grace period" deadline of (5 p.m. Eastern).	The committee could institute an appeal process that would be available to institutions in extenuating circumstances. A potential con would be that institutions could use the opportunity to see the list of student-athletes accepted into the meet by event before committing to a declaration which could be a competitive advantage for one individual over another. The timing needed to gather the appeals body could influence the selection announcement release for the championships. A potential pro of an appeal process would be instituting an additional avenue that would assist deserving student-athletes an opportunity to be included in the qualifying rounds of the national championship.	No adjustments recommended as the committee feels that the built in three hour "grace period" allows for institutions that might have missed the initial deadline to still submit their declarations.

Sport Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-Athlete's Championship Eligibility

Sport	Administrative Area	Current Administrative Policy and/or Procedure	Student-Athlete Impact	Alternate Ways of Holding Institutions Accountable Pros/Cons	Recommendation for Adjustment
M/W Rifle	No such policy				
M/W Skiing	No such policy				
M/W Swim/Dive	Times Submission	All times must be received on the central times database withing 48-hours of the performance or the time can not be used for qualification purposes.	Non-qualification/participation by the student athlete. It may be the only time during the year when the athlete makes the qualifying standard. His/her teammates will also be affected because lack of participation by any teammate can significantly affect the final team score.	Times submission is an integral part of meet management and it ensures a level playing field so that the coaches can trust the times that are being submitted. Not holding the institution accountable may give a coach an unfair advantage if he/she were able to "hide" times and submit them at a later date. The only alternate mechanism is to impose significant fines.	Review situations on a case-by-case basis and give athletes the benefit of the doubt whenever possible. These mistakes are usualy the result of team staff not conforming to the deadlines. Provide a hearing opportunity in cases that warrant additional review. Impose significant fines when necessary.
M/W Swim/Dive	Entry Submission	All entries must be received by the entry deadline or those individuals will not participate in the meet.	Impact on the student-athlete is non-participation.	The entry procedure is closely tied to the meet strategy of coaches. Not holding the institution accountable may give a coach an unfair advantage if he/she were able to see the tentative entry list before submitting their entry. The only mechanism to really assist with this problem is to impose significant fines.	Review situations on a case-by-case basis. Give the athlete the benefit of the doubt. Impose significant fines where necessary.
M/W Swim/Dive	Scratch Deadlines	Coaches have until a stated daily time during the meet to scratch an athlete's entry for the next day's competition. All entries not scratched will become official entries.	Affected student-athlete will be charged with participation in that event.	The scratch deadline is an integral factor in meet management. It affects the seeding and format for the next day's events. Not holding the institution accountable may give a coach an unfair advantage if he/she were able to submit scratches or change scratches after the deadline.	None. The scratch deadline is part of championship strategy. Failure to follow the scratch deadline is a coaching error that the athlete/team will have to accept.
M/W Swim/Dive	Competition requirements	Once officially entered, a competitor must complete all heats, swim-offs, diving trials and finals in which the competitor qualifies. Failure to compete for any reason, except in the case of disqualification under Rule 2-1-3 or Rule 6-3-2, shall disqualify the competitor from that event and shall prohibit further competition in the meet.	Non-participation of the student-athlete.	Failure to compete can be used as a competition strategy if there is no penalty. If we were to give the benefit of the doubt to the athlete, a significant fine would be a must.	The committee would prefer no adjustment. A possible compromise could be disqualification from the one event but allowing the competitor to compete in subsequent events.

Sport Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-Athlete's Championship Eligibility

Sport	Administrative Area	Current Administrative Policy and/or Procedure	Student-Athlete Impact	Alternate Ways of Holding Institutions Accountable Pros/Cons	Recommendation for Adjustment
M/W Swim/Dive	Event maximums	A student athlete who swims more than the allowable number of individual or total events will be disqualified from any excess events and shall be prohiited from participting in the remainder of the meet.	The athlete will not participate in events exceeding the maximum.	None. This is a very rare error, but allowing it can give a team an advantage because other athletes can be shifted to different events.	None. This policy protects the competitive equity of the meet.
M/W Swim/Dive	Event participation	If a relay-only qualifier participates in the NCAA championship but fails to swim in a relay for which he/she qualified for the championship, then that competitor will be disqualified from any optional events in which he/she participated, and the institution will be disqualified from the last relay in which he/she could have swum to meet the optional entry participation requirements. Student-athletes who do not meet the optional entry participation requirements will not receive transportation and per diem reimbursement.	If this occurs, the athlete's participation is the meet in nullified and removed from the met records.	Due to the cap on the number of competitors, it is essential that all athletes compete in the event that qualified them for the meet. Not doing this is taking a slot that could have been given to a different athlete.	None. The cap is such a sacred number that all policies must do everything to protect it.
M/W Tennis	Lineup form submissions	All automatic-qualifying teams and any team desiring consideration for at-large selection to the championships are required to submit the official online NCAA lineup form to the NCAA not later than 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, April 28, 2008. Any lineup form received after 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, April 28, 2008, is subject to a fine of up to $300 as determined by the tennis committee. Institutions may not enter a team following the 6 p.m. Eastern time deadline and institutions missing the 6 p.m. deadline will not be selected to the championships.	Deserving student-athletes on a team could be denied the opportunity to compete in the championships due to the institution not submitting the required lineup form either by the deadline (1 p.m. Eastern time), or by the "grace period" deadline (6 p.m. Eastern time.)	The committee could institute an appeal process that would be available to institutions in extenuating circumstances. (1) A potential con would be that institutions might use the opportunity to take more time in declaring their lineups which could be a competitive advantage for one team over another team. (2) The timing needed to gather the appeals body could influence the selection announcement release for the championships. (3) A potential pro of an appeal process would be instituting an additional avenue that would allow deserving student-athletes an opportunity to be included in the team championships draw. To encourage future institutional accountability in this type of situation, the committee supported the idea that a condition of an appeals approval could include the stipulation that the institution be required to submit the same lineup that was used during their last regular/conference season match as their team championship lineup.	Although the committee feels that the built-in five hour "grace period" allows for institutions that might have missed the initial deadline to still submit their team lineups, they remain sensitive to the idea that the current lineup submission policy/procedure could still potentially eliminate an opportunity for deserving student-athletes to compete in the team portion of the tennis championships. Therefore, they have recommneded adding the following language at the end of the policy/procedure identified above: "The committee may entertain appeals to the established lineup submission deadlines to review extenuating circumstances."

Sport Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-Athlete's Championship Eligibility

Sport	Administrative Area	Current Administrative Policy and/or Procedure	Student-Athlete Impact	Alternate Ways of Holding Institutions Accountable Pros/Cons	Recommendation for Adjustment
M Volleyball	No such policy				
Softball	No such policy				
W Bowling	No such policy				
W Golf	No such policy				
W Gymnastics	Selection of all-arounders and individual event specialists	Institutions must submit the Regional Qualifying Score (RQS) Sheet to the appropriate regional advisory committee chair not later than noon Eastern time the day of selections. Institutions that do not submit the RQS sheet by the published deadline are subject to a financial penalty (up to a maximum of $300).	Deserving student-athletes that may qualify as individuals could be denied the opportunity to compete in regional competition due to the institution not submitting the required regional qualifying score sheet by the entry deadline.	The committee could institute a grace period that would be available to institutions in extenuating circumstances. A potential con would be that institutions could use the opportunity to take more time to submit the necessary paperwork and the timing of the selection announcement would be delayed. A potential pro of instituting a grace period would be to assist deserving student-athletes an opportunity to be included in the championships. The grace period would have to end before selections are announced.	Institute a grace period whereby institutions not adhering to the original deadline due to unforeseen circumstances be allowed to submit a RQS sheet by 9 a.m. the day of the selection announcement.
W Ice Hockey	No such policy				
W Lacrosse	No such policy				
W Rowing	No such policy				
W Soccer	No such policy				
W Volleyball	No such policy				
W Water Polo	No such policy				
Wrestling	No such policy				

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2008-9	NCAA MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- OPERATING AND CAPITAL FINANCIAL DATA REPORT	To specify that 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, as specified, as a condition and obligation of membership and in order to be eligible to enter a team or individual in NCAA championship competition.	NCAA Division I Board of Directors.	August 01, 2009
2008-39	ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTION -- CONFERENCE ALL-STAR COMPETITION AGAINST U.S. NATIONAL TEAM -- WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY	In women's ice hockey, to specify that a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games.	Ivy Group.	Immediate
2008-44	AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- DEPARTURE/RETURN EXPENSE RESTRICTIONS -- EXCEPTIONS -- TRAVEL FOLLOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL GAMES	To specify that travel following contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms are exempt from the requirement that a student-athlete remain no longer than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition in order to receive actual and necessary expenses to return to campus.	Atlantic Coast Conference.	Immediate
2008-45	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- CONCURRENT SESSIONS	In sports other than football, to specify that prior to September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any one facility.	Big 12 Conference.	Immediate
2008-46	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	In baseball, to specify that in the championship segment, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment and shall not play its	Conference USA.	Immediate

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		first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday in February that is 14 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day.		
2008-47	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 52 DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT AND FOUR DURING THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	In baseball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's playing season to 52 contests (games and scrimmages) during the championship segment and four contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment.	Pacific-10 Conference.	August 01, 2009
2008-48	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 52 DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	In baseball, to reduce the maximum number of contests from 56 to 52.	Pacific-10 Conference, Big South Conference and West Coast Conference.	August 01, 2009
2008-49	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- EXCEPTIONS -- INFORMAL PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME	In men's basketball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with an informal practice scrimmage, including activities associated with such scrimmages (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities).	NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee) (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).	August 01, 2009
2008-50	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST EXCEPTIONS AND ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- FOREIGN TEAM IN U.S. AND USA BASKETBALL CLUB	In women's basketball, to eliminate the exception to the first contest date and the annual exemptions for exhibition contests against club members of USA Basketball and foreign teams in the U.S.	Big East Conference.	August 1, 2009; contracts signed before 8/15/08 may be honored.
2008-51	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S RUGBY, SOCCER, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND MEN'S WATER POLO	In cross country, field hockey, women's rugby, soccer and men's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest or date of competition may occur; further, in women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice	West Coast Conference.	August 01, 2009

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		sessions before 20 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur.		
2008-52	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -- REPLACEMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS	In football, to specify that a student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution's limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice.	Southeastern Conference.	Immediate
2008-53	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- MAXIMUM CONTEST LIMITATIONS -- DETERMINATION OF DATE OF COMPETITION	In golf, to eliminate the provision by which an institution is considered to have used a date of competition if one or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution on a particular date.	Big 12 Conference.	August 01, 2009
2008-54	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- HAWAII OR ALASKA	In golf, to specify that any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question are exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition.	Western Athletic Conference.	August 01, 2009
2008-55	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- 12-WEEK SEASON	In women's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the women's soccer championship.	Atlantic Coast Conference.	August 01, 2009
2008-56	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TENNIS -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- INDIVIDUAL SINGLES OR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT LIMITATIONS -- NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	To increase from three to four the number of student-athletes who may participate in an individual singles or doubles tournament without counting the event as one of the institution's dates of competition.	NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).	August 01, 2009
2008-57	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRACK AND FIELD -- SAFETY EXCEPTION --	To specify that a coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's	Big 12 Conference.	Immediate

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	HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE	regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase.		
2008-58	CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OR CONTINUATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S SPORTS	To specify that a National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport.	NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics).	Immediate
2008-59	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- ARCHERY, BADMINTON, SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, TEAM HANDBALL AND SAND VOLLEYBALL	To add sand volleyball as an emerging sport for women; further, to remove archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball as emerging sports for women and to eliminate other specified legislation associated with these sports (e.g., playing and practice season regulations, sports sponsorship minimum contest and participant requirements).	NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics).	August 1, 2009, for the removal of archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball; August 1, 2010 for the addition of sand volleyball.
2008-61	COMMITTEES -- DIVISION I CABINETS AND COMMITTEES -- WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- REGIONS	To specify that the composition of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee shall include one member from each of the eight Division I women's soccer regions and two members selected at large.	NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.	Immediate
2008-64	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS -- WAIVERS	To specify that the members of the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet representing NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences, by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting, may grant waivers of the FBS membership requirements.	Conference USA.	Immediate
2008-65	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- TIMING OF TOUR -- PROHIBITION DURING ACADEMIC	To specify that an institution shall not participate in a foreign tour that occurs in conjunction with a Labor Day academic year vacation period.	NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Review Subcommittee).	August 1, 2009; however, institutions may honor a contract

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	YEAR LABOR DAY VACATION PERIOD			beyond this date if a contract for participation was signed before April 14, 2008.
2008-70	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- DEFINITION OF CORE INSTITUTION	In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that for the purposes of multisport conference eligibility for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a core institution is an institution that has been an active member of Division I during the eight preceding years or an institution that has sponsored the sport at the Division I level the eight preceding years.	Mid-American Conference.	Immediate
2008-71	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION --ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- EXCEPTION -- MEMBER THAT HAS SPONSORED THE SPORT AT THE DIVISION I LEVEL THE EIGHT PRECEDING YEARS	In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that a multisport conference that falls below six core members may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference adds an institution to its membership (for a total of at least six members) that has sponsored the sport for the preceding eight years at the Division I level and at least six institutions (including the added institution) have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years.	Mid-American Conference.	Immediate
2008-72	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- EXCEPTION -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP	In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that a multisport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided at least six institutions have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level for the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 65 percent of the Division I membership.	Mid-American Conference.	Immediate

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2008-73	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- NATIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM	To specify that the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall oversee the national statistics program and approve its policies and procedures; further, to specify that the policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA Web site.	NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.	Immediate
2008-74	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- ALUMNI CONTEST	In baseball, to permit a single alumni contest to be conducted the weekend prior to the first permissible contest date of the championship segment.	Big West Conference.	August 01, 2009

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Proposal Number: 2008-9

Title: NCAA MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- OPERATING AND CAPITAL FINANCIAL DATA REPORT

Intent: To specify that 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, as specified, as a condition and obligation of membership and in order to be eligible to enter a team or individual in NCAA championship competition.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.15 unchanged.]

3.2.4.16 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:

(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 (at the time of submission or the report) of all pledges that support athletics; and

(f) The athletics department fiscal year-end fund balance.

3.2.4.16.1 Verification and Certification. The report shall be subject to annual agreed-upon 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 and the NCAA. The institution's chancellor or president shall certify the financial report prior to submission to the NCAA.

B. Constitution: Amend 6.2.3, as follows:

6.2.3 Financial Report-Procedures. 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 (two or more), shall be subject to annual agreed-upon procedures approved by the Division I membership (in addition to any regular financial reporting policies and procedures of the institution) conducted for the institution by a qualified independent accountant who is not a staff member of the institution and who is selected either by the institution's chancellor or president or by an institutional administrator from outside the athletics department designated by the chancellor or president.

6.2.3.1 Schedule. The report created pursuant to the approved procedures shall be completed for one fiscal year and presented to the chancellor or president on or before January 15 following the end of the institution's fiscal year.

C. Bylaws: Amend 18.4.2.1, as follows:

18.4.2 Institutional Eligibility.

18.4.2.1 General Institutional Requirements. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition, an institution shall:

[18.4.2.1-(a) through 18.4.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process; *and*

(g) Have submitted its financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital related to its intercollegiate athletics program to the NCAA through the official submission process (see Constitution 3.2.4.16); and

[18.4.2.1-(g) renumbered as 18.4.2.1-(h), as unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Rationale: This recommendation is a result of the work of the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. The task force found that the threats to the future of intercollegiate athletics are nearly all connected to the need for ensuring the financial integrity of intercollegiate athletics. In order to bring focus to the financial realities for intercollegiate athletics and relieve the financial stress, or even avert a looming crisis, it will fall to chancellors and presidents to give impetus and direction to the effort. Creating a national policy to collect and promulgate clear and concise data will allow chancellors and presidents to use the data to align athletics budgeting with institutional mission to strengthen the enterprise. Financial data related to athletics departments and programs will be collected in a timely manner using uniform and common definitions. A full and comprehensive financial picture of revenues, expenditures and capital improvements related to intercollegiate athletics will be readily available to decision-makers for use in strategic planning and policy development. Ratios or data points (dashboard indicators) will provide simple comparisons among institutions. Finally, collected data will be codified and presented in a manner that protects institutional and individual privacy.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 29, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Aug 07, 2008 Board of Directors , Sponsored

Proposal Number: 2008-39

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTION -- CONFERENCE ALL-STAR COMPETITION AGAINST U.S. NATIONAL TEAM -- WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Intent: In women's ice hockey, to specify that a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.7.1, as follows:

14.7.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

[14.7.1.1 through 14.7.1.2 unchanged.]

14.7.1.3 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

[14.7.1.3 through 14.7.1.5 renumbered as 14.7.1.4 through 14.7.1.6, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.8.1, as follows:

17.14.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.14.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in ice hockey who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside ice hockey team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate ice hockey competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate ice hockey competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

[17.14.8.1.1.1 unchanged.]

17.14.8.1.1.2 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. In women's ice hockey, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in up to two contests against the U.S. Women's National Ice Hockey Team in the 12 months prior to the Winter Olympic Games.

Source: Ivy Group.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Eligibility

Rationale: In previous years leading up to the Winter Olympic Games, NCAA Division I Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (formerly Administrative Review Subcommittee) waivers have been granted for conference women's ice hockey all-star teams to play a maximum of two contests each against the U.S. women's national team. In granting the waiver related to the 2006 Winter Olympic Games, the subcommittee encouraged the applicant conferences to propose legislation to address the issue. This proposal will decrease bureaucracy by permitting participation in such contests without requiring institutions or conferences to request a waiver.

Budget Impact: Costs related to two contests every four years potentially involving a few students per institution.

Impact on S-A's Time: Time related to two contests every four years potentially involving a few students per institution.

History

Jul 03, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-44

Title: AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- DEPARTURE/RETURN EXPENSE RESTRICTIONS -- EXCEPTIONS -- TRAVEL FOLLOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL GAMES

Intent: To specify that travel following contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms are exempt from the requirement that a student-athlete remain no longer than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition in order to receive actual and necessary expenses to return to campus.

Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1.2.1, as follows:

16.8.1.2.1 Departure/Return Expense Restrictions. An eligible student-athlete may receive actual and necessary travel expenses to represent the institution in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete departs for the competition no earlier than 48 hours prior to the start of the actual competition and remains no more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition even if the student-athlete does not return with the team.

16.8.1.2.1.1 Exceptions. These travel expense restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances:

[16.8.1.2.1.1-(a) through 16.8.1.2.1.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Travel following contests in NCAA championship events, NGB championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms;

[16.8.1.2.1.1-(e) through 16.8..1.2.1.1-(i) relettered as 16.8.1.2.1.1-(f) through 16.8.1.2.1.1-(j), unchanged.]

[Remainder of 16.8.1.2 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Awards, Benefits and Expenses

Rationale: Current legislation provides an exception to the 48-hour departure restriction for travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events, National Governing Body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games; however, there is no exception for departing the competition site more than 36 hours following the conclusion of a competition. When these events take place during institutional vacation periods and classes are not in session, many student-athletes and their families choose to stay in the locale of the competition for an extended period after the competition. However, under the current rule, if a student-athlete remains at the site more than 36 hours after the conclusion of the competition, the institution is not permitted to pay for that student-athlete's return transportation. Current legislation provides an exception to the 36-hour return restriction for regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year and between terms. This proposal would bring consistency to the application of the return restriction for regular-season and championship competition that occurs during the institution's vacation period. The same rationale for an exception for regular-season competition would logically apply to championship competition and postseason football games.

Budget Impact: Potential increase in costs to provide transportation expenses to student-athletes remaining in the locale of competition beyond 36 hours.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 09, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-45

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Intent: In sports other than football, to specify that prior to September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any one facility.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2, as follows:

17.1.6.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

[17.1.6.2-(a) through 17.1.6.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.2.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.2.2 Skill Instruction -- Sports other than Baseball and Football. Participation by student-athletes in individual skill-related instruction in sports other than baseball and football is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.6.2-(a)]. More than four student-athletes from the team may be involved In skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 through April 15. Prior to September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coach(es) at any one time in any **one** facility.

17.1.6.2.3 Skill Instruction -- Baseball. In baseball, participation by student-athletes in skill-related instruction is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.6.2-(a)]. More than four student-athletes may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 to one week prior to the final examination period for the fall term and from January 15 through April 15. No more than four student-athletes may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any **one** facility prior to September 15, from the opening day of classes of the institution's second academic term to January 15 (for those institutions that begin classes prior to January 15) and after April 15.

Source: Big 12 Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current legislation governing skill-related instruction was implemented to prevent teams from essentially conducting regular practice at certain times during the off-season. However, as applied, it places unnecessary time demands on student-athletes and institutional staff members because it does not allow more than four student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility prior to September 15 and after April 15. Allowing separate, autonomous groups of student-athletes to participate in skill-related instruction at the same time does not compromise the intent of the original legislation. Clearly, it is not possible to conduct regular practice by allowing more than one group to participate in skill-related instruction in separate locations at the same time. The most significant benefit of this proposal would be the reduction in the total amount of time that would be required to conduct skill-related instruction for the entire team. For sports with larger rosters, such as baseball, which may have up to 40 student-athletes, allowing multiple groups to participate in skill-related instruction at one time would permit three baseball coaches to conduct skill instruction for their 40 student-athletes in five hours, rather than ten.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jun 26, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-46

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In baseball, to specify that in the championship segment, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment and shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday in February that is 14 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.4.2, as follows:

17.4.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball prior to the following dates:

[17.4.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Championship Segment. *February 1* **The Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.4.3, as follows:

17.4.3 First Contest.. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in baseball prior to the following dates:

[17.4.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Championship Segment. The Friday in February that is *13* **14** weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day (see Figure 17-2).

Source: Conference USA.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The 2008 baseball season was the first season in which institutions experienced a compacted 13-week playing season due to the uniform start dates for practice and competition during the championship segment. An unintended consequence of the legislation is that institutions are playing the same number of contests in a shorter period of time. As a result, institutions are participating in more weekday games, thereby increasing the number of missed class days and reducing student-athletes' time for academics in the spring term. Some

conferences have experienced a 15 percent increase in the number of missed class days. Given the focus on the academic performance of baseball student-athletes, it is necessary to reconsider the first contest date for the championship segment. This proposal would allow for flexibility with scheduling, would reduce missed class time and would allow more time for student-athletes to fulfill academic requirements.

Budget Impact: Minimal.

Impact on S-A's Time: Potential reduction in missed class time.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-47

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 52 DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT AND FOUR DURING THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In baseball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's playing season to 52 contests (games and scrimmages) during the championship segment and four contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4.5, as follows:

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to *56* **52** contests (games and scrimmages) **during the championship segment and four contests (games and scrimmages) during the non-championship segment,** except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.4.5.3 and 17.4.5.4.

[17.4.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than *56* **52** baseball contests **during the championship segment and four contests during the nonchampionship segment** (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

[Remainder of 17.4.5 unchanged.]

Source: Pacific-10 Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The 2008 baseball season was the first season in which institutions experienced the compacted 13-week playing season caused by the mandatory competition start date in February. Institutions are challenged to fit 56 games into a shortened season. The compacted season is inconsistent with the academic enhancement measures that were recently implemented in baseball. The same number of games in a shorter time period only increases the stress and

academic pressure on student-athletes. A reduction of four games during the championship segment would reduce the academic hardships placed on student-athletes in the spring. Moving those games to the fall would allow institutions to maintain an overall 56-game schedule.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: Reduction in time spent in game related activities and/or travel in the spring; proportionate increase in the fall.

History

Jul 03, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-48

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 52 DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In baseball, to reduce the maximum number of contests from 56 to 52.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4.5, as follows:

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to *56* **52** contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.4.5.3 and 17.4.5.4.

[17.4.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than *56* **52** baseball contests (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

[Remainder of 17.4.5 unchanged.]

Source: Pacific-10 Conference, Big South Conference and West Coast Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Based on the experience of the compacted baseball schedule during the 2008 season, which resulted from the new competition start date, it has become apparent that institutions are challenged to fit 56 games into a shortened season. Although institutions are not required to participate in the maximum permissible number of games, institutions are not required to participate in the maximum permissible number of games, institutions are reluctant to schedule fewer than maximum because of the potential effect on consideration for postseason participation. A four game reduction would reduce the hardships placed on baseball programs generally and student-athletes and coaches specifically.

Budget Impact: Decease in costs for travel and/or game related expenses; less revenue from ticket sales.

Impact on S-A's Time: Reduction in time spent in game related activities and/or travel.

History

Jul 03, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-49

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- EXCEPTIONS -- INFORMAL PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES -- NO MISSED CLASS TIME

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that no class time shall be missed in conjunction with an informal practice scrimmage, including activities associated with such scrimmages (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities).

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.5.3, as follows:

17.5.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball prior to the second Friday of November (see Figure 17-2).

17.5.3.1 Exceptions. The following basketball contests (games and scrimmages) are permitted prior to the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.5.3:

(a) Practice Scrimmages. Informal practice scrimmages with outside competition, provided they are conducted in privacy without publicity or official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. **In men's basketball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities)**; and

[17.5.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.5.5.3, as follows:

17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions.. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from a member institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.5.5.3-(a) through 17.5.5.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Practice Scrimmage. An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition, provided it is conducted in privacy without official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. **In men's basketball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with such a scrimmage, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and postgame activities).** In women's basketball, an institution may play two practice

scrimmages during any year it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(g), 17.5.5.3-(h) or 17.5.5.3-(i), or may play one practice scrimmage and either one exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States, one exhibition contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball or one exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than an NCAA Division I institution). In men's basketball, an institution may play two practice scrimmages during any year it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(i), or may play one practice scrimmage and one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution.

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee) (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation permits an institution to participate in an informal basketball scrimmage after the start date for on-court practice. Such a scrimmage may be conducted against another Division I institution. The current rules have established conditions to ensure that the scrimmage is conducted in privacy and does not, in essence, become an additional contest. However, there is no requirement that student-athletes do not miss class time to participate in such a scrimmage. In recent years, there have been some instances involving institutions that have traveled significant distances to participate in scrimmages against other Division I institutions. These scrimmages originally were designed to permit institutions in close proximity to each other to engage in an informal type of practice session. As such, student-athletes should not be missing class time to participate. This proposal will help further the original intent of the legislation.

Budget Impact: Potential cost savings for institutions that have been traveling significant distances while classes were in session to participate in practice scrimmages.

Impact on S-A's Time: Less missed class time.

History

Jun 13, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 16, 2008 Men's Basketball Issues Committee , Recommends Approval

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Sponsored

Proposal Number: 2008-50

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST EXCEPTIONS AND ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- FOREIGN TEAM IN U.S. AND USA BASKETBALL CLUB

Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate the exception to the first contest date and the annual exemptions for exhibition contests against club members of USA Basketball and foreign teams in the U.S.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.5.3, as follows:

17.5.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball prior to the second Friday of November (see Figure 17-2).

17.5.3.1 Exceptions. The following basketball contests (games or scrimmages) are permitted prior to the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.5.3:

[17.5.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) *USA Basketball, Foreign-Team and* Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution Games. *In women's basketball, the two basketball games exempted per Bylaws 17.5.5.3-(g), 17.5.5.3-(h) and 17.5.5.3-(i) may be played after the date on which an institution may commence on-court preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.5.2). In men's basketball, the two basketball games* **Contests** exempted per Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(*i***g**) may be played after the date on which an institution may commence on-court preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.5.2).

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.5.5.3, as follows:

17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from a member institution's maximum number of contests: [17.5.5.3-(a) through 17.5.5.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Foreign Team in U.S. -- Women's Basketball. An exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. An institution may play two exhibition contests against a foreign team in the United States during any year in which it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaws 17.5.5.3-(h), 17.5.5.3-(i), or 17.5.5.3-(j), or may play one exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States and either one exhibition contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball, one exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than a NCAA Division I institution) or one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(j);

(h) USA Basketball Club -- Women's Basketball. An exhibition contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. An institution may play two exhibition contests against a "club" member of USA Basketball during any year in which it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(g), 17.5.5.3-(i) or 17.5.5.3-(j), or may play one exhibition contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball and either one exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States, one exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than an NCAA Division I institution) or one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(j).

(*i***g)** Exhibition Against a Non-NCAA Division I Four-Year Collegiate Institution. An exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than a NCAA Division I institution) played in the arena in which the member institution regularly plays its home contests. *In women's basketball, an institution may play two exhibition contests against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution during any year in which it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaws 17.5.5.3-(g), 17.5.5.3-(h) or 17.5.5.3-(j), or may play one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution and either one exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States or one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(j). In men's basketball, an* **An** institution may play two exhibition contests against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution during any year in which it does not use the exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(*j***h**), or may play one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution and one practice scrimmage as defined in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(*j***h**); and,

(*j***h**) Practice Scrimmage. An informal practice scrimmage with outside competition, provided it is conducted in privacy without official scoring. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a basketball practice scrimmage against outside competition may not be present during such a scrimmage. The institution shall ensure that the scrimmage is free from public view. *In women's basketball, an institution may play two practice scrimmages during any year it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(g), 17.5.5.3-(h) or 17.5.5.3-(i), or may play one practice scrimmage and either one exhibition contest against a foreign team in the United States, one exhibition contest against a "club" member of USA Basketball or one exhibition contest against a four-year collegiate institution (other than a NCAA Division I institution). In men's basketball, an* **An** institution may play two practice scrimmages during any year it does not use an exemption set forth in Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(*i***g**), or may play one practice scrimmage and one exhibition contest against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution.

Source: Big East Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2009; contracts signed before 8/15/08 may be honored.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, in women's basketball, institutions are permitted to schedule preseason exhibition contests against noncollegiate club teams. Many of these club teams are directly associated with junior club teams populated by recruitable prospective student-athletes. These contests have become intertwined with access to recruits who play on noncollegiate teams. There is concern that these games create a relationship between institutions and club teams that result in an unfair recruiting advantages. Limiting exhibition games to contests against four-year collegiate institutions fosters a healthier competitive environment for collegiate teams and eliminates potential recruiting advantages. Finally, this same legislative change was adopted from men's basketball in 2004.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 02, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-51

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S RUGBY, SOCCER, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND MEN'S WATER POLO

Intent: In cross country, field hockey, women's rugby, soccer and men's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest or date of competition may occur; further, in women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions before 20 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.7.2, as follows:

17.7.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest* **before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible date of competition may occur**.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2, as follows:

17.10.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest* **before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur**.

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.18.2, as follows:

17.18.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's rugby *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest* **before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur**.

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.2, as follows:

17.20.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in soccer *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest* **before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur**.

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.28.2, as follows:

17.28.2 Preseason Practice -- Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 29 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later. If the first scheduled contest occurs before September 1, the institution shall count back one practice unit for each day (excluding Sundays) from September 1 through the date of the first scheduled contest. Thereafter, the institution shall apply the formula as prescribed in Bylaw 17.02.11* **before 20 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur (excluding the early alumni match)**. An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.29.2, as follows:

17.29.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo *prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest* **before 16 days prior to the date on which the first permissible date of competition may occur**.

[17.29.2-(b) unchanged.]

Source: West Coast Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current practice unit calculation for fall sports results in institutions beginning preseason practice on different days. This proposal identifies a consistent time period of practice days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest or date of competition may occur for each fall sport except football. One result of this proposal would be greater predictability and consistency since the preseason practice period would always be the same length. The proposal would allow programs to maintain a consistent preseason training program and period of time for preseason practice from season to season. It would also result in fiscal equity among institutions. Student-athletes would report to campus at approximately the same time they do under current legislation. Finally, the proposal would eliminate the complicated and time-consuming formula that is necessary to calculate each institution's first permissible practice date annually.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 14, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-52

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -- REPLACEMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS

Intent: In football, to specify that a student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution's limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.2.1.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

17.11.2.1.2 Limit on Number of Participants -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 105 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

[17.11.2.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.11.2.1.2.2 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution's 105-participation preseason practice limitation.

[17.11.2.1.2.2 renumbered as 17.11.2.1.2.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.2.1.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.11.2.1.3 Limit on Number of Participants -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 90 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

[17.11.2.1.3.1 through 17.11.2.1.3.3 unchanged.]

17.11.2.1.3.4 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in

preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution's limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice.

Source: Southeastern Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation limits the number of student-athletes who may participate in and receive expenses related to preseason practice activities. In addition, current legislation does not allow an injured or ill student-athlete to be replaced in the limit on preseason participants. This proposal would permit replacement of a student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice. For the student-athlete to be replaced, he must immediately cease participation in all athletically related activities and may not resume participation in athletically related activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete would not be permitted to return to practice for the remainder of the preseason-practice period; however, football programs that lose student-athletes to injuries or illnesses would be able to maintain a consistent number of preseason practice participants.

Budget Impact: Preseason practice expenses for student-athletes who replace injured or ill student-athletes.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-53

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- MAXIMUM CONTEST LIMITATIONS -- DETERMINATION OF DATE OF COMPETITION

Intent: In golf, to eliminate the provision by which an institution is considered to have used a date of competition if one or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution on a particular date.

Bylaws: Amend 17.12.5.1, as follows:

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in golf during the permissible golf playing season to 24 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.2 and 17.12.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.12.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.12.5.1.2 Determination of Date of Competition. A member institution shall be considered to have used a date of competition in golf if one or more student-athletes participate on behalf of the institution on a particular date.

[17.12.5.1.3 through 17.12.5.1.4 renumbered as 17.12.5.1.2 through 17.12.5.1.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, if one or more student-athletes participate in a golf event, it constitutes an institutional date of competition. As a result, institutions have created junior varsity programs with teams carrying enough student-athletes to fill two or more teams. Pursuant to current legislation and interpretations, student-athletes competing as individuals trigger a varsity date of competition if 50 percent or more of the student-athletes participating in the event compete "primarily on the varsity level" (defined as playing in 50 percent or more of a team's varsity contest). Applying and tracking this standard has created substantial confusion and has made scheduling and planning difficult. Although this proposal does not remove these interpretations for those institutions that want to conduct a junior varsity and/or a freshman squad, it gives institutions flexibility without creating competitive advantages. Finally, each student-athlete is limited to 24 dates of competition and there is no increase in missed class time or additional dates of competition for any individual.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 14, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-54

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- HAWAII OR ALASKA

Intent: In golf, to specify that any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question are exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.12.5.2, as follows:

17.12.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.12.5.2-(a) through 17.13.5.2-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in golf in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, **either** against **or under the sponsorship of** an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

[17.12.5.2-(g) through 17.13.5.2-(k) unchanged.]

Source: Western Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current legislation applies only to dual golf competition against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska; however, intercollegiate golf is typically played in a tournament format with more than two teams competing against each other. Therefore, the current exception is not practical. This proposal would extend the same exemption that is currently available in other sports to golf. Furthermore, this proposal provides a greater incentive for member institutions located outside of Hawaii and Alaska to schedule competition in those states, despite the geographical distance, which further supports the original intent of the legislation.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 01, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-55

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- 12-WEEK SEASON

Intent: In women's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the women's soccer championship.

Bylaws: Amend 17.20.3, as follows:

17.20.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. A member institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition in soccer prior to the following dates:

(a) Women's Soccer -- The Friday prior to the *11th* **12th** weekend *[or 12th weekend in years in which the date of the first permissible contest in men's soccer results in 12 weeks between that date and the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship (e.g., 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014)]* prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

[17.20.3-(b) unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The first contest date in men's soccer was amended in 2007, resulting in a 12-week season in five of the next 11 years: 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2014. The first contest date in women's soccer was amended in 2008 in order to give women's soccer the same 12 weeks between the first contest and the start of the championship in the same years as men's soccer. For scheduling purposes, it is more beneficial in women's soccer to have a consistent 12-week season every year. This change does not result in additional time demands on student-athletes because the total playing season in women's soccer would continue to be limited to 132 days.

Budget Impact: Increase in expenses for one additional week during those years in which the season would have been 11 weeks.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 09, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-56

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TENNIS -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- INDIVIDUAL SINGLES OR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT LIMITATIONS -- NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Intent: To increase from three to four the number of student-athletes who may participate in an individual singles or doubles tournament without counting the event as one of the institution's dates of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.26.5, as follows:

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in tennis during the permissible tennis playing season to 25 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.5.3 and 17.26.5.4. (See Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements.)

[17.26.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.26.5.1.2 Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Institutional. An individual singles or doubles tournament that does not include any team scoring or the recognition of a team champion shall count as a single date of competition (not to exceed the maximum number of tournaments noted in Bylaw 17.26.5.1) for those institutions that have more than *three* **four** student-athletes competing therein, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.

[Remainder of 17.26.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee).

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would permit institutions to send two doubles teams to such an individual singles or doubles tournament without using an institutional date of competition. Under the current limit of three student-athletes, one student-athlete is not able to participate in doubles competition at such a tournament. The additional student-athlete will not result in additional missed class time or an increase to the number of dates of competition for individual student-athletes because participation in tournaments would still count against the individual student-

athlete's maximum dates of competition. Even though an additional student-athlete would be able to travel to a particular individual singles or doubles tournament, that student-athlete would presumably be traveling to the same number of total events throughout the playing season under the current rule.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jun 24, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Sponsored

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Proposal Number: 2008-57

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRACK AND FIELD -- SAFETY EXCEPTION -- HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE

Intent: To specify that a coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase.

Bylaws: Amend 17.27.7, as follows:

17.27.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in field events**, jumping hurdles or the jumping element of the steeplechase**. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

Source: Big 12 Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: When the legislation establishing the safety exception was adopted in 1991, it included fencing, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, the field events of track and field and water polo. Since then, the exception has been added for archery, equestrian, rowing, synchronized swimming and wrestling. Extending the application of the safety exception to the hurdles and the steeplechase is consistent with the original intent of the safety exception legislation, which was to allow a coach to provide safety instruction to student-athletes while participating in voluntary workouts in sports that include elements that pose risks of bodily harm. Considering the physical demands and risks that are involved in the hurdles and the steeplechase, it is appropriate for a coach to provide safety supervision. In addition, these specific track events include a substantial degree of technique that is imperative in avoiding accidents and preventing injuries. It is important that a coach is available to spot and provide skill instruction in order to ensure the student-athlete's safety and well-being.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: Voluntary activities.

History

Jun 26, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-58

Title: CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OR CONTINUATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S SPORTS

Intent: To specify that a National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport.

Bylaws: Amend 18.2.4, as follows:

18.2.4 **Minimum Sponsorship for** Championships *Established During 1994-95 or Later*.

18.2.4.1 Men's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship may be established **in a men's sport** *during the 1994-95 academic year or thereafter* if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport.

18.2.4.*1***2** *Exceptions for* Women's Sports *During the 1994-95 through 2008-09 Academic Years*. A National Collegiate Championship or division championship may be established *during the 1994-95 through 2008-09 academic years* in a women's sport *in which the Association does not already conduct a championship* if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport.

[18.2.4.2 renumbered as 18.2.4.3, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics).

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: The current legislation was developed to promote gender equity by providing a slightly lower threshold of institutions sponsoring the sport for the establishment of new women's championships. The initial legislation outlined 1994-95 through 1998-99 as a specified time period that the threshold of 40 institutions was necessary in order for the Association to establish a new women's championship. The legislation was later extended to 2003-04 and then to 2008-09. As the emerging sports program has evolved beyond its initial 10-year-period with additional sports being added and the ongoing development of existing championships, including bracket expansion, there continues to be a need to permit the establishment of new championships if at least 40 institutions sponsor a sport. Removal of the specified time periods will eliminate the need for additional legislative action to extend this provision. The expansion of men's championship opportunities makes it prudent to retain the overall principle that 40 institutions

are necessary in order for a women's championship be established to ensure gender equity in NCAA championship and other postseason opportunities for men and women. Also, institutions that are in the process of adding women's sports have more viable options as the number of women's championship sports increase.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: Increased championship participation opportunities for female student-athletes.

History

Jul 14, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jul 14, 2008 Committee on Women's Athletics , Recommends Approval

Jul 30, 2008 Management Council Administrative Committee , Sponsored

Proposal Number: 2008-59

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- ARCHERY, BADMINTON, SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, TEAM HANDBALL AND SAND VOLLEYBALL

Intent: To add sand volleyball as an emerging sport for women; further, to remove archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball as emerging sports for women and to eliminate other specified legislation associated with these sports (e.g., playing and practice season regulations, sports sponsorship minimum contest and participant requirements).

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.4, as follows:

11.7.4 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time in each sport as follows:

Sport	**Limit on Number of Coaches**	**Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters**
Archery, Women	*2*	*2*
Badminton, Women	*2*	*2*
Baseball	3	2
Basketball, Men	4	3
Basketball, Women	4	3
Bowling, Women	2	2
Equestrian	3	2
Fencing, Men	2	2
Fencing, Women	2	2
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.2)	12	7
Football, Championship Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.3)	11	7
Field Hockey	3	2
Golf, Men	2	2
Golf, Women	2	2
Gymnastics, Men	3	2
Gymnastics, Women	3	2
Ice Hockey, Men	3	2
Ice Hockey, Women	3	2

Sport	**Limit on Number of Coaches**	**Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters**
Lacrosse, Men	3	2
Lacrosse, Women	3	2
Rifle, Men	2	2
Rifle, Women	2	2
Rowing, Women's	3	2 (during the academic year)3 (during the summer)
Rugby, Women's	3	2
Skiing, Men	2	2
Skiing, Women	2	2
Soccer, Men	3	2
Soccer, Women	3	2
Softball, Women	3	2
Squash, Women	2	2
Swimming, Men	2	2
Swimming and Diving, Men	3	2
Swimming, Women	2	2
Swimming and Diving, Women	3	2
Synchronized Swimming, Women	*2*	*2*
Team Handball, Women	*2*	*2*
Tennis, Men	2	2
Tennis, Women	2	2
Cross Country, Men (Without Track and Field)	2	2
Track and Field, Men	3	2
Cross Country/Track and Field, Men	3	2
Cross Country, Women (Without Track and Field)	2	2
Track and Field, Women	3	2
Cross Country/Track and Field, Women	3	2
Volleyball, Men	3	2
Volleyball, Women	3	2

Sport	**Limit on Number of Coaches**	**Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters**
Water Polo, Men	2	2
Water Polo, Women	2	2
Wrestling	3	2

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.6, as follows:

14.1.8.1.6 Waiver -- United States Olympic Committee/National Governing Body. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.8.1.6-(a) unchanged.]

(b) In the case of former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport, **or rowing** *or synchronized swimming*

[14.1.8.1.7-(c) through 14.1.8.1.7-(g) unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.3.1.2, as follows:

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports:

Archery	*5*	Rowing	20
Badminton	*6*	Rugby	12
Bowling	5	Skiing	7
Cross Country/Track and Field	18	Soccer	14
Equestrian	15	Softball	12
Fencing	5	Squash	12
Field Hockey	12	Swimming and Diving	14
Golf	6	*Synchronized Swimming*	*5*
Lacrosse	12	*Team Handball*	*10*
		Water Polo	8

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.02.12, as follows:

17.02.12 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

[17.02.12-(a) through 17.02.12-(c) unchanged.]

17.02.12.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Baseball	Rugby, Women's
Basketball	**Sand Volleyball**
Field Hockey	Soccer
Football	Softball
Ice Hockey, Men's and Women's	*Synchronized Swimming, Women's*
Lacrosse	*Team Handball, Women's*
Rowing, Women's	Volleyball
	Water Polo, Men's and Women's

17.02.12.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Archery, Women's	Rifle
Badminton, Women's	Skiing
Bowling, Women's	Squash, Women's
Cross Country	Swimming and Diving
Equestrian, Women's	Tennis
Fencing	Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
Golf	Wrestling
Gymnastics	

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

17.2 ARCHERY, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the archery playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figures 17-1 and 17-2.)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in archery shall be limited to a 144-day season which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4

and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in archery prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in archery prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.2.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in archery by the conclusion of the national governing body championship in archery.

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in archery during the institution's archery playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3 and 17.2.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in archery in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.31), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in archery shall exclude the following:

(a) United States Intercollegiate Championships. Competition in the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships;

(b) United States Indoor Championships. Competition in the U.S. Indoor Archery Championships;

(c) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in archery;

(d) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the archery national governing body championship;

(e) Alumni Meet. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(h) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(i) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in archery conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and

is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.32).

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.2.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.2.

17.2.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.2.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses archery equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts.

17.2.8 Campus and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in archery who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in archery who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

17.2.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog.

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.9.1.1.1).

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.32.

17.2.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program.

Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 BADMINTON, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the badminton playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figures 17-1 and 17-2.)

17.3.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in badminton shall be limited to a 144-day season which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.3.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in badminton prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.3.3 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in badminton prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

17.3.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in each segment in badminton by the conclusion of the national governing body championship in badminton.

17.3.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in badminton during the institution's badminton playing season to 15 dates of competition (games and scrimmages) (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.4.3 for minimum contests and participants).

17.3.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in badminton in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.32), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 15 dates of competition in badminton (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition) (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions.

The maximum number of dates of competition in badminton shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in badminton;

(b) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the badminton national governing body championship;

(c) Alumni Match. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in badminton conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.3.5.4 Once-In-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The dates of competition on a foreign tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of dates of competition, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.32).

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2. and 17.1.6.2.2.

17.3.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.3.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.3.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in badminton who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.3.8 Other Restrictions.

17.3.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.3.8.1.1 During Academic Year.

17.3.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw (17.3.8.1.1.1).

17.3.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any

capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.32.

17.3.8.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program.

There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

17.3.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the synchronized swimming playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figures 17-1 and 17-2.)

17.24.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in synchronized swimming shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.24.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in synchronized swimming prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

17.24.3 First Contest Date. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in synchronized swimming prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

17.24.4 End of Regular Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in synchronized swimming by the last day of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.24.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in synchronized swimming during the institution's synchronized swimming playing season to 15 dates of competition (meets and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.24.5.3 and 17.24.5.4.

17.24.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in synchronized swimming in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.32), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.24.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 15 dates of competition in synchronized swimming (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in synchronized swimming shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet;

(b) National Governing Body Championship Competition. Competition in the national governing body championship;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member institution located outside the area in question;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in synchronized swimming conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.24.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the dates of competition on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.32).

17.24.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.24.1 except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.2.

17.24.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and

competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.24.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in synchronized swimming. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.24.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in synchronized swimming who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.24.9 Other Restrictions.

17.24.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.24.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in synchronized swimming who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

17.24.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog.

17.24.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate synchronized swimming who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur synchronized swimming team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.24.9.1.1.1).

17.24.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any

capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.32.

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program.

There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

17.24.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.25 TEAM HANDBALL, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the team handball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figures 17-1 and 17-2.)

17.25.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in team handball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.25.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in team handball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

17.25.3 First Contest Date. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in team handball prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

17.25.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in team handball by the conclusion of the national governing body team handball championship.

17.25.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.25.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in team handball during the institution's playing season to 20 dates of competition (meets and scrimmages) (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.25.5.3 and 17.25.5.4.

17.25.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in team handball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.32), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 20 dates of competition in team handball (including not more than three tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition) (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.25.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet;

(b) National Governing Body Championship Competition. Competition in the national governing body championship;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in U.S. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member institution located outside the area in question; and

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1); and

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in team handball conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

17.25.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the dates of competition on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.32).

17.25.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except, as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.2.2.

17.25.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically

authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.25.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in team handball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.25.8 Other Restrictions.

17.25.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.25.8.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in team handball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions).

17.25.8.1.1.1 Vacation Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog.

17.25.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate team handball who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur team handball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.25.8.1.1.1).

17.25.8.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the

institution's team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.32.

17.25.8.1.2.3 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body (NGB) conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The NGB selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) The NGB or the selected coaches select the involved participants.

17.25.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

I. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.5, as follows:

20.02.5 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

(a) Team Sports: team handball, rugby and *synchronized swimming* **sand volleyball**; and

(b) Individual Sports: *archery, badminton,* equestrian and squash.

[Remainder of 20.02.5 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 20.9.4.3, as follows:

20.9.4.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	**Minimum Contests**	**Individual Sports**	**Minimum Contests**	**Minimum Participants**
Baseball	27	*Women's Archery*	*5*	*5*
Basketball	25	*Women's Badminton*	*8*	*6*
Field Hockey	11	Women's Bowling	8	5
Football	9	Cross Country	6	5
Men's Ice Hockey	25	Equestrian	6	12
Women's Ice Hockey	20	Men's Fencing	9	5
Lacrosse	10	Women's Fencing	9	5
Women's Rowing	6	Golf	8	5
Women's Rugby	9	Men's Gymnastics	9	6
Soccer	11	Women's Gymnastics	9	5
Softball	27	Rifle	8	4
Women's Synchronized Swimming	*8*	Skiing	5	5
Women's Team Handball	*10*	Women's Squash	8	9
Volleyball	19	Swimming and Diving	10	11
Men's Water Polo	15	Tennis	12	5
Women's Water Polo	10	Track and Field, Indoor	6	14
		Track and Field, Outdoor	6	14
		Wrestling	13	7

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.4.3.1 through 20.9.4.3.7 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

Source: NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics).

Effective Date: August 1, 2009, for the removal of archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball; August 1, 2010 for the addition of sand volleyball.

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: There is wide-spread support for sand volleyball to be added as an emerging sport for women, including support from institutions and governing bodies. Data indicates that over 200,000 females ages 6-17 play sand volleyball and over 60 percent play only sand volleyball. Also, there were over 40 teams from NCAA institutions competing in sand volleyball tournaments in spring 2008. It is expected that the addition of sand volleyball will produce a significant increase in participation opportunities for women. The delayed effective date for sand volleyball will provide the divisions time to develop the necessary regulations. NCAA regulations require that emerging sports gain championship status within 10 years or show steady progress toward that goal. Four sports on the original list, (archery, badminton, synchronized swimming and team handball) have seen minimal sponsorship growth over the past 14 years. In July 2007, the institutions, conferences and national governing bodies supporting these four sports were notified that they needed to provide a minimum of 10 commitment letters from institutions by July 2008 and that failure to meet that request would result in a recommendation for their removal from the list. None of the four sports were able to meet this requirement.

Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions whether to sponsor an identified emerging sport for women. Emerging sports for women may be used to meet sports sponsorship requirements, in Divisions I and II the minimum membership financial aid requirements, and, in Division I, for revenue distribution purposes.

Impact on S-A's Time: Dependent on institutional sponsorship.

History

Jul 14, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jul 14, 2008 Committee on Women's Athletics , Recommends Approval

Jul 30, 2008 Management Council Administrative Committee , Sponsored

Proposal Number: 2008-61

Title: COMMITTEES -- DIVISION I CABINETS AND COMMITTEES -- WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- REGIONS

Intent: To specify that the composition of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee shall include one member from each of the eight Division I women's soccer regions and two members selected at large.

Bylaws: Amend 21.7.6.5.5.3.20, as follows:

21.7.6.5.5.3.20 Women's Soccer Committee. The Women's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 member, including one member from each of the *six* **eight** Division I women's soccer regions and *four* **two** members selected at large. No more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institution's, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions.

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Committees

Rationale: This change will make the committee composition for women's soccer consistent with the composition for men's soccer and will reduce the number of teams for regional advisory committees to evaluate. Further, the change will help alleviate a public perception that teams are not being fairly evaluated and selected due to having fewer regions as compared to other championships, such as women's volleyball (with a sport sponsorship of 316), men's soccer (198) and women's softball (272). This change will not impact the selection process and will allow the committee to place all teams in a member conference in the same region. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jun 24, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Sponsored

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Recommends Approval as Noncontroversial Legislation

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Proposal Number: 2008-64

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS -- WAIVERS

Intent: To specify that the members of the NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet representing NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences, by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting, may grant waivers of the FBS membership requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 20.9.7.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only.]

20.9.7.6 Waivers. *There shall be no waivers* **The members of the Administration Cabinet representing Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting, may grant waivers** of the Football Bowl Subdivision membership requirements **set forth in Bylaw 20.9.7.1 through 20.9.7.4**.

Source: Conference USA.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: The membership cannot anticipate the array of circumstances an institution may encounter that would prevent it from meeting the FBS membership requirements, particularly in the area of athletics aid. Currently, the opportunity to request a waiver of those requirements does not exist. For example, a number of public institutions with very low tuition costs are unable to expend at least four million dollars on grants-in-aid even though they fully fund the required minimum number of sports for sports sponsorship. In addition, the maximum number of grants-in-aid some institutions are able to offer during the academic year is very close to the required minimum of 200. In that regard, institutions should have the opportunity to petition for relief of the membership requirements for situations that are beyond the control of the institution or for situations in which consideration of the totality of the circumstances would indicate that relief should be granted.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-65

Title: ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- TIMING OF TOUR -- PROHIBITION DURING ACADEMIC YEAR LABOR DAY VACATION PERIOD

Intent: To specify that an institution shall not participate in a foreign tour that occurs in conjunction with a Labor Day academic year vacation period.

Administrative: Amend 30.7.8, as follows:

30.7.8 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during *any other* **an academic year** vacation period **(other than a Labor Day vacation period)** published in the institution's official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution's vacation period.

[30.7.8.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Management Council (Administrative Review Subcommittee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2009; however, institutions may honor a contract beyond this date if a contract for participation was signed before April 14, 2008.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Administrative Regulations

Rationale: Currently, an institution may participate in a foreign tour during Labor Day weekend provided it recognizes Labor Day as a vacation period. Institutions that do not recognize Labor Day or only recognize it for institutional staff and administration (e.g., not extended to students and professors) have sought NCAA Division I Management Council Administrative Review Subcommittee (now NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief) waivers in order to participate in tours. Eleven requests from men's basketball programs have been submitted since July 2005. Relief has been provided to those institutions that recognize Labor Day in some manner (e.g., administrative day for staff and administration). The intent of a foreign tour is to provide student-athletes with additional cultural and educational opportunities. However, competitive equity concerns have been raised. Those concerns relate to the fact that institutions are allowed ten days of practice before the start of the tour and that freshmen student-athletes may participate on such tours if the institution's academic year has begun. This legislation would not apply to institutions for which Labor Day occurs during the summer vacation period before the start of the regular academic year (e.g., quarter institutions), but the current legislation does not permit incoming freshman to participate in summer foreign tours.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: May impact the timing and duration of foreign tours.

History

Apr 13, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Apr 13, 2008 Administrative Review Subcommittee , Recommends Approval

Apr 14, 2008 Management Council , Sponsored

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Proposal Number: 2008-70

Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- DEFINITION OF CORE INSTITUTION

Intent: In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that for the purposes of multisport conference eligibility for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a core institution is an institution that has been an active member of Division I during the eight preceding years or an institution that has sponsored the sport at the Division I level the eight preceding years.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.4.4.1, as follows:

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements Sports Other Than Men's Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multi-Sport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multi-sport member conference must include six core institutions that satisfy continuity-of-membership. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years **or has sponsored the sport at the Division I level eight preceding years.** Further, the continuity-of-membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding two years in the applicable sport. There shall be no exceptions to the two-year waiting period. Any new member added to a member conference that satisfies the continuity of membership requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

[Remainder of 31.3.4.4 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Rationale: Currently, there are many sports sponsored at the Division I level by non-Division I institutions, which have shown a commitment to the sports, but are not eligible for an automatic qualification. In addition, there are sports programs that are unable to secure membership in a conference principally due to geographic location. There are at least ten to twelve sport programs that participate without access to an automatic qualification (at-large with limited RPI scheduling possibilities). This situation has contributed to institutions dropping sports because they cannot find a conference to assist with the difficulties of scheduling and because of the lack of access to

an automatic qualification due to the small number of at-large bids. This proposal would help encourage conferences to consider adding such institutions as members for a particular sport.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2008-71

Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION --ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- EXCEPTION -- MEMBER THAT HAS SPONSORED THE SPORT AT THE DIVISION I LEVEL THE EIGHT PRECEDING YEARS

Intent: In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that a multisport conference that falls below six core members may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference adds an institution to its membership (for a total of at least six members) that has sponsored the sport for the preceding eight years at the Division I level and at least six institutions (including the added institution) have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.4.4, as follows:

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements, Sports Other Than Men's Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multi-Sport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multi-sport member conference must include six core institutions that satisfy continuity-of-membership. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active members of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity-of-membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding two years in the applicable sport. There shall be no exceptions to the two-year waiting period. Any new member added to a member conference that satisfies the continuity-of-membership requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.4.1.1 Exception **-- Newly Added Conference Sport.** A multi-sport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference includes at least six active NCAA Division I institutions that have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership.

31.3.4.4.1.2 Exception -- Member that has Sponsored the Sport at the Division I Level the Eight Preceding Years. A multi-sport conference that falls below six core members may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference adds an institution to its membership (for a total of at least six members) that has sponsored the sport the eight preceding years at the Division I level and at

least six institutions (including the added institution) have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years,

[Remainder of 31.3.4.4 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Rationale: Currently, there are many sports sponsored at the Division I level by non-Division I institutions, which have shown a commitment to the sports, but are not eligible for an automatic qualification. In addition, there are sports programs that are unable to become members of conferences principally due to geographic location. This situation has led to institutions dropping some sports because they cannot find a conference to assist with the difficulties of scheduling and because of the lack of access to an automatic qualification due to the small number of at-large bids. This proposal would help encourage conferences to consider adding such institutions as members for a particular sport.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-72

Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SPORTS OTHER THAN MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MULTISPORT CONFERENCE -- EXCEPTION -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

Intent: In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that a multisport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided at least six institutions have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level for the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 65 percent of the Division I membership.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.4.4, as follows:

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements, Sports Other Than Men's Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multi-Sport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multi-sport member conference must include six core institutions that satisfy continuity-of-membership. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity-of-membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding two years in the applicable sport. There shall be no exceptions to the two-year waiting period. Any new member added to a member conference that satisfies the continuity-of-membership requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.4.1.1 Exception. A multi-sport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference includes at least six active NCAA Division I institutions that have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than *50* **65** percent of the Division I membership.

[Remainder of 31.3.4.4 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Rationale: Six men's sports for which NCAA championships are conducted are sponsored by at least 80 percent of the Division I membership. There is a distinct drop off to 60 percent or less for men's soccer and men's tennis. A great disparity exists between sponsorship of men's soccer and men's tennis and the sponsorship of sports such as baseball and men's basketball, which are sports that have particularly high percentages of sponsorship at member institutions. This proposal recognizes and accounts for the sponsorship percentages in order to facilitate the addition of those sports as conference-sponsored sports.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2008-73

Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- NATIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM

Intent: To specify that the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall oversee the national statistics program and approve its policies and procedures; further, to specify that the policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA Web site.

Administrative: Amend 31.9, as follows:

31.9 NATIONAL STATISTICS PROGRAM. A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, women's softball and women's volleyball. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall *determine* **oversee** the statistics *program's* **program and approve its** policies and procedures. **The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA Web site.**

31.9.1 General Policies.

31.9.1.1 Statistics Reporting. For a member institution to be eligible for either an individual or a team national statistics title, it shall have filed reports with the national office before the midway point in its regular-season schedule and shall have reported weekly thereafter. If a conference office files the reports, both the league and the institution share the responsibility for providing the updates on a regular basis as described above.

31.9.1.2 Substantiation of Statistics. Filing a statistics report does not ensure automatically a member institution's inclusion in the NCAA's national statistics rankings. The report shall be mathematically accurate. Unusual statistics that cannot be promptly supported will not be included in the rankings. The NCAA shall withhold such reports from the ranking until a satisfactory explanation and substantiation of the statistics are submitted by an appropriate official of the member institution involved.

31.9.1.3 Correlation with Conference Statistical Rules. If a conference adopts a statistical rule different than that of the NCAA, the Executive Committee shall determine on a case-by-case basis how the statistics resulting from use of the special rule will be related to the national statistics program.

31.9.1.4 Countable Opponents. Only contests against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions shall be included in individual and team statistics, won-lost record and coaching records. Contests against

service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams are specifically excluded. Further, only contests against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that play a majority of their contests in that sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (per Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions shall be tabulated for inclusion in such statistics (and counted for purposes of team selection for an NCAA championship per Bylaw 31.3.3.1).

31.9.1.5 Ranking Minimums. Ranking minimums shall be determined by the national office to assure a valid comparative basis. The minimums shall be based on the normal participation or performance levels of the "field" in a given category and shall be reviewed annually.

31.9.1.6 Individual Minimum -- Games Requirement. To be ranked, a student-athlete must appear in 75 percent of the team's games (a volleyball student-athlete must appear in 66.6 percent of the team's games, an ice hockey goaltender must play in 33.3 percent of the team's minutes and a lacrosse goaltender must play in 60 percent of the team's minutes). National per-game rankings shall be based on the number of games an individual actually plays; and even if a player is in the lineup for only one play, the player shall be charged with a game played whether or not the player touches the ball.

31.9.1.6.1 Exception. For statistical purposes only, if a player appears in a football game only to hold the ball on point-after-touchdown kick attempts, he shall not be charged with a game played. However, if he becomes statistically involved on the play (e.g., successfully runs, passes or kicks following an aborted kick attempt), he shall be charged with a game played.

31.9.1.7 Less Than Minimum -- Game Rule. If a player has participated in fewer than the required percentage of the team's games, but the player's per-game average still would be highest if charged with the necessary required games, the player shall be declared champion. However, if no player shall be declared champion by the application of both the necessary required games and the minimums required for punting and kick-return championships (see Bylaws 31.9.4.6 and 31.9.4.7).

31.9.1.8 Statistics of Ineligible Student-Athletes.

31.9.1.8.1 Declared Ineligible During Season. The individual statistics of any student-athlete declared ineligible by a member institution, a conference or the NCAA for any remaining portion of a season shall not

be included in the national statistics rankings from the date the student-athlete is declared ineligible.

31.9.1.8.2 Declared Ineligible After Championship Competition. When a participant in an NCAA championship is declared ineligible after the championship competition, all of the student-athlete's statistics in the championship; the team's championships won-lost record and all of its statistics shall be asterisked and footnoted, and its place in the final standings shall be asterisked and noted as vacated. All team and individual statistics for the offending team's opponents shall remain unaffected.

31.9.2 Baseball and Softball Statistics.

31.9.2.1 Fall Games. For purposes of national statistics, games played during the fall shall not be included in a team's won-lost record and statistics.

31.9.2.2 Exhibition Games. A game will be counted by both teams as an official contest for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics unless both institutions agree in writing before the game that it is to be an exhibition contest. If it is an exhibition contest, the team and individual statistics and records cannot be counted for either team.

31.9.2.3 Batting Championships. The national batting championship shall be based on a minimum of 2.5 times at bat per game played for baseball and 2.0 times at bat per game for softball, as well as a minimum total number of official at-bats established annually by the national office based on current conditions and the division involved. However, if there is a player with fewer than the required number of at-bats whose average would be the highest if the player were charged with the required number of at-bats with zero additional hits, that player shall be declared champion.

31.9.2.4 Strikeout Ratio (Strikeouts per Seven or Nine Innings). The national individual strikeout ratio champion for pitchers shall be based on at least one inning pitched for every game played by that player's team, as well as a minimum total number of innings pitched established annually by the national office based on current conditions and the divisions involved. However, If there is a player with fewer than the required number of innings pitched whose ratio would be the highest if the player were charged with the required number of innings with zero strikeouts, that player shall be declared champion.

31.9.3 Basketball Statistics. All tournament games (e.g., holiday, postseason and conference play-offs) shall be included in the official statistics.

31.9.4 Football Statistics.

31.9.4.1 Seven-Game Requirement. An institution shall be required to play at least seven games against four-year, degree-granting varsity opposition (per Bylaw 31.9.1.4) to be eligible for national statistics rankings.

31.9.4.2 Conference Championship Game. A conference game that matches two divisional winners for the purpose of determining the league championship shall be counted in statistics and won-lost records.

31.9.4.3 Bowl Games, Conference Playoffs, National Playoffs. Postseason bowl, conference playoffs and national-championship playoff games shall be included in the official records and statistics.

31.9.4.4 Overtime Games. Statistics of extra-period (overtime) games are included in the contest's total statistics.

31.9.4.5 Passing Champion. The national passing champion shall be determined by a rating formula with a minimum number of pass attempts required per game. However, if a player has fewer than the required number of pass attempts per game and his rating points still would be highest if he were charged with the necessary required pass attempts, and counting each attempt as an interception, he shall be declared champion.

31.9.4.6 Punting Champion. The national individual punting champion shall be determined by the average yards per punt with a minimum number of punts per game. However, if a player has fewer than the required number of punts per game and his average per punt still would be the highest if he were charged with the necessary required punts for zero additional yards, he shall be declared champion.

31.9.4.7 Kick-Return Champions. The national individual punt-return and kick-off return champions shall be determined by average per return with a minimum number of returns required per game. However, if there is a player with fewer than the required minimum returns per game whose average per return would be the highest if he were charged with the necessary required returns with zero additional yards, he shall be declared the champion.

31.9.4.8 Minimum-Games Requirement. For purposes of Bylaws 31.9.4.6 and 31.9.4.7, if a player has not participated in the required 75 percent of the team's games but has the required minimum number of returns or punts per game played, he is not to be charged with the number of games necessary for qualification because it cannot be assumed that he would have maintained his average in the additional games.

31.9.5 Forfeits. Neither the outcome nor the statistics in any completed contest are reversible by a forfeit due to postgame administrative actions, except as provided in Bylaw 31.9.5.4 or by Committee on Infractions' decisions. The actual results of the contest and the statistics shall be entered as such in both teams' all-time records, as well as in the coaches' records and in individual statistics. Contests later forfeited shall be denoted by the institution with an asterisk and a footnote.

31.95.1 Consistency of Application. Each member institution involved in a forfeited contest is encouraged, but not required, to enter the results of the contest in its records in the same manner as the Association to prevent confusion in national rankings of team and coaching records.

31.9.5.2 "No Contest" Declaration. There is no forfeit of a contest until all participating teams are present and the referee or other appropriate contest official has assumed jurisdiction in accordance with applicable playing rules. When a team does not appear (e.g., due to weather conditions, accidents, breakdown of vehicles, illness or catastrophic causes), a forfeit is not recorded. An institution shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for nonfulfillment of a contract. Such instances shall be considered as "no contest." In circumstances involving institutions from the same conference, the league office has the option to declare a forfeit win and loss for conference-standing purposes only but this does not change an institution's overall win-loss record.

31.9.5.2.1 Basketball, Men's. If, under the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committee's interpretation regarding interrupted games, the officials do not declare a winner or loser in such a contest, the status shall be "no contest." Statistics shall not be counted, nor shall either team's won-lost record or coach's record be changed.

31.9.5.3 Contest in Progress. If a forfeit is declared while a contest is in progress or a situation occurs that forces a premature end to the contest, all statistics (other than won-lost and coach's records) are voided unless the contest has progressed to a "reasonable point of conclusion" (e.g., three quarters in football and lacrosse, 30 minutes in basketball and five innings in baseball and softball and two periods in ice hockey; for volleyball, all completed games in a match

shall count, as well as a partial game if the team ahead has scored at least 10 points), in which case all statistics shall count and shall be reflected in all records. The team's won-lost record shall include the forfeit, but if the statistics are voided, all averages in future rankings shall be computed without inclusion of the forfeited contests.

31.9.5.4 Actions by the NCAA Management Council. An institution required to forfeit contests under the restitution provisions of Bylaw 19.7 shall vacate and strike from its records the individual records and performances achieved by the ineligible player during the period of ineligible participation in the following manner:

(a) Team victories shall be abrogated and coaching records altered by the institution and the national office for those contests in which the player participated while ineligible;

(b) It is not required that similar action be taken in regard to the individual records an performances of other players (teammates and opponents) who participated in contests during the period in which the player participated while ineligible;

(c) While neither the forfeiting institution nor the national office has the authority to require opponents receiving those forfeits to alter their season records, the forfeiting institution should actively encourage its opponents to do so; and

(d) These same conditions shall be applicable to the records of a conference. Neither the institution nor the national office has the authority to require a conference to alter its records. However, the institution should actively encourage such a result.

31.9.6 Career Records.

31.9.6.1 Co-head Coaches. In the event that an institution designates a co-head-coaching system, the won-lost records of both coaches for each season that they co-head coaches, are to be included in each coach's total career record. In such instances, both coaches' career records shall be denoted by an asterisk and a footnote [e.g., includes 40-20 record as a co-head coach with (name of other coach) during the years indicated].

31.9.6.2 Division Classification. For career record purposes, a player's statistics are recognized by the Association only for the years that the individual's college was an active member of the Association. In the event an individual's college

changed divisions while a member, career statistics for the individual are credited only in the division in which he or she actually competed each year.

31.9.6.3 Collegiate Record Category. In the above-mentioned case where an individual's college changed divisions while a member, the player's full career statistics are to be entered in the collegiate record category.

31.9.6.4 Determination of Head Coach at an Institution. In order for a coach to be credited with wins, losses or ties, that individual must be designated as the institution's head coach for the entire sports season. Individuals serving on an advisory or preseason basis may not be credited with the wins, losses, or ties. If the head coach is not present at a contest due to illness of other unexpected circumstances, or otherwise is unable to complete the sports season, it is up to the institution to determine whether the win, loss or tie for that contest(s) shall be credited to the head coach or to an interim or assistant coach, as determined by the institution prior to the contest(s).

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Rationale: Removing the policies and procedures of the national statistics program from the legislative process while having the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet continue to oversee and approve changes will eliminate the current bureaucracy and confusion in the process. This action also will help ensure the statistics program is applied consistently across all three divisions of the Association. The national statistics program policies and procedures are already provided to the membership via the NCAA Web site. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jun 24, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Sponsored

Jun 25, 2008 Championships/Competition Cabinet , Recommends Approval as Noncontroversial Legislation

Proposal Number: 2008-74

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- ALUMNI CONTEST

Intent: In baseball, to permit a single alumni contest to be conducted the weekend prior to the first permissible contest date of the championship segment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4.3, as follows:

17.4.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in baseball prior to the following dates:

(a) Nonchampionship Segment. September 1.

(b) Championship Segment. The Friday in February that is 13 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding Memorial Day (see Figure 17-2)**, except that a single alumni contest may be played the previous weekend (Saturday-Sunday)**.

Source: Big West Conference.

Effective Date: August 01, 2009

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The recent changes to the playing and practice season legislation essentially eliminated the opportunity for an alumni contest to be played in the championship segment. Alumni contests must now be played in the fall or during the first week of a condensed schedule. Many professional baseball players are not available for alumni contests in the fall segment. Allowing one contest the weekend prior to the start of the championship segment will allow more alumni to participate in these contests. Many institutions use these contests as fundraising opportunities, which have lost opportunities with the adoption of the new legislation. Earlier start dates for a single alumni contest already exist in other sports.

Budget Impact: Potential for additional revenue.

Impact on S-A's Time: Minimal.

History

Jun 23, 2008 Submit ; Submitted for consideration.

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF DIVISION I INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

(Note: The Oversight and Monitoring Group is responsible for developing strategies for review of the Presidential Task Force recommendations. Items below have been referred to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet for review and comment.)

Student-Athlete Well-Being	**Suggested strategy or referral**	**Progress to date/status**	**Assigned parties**
a. A review of student-athlete well-being should be ongoing. The student athlete "experience" is not simply a matter of providing scholarship dollars to meet "educational" costs; rather, it is how institutions support student-athletes' educational and athletics pursuits so that their experience compares favorably to those of other students. Assimilation of student-athletes into campus life, an examination of financial aid practices, methods of ensuring student-athlete academic success, a discussion of health and safety issues, and an assessment of competition opportunities and possible enhancements. The appropriate ongoing examination is one that includes what the student-athlete experience looks like when the institution is involved in providing these forms of additional support.	Refer to the A/E/C Cabinet to establish timelines and strategies for evaluation of these various issues. CSMAS should also examine issues regarding health and safety.	**CAC has revised the measurable standards for third cycle of athletics certification in area of student-athlete well-being. (See MS OP 3.3)** **C/C Cabinet began the review process during February 2008 meeting and will continue their review during the June 2008 meeting. (3/18/08)** **The Championships/Competition Cabinet has begun to examine this issue. (6/08)** **The OMG encouraged the new cabinet to continue this examination. (7/08)**	A/E/C Cabinet liaisons: Julie Cromer/Lynn Holzman CSMAS liaisons: Mary Wilfert /David Klossner C/C Cabinet liaisons: Joni Comstock/Dave Schnase/ Wayne Burrow/Brad Hostetter (will address "…an assessment of competition opportunities and possible enhancements as part of item k.)
j. The governance structure should review whether current time limits (the "20-hour rule) allow student-athletes to be integrated into the general student body (for example, opportunities for social activities)? Examples of questions that should be examined are: • Institutions should question what role the campus culture plays in enforcing the 20-hour rule? • The structure should consider whether time limits for required athletics activities outside the championship season should be adjusted?	Refer discussion to the Championships/Competition Cabinet; specifically, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.	**Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee received an update on SAAC activities related to this issue. SAAC is contemplating a continuation of its review on the issue. (3/19/08)** **The OMG commended the SAAC for its leadership role on this issue and agreed education was the best approach. (7/08)**	C/C Cabinet liaisons: Joni Comstock/Dave Schnase/ Wayne Burrow/Brad Hostetter/Carol Reep SAAC liaisons: Curtis Holloman, Matt Stach, Sarah MacInnis

k. The structure should conduct an assessment of competition opportunities and whether there is a need for possible enhancements. This discussion should focus specifically on the unintended consequences resulting from institutional concerns on maintaining competitive balance.	Refer discussion to the Championships/Competition Cabinet.	**Current staff discussion regarding this issue. (11/1/07)** **C/C Cabinet began the review process during February 2008 meeting and will continue their review during the June 2008 meeting. (3/18/08)** **The recommendation was to incorporate the theme into the new cabinet's discussion. (7/08)**	C/C Cabinet liaisons: Joni Comstock/Dave Schnase/Wayne Burrow/Brad Hostetter/Carol Reep

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