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Rick Villarreal, University of North Texas; and Danielle Neault, student-athlete representative from the University of the Pacific were not able to attend. No alternates attended in their places.

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The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet submits this report from its September 16-17, 2008, in-person meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

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

(1) Recommendation. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recommends that the NCAA Division I Legislative Council sponsor noncontroversial or emergency legislation 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 grade seven. (NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee)

(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 prospective age participants (grade nine 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 nonprospective age participants. Noninstitutional camp operators have now begun to conduct camps or clinics for elite grades seven and eight 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 prospective 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 grades seven and eight 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 prospective student-athlete will help address such concerns and further the creation of a healthier environment for the recruitment of men's basketball prospective student-athletes.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

BUDGET INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **NCAA Championships Travel Strategic Review.**

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet received a presentation from NCAA staff related to championships travel. It was noted that travel costs in Division I have increased 31 percent (approximately $7 million) from the last academic year and in the past three years, expenses have increased almost 58 percent (approximately $11.7 million). The NCAA is projecting for next year an increase of $6 to $7 million in Division I travel expenses. In addition to the increased costs, it is likely that airline capacity will decrease significantly which will impact the NCAA's ability to transport teams and individual student-athletes to their championship destinations in a timely and efficient manner.

In light of these challenges, the NCAA Executive Committee Finance Committee approved a review of travel-related issues and requested that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet provide an initial report of any recommendations related to championships travel management for the October 30 NCAA Division I Board of Directors and the NCAA Executive Committee meetings.

During its meeting, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet was presented with, reviewed and discussed three tiers of recommendations geared toward mitigating the travel challenges. The first tier of recommendations did not require Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approval and will be implemented immediately by the NCAA staff. Listed below are the initiatives included in the first tier.

a. Championships manager and sport committees will consider revising selection times or contest dates to allow a minimum of 48 hours between selection release and the time a team has to depart for a competition site and between rounds of a championship.

b. Championships manager and sport committees will consider the timing of scheduling teams for their initial practice sessions at the championships site to help make the most cost-effective travel arrangements.

c. Championships manager and sport committees will attempt to avoid obvious capacity conflicts in air travel (e.g., common spring break destinations mid-March through mid-April and high cost cities with minimal capacity).

d. NCAA travel policy will be amended to specify that the NCAA shall reimburse for incremental commercial airline baggage charges for a maximum of two bags per traveler, including bags containing sports equipment.

e. The travel policy will be amended to specify that when reasonable bulk shipping options for sports equipment are available, the NCAA shall reimburse the lesser of the bulk ship amount or the incremental cost by an airline or charter transporting the travel party (prior to implementing this policy, the NCAA will explore options for bulk shipping). This plan contemplates truck transport by institutional personnel or agent.

f. Sport committees will implement the use of travel management software (NCAA proprietary software currently developed) as a tool for committees to use in determining brackets and preliminary match-ups. The information gained by using the software will be one consideration and will not be the sole or the primary driver in the bracketing process.

g. NCAA staff will continue to work with commercial airlines and charter companies to enhance or expand current discounts.

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved the single recommendation in the second tier for fall sports. This recommendation for all fall championships increases the travel policy mileage limitation threshold from 350 to 400 miles and increases the policy regarding ground commute from the nearest airport to the championships site from 120 to 150 miles and gives the NCAA travel staff the discretion to increase the mileage (minimally) if necessary and reasonable. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed that a sound business case exists for increasing the mileage limitation thresholds (excluding Division I basketball which is covered by a separate recommendation below), approved implementation for fall championships

due to their immanency, and agreed to consider implementing the change for winter and spring championships in the context of the tier-three review.

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet received a summary of tier-three recommendations (set forth below) and agreed that additional discussion by the membership would be appropriate.

a. Increase the travel policy mileage-limitation threshold from 350 to 400 miles for all winter and spring sports (excluding Division I men's and women's basketball – see Item b below) and increase the policy regarding ground commute from the nearest airport to the championship site from 120 to 150 miles and provide the travel staff the discretion to increase the mileage (minimally) if necessary and reasonable.

b. Increase the travel policy mileage-limitation threshold from 300 to 350 miles for Division I men's and women's basketball and increase the policy regarding ground commute from the nearest airport to the championship site from 120 to 150 miles and provide the travel staff the discretion to increase the mileage (minimally) if necessary and reasonable.

c. Limit the number of seeded teams to 25 percent of the bracket and require all sports excluding Division I men's and women's basketball, regardless of a sport's ability to generate revenue, to adhere to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's seeding/pairing principles, which include a requirement that teams should be placed in brackets per Bylaw 31.1.3.2.5 (geographically).

d. Specify that in sports other than Division I men's and women's basketball, when establishing a bracket, sport committees can avoid conference match-ups only in the first contest. As a result, it would be permissible for teams from the same conference to play against each other in the second game of a regional.

e. Establish a policy that discourages or limits the frequency of (but does not prohibit) conducting championship sites in high-cost destinations, on conducting championships remote from areas of heavy concentration of likely participants and hosting championships in locales outside the continental United States.

f. Establish a policy in all sports, other than football, that would exclude championship travel or competition Wednesday through Sunday of Thanksgiving week. If competition on this weekend is necessary, the contest should be scheduled to avoid air travel or require air travel Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. Wednesday air transportation would not be permitted.

g. Impose a moratorium on any new bracket through the 2012-13 championship cycle.

It was agreed that Championships/Sports Management Cabinet members would solicit feedback from their institutions and conferences and provide the feedback to NCAA staff not later than November 3, 2008. In addition, NCAA staff was charged with soliciting impact statements related to each of the recommendations from sport committees and coaches associations. Finally, it was agreed that all feedback would be reviewed by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (or its NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Administrative Committee) on a conference call in mid to late November 2008.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Informational 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.

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to modify the effective date of Proposal No. 2008-30 from August 1 to immediate, 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 prospective student-athletes participation in basketball; further, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed that the proposal would be modified to include women's basketball. (Men's Issues Committee and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet 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. In addition, the issues identified in this proposal exist in women's basketball as well as men's. Therefore, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recommends that women's basketball be included in this proposal. In supporting the proposal, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet 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. Further, it was noted that the Women's Basketball Issues Committee supports the inclusion of women's basketball.

b. Institutional Camps and Clinics.

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to 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. (Men's Basketball Issues Committee)

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.

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

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2008-49, which the former NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet sponsored, to also include women's basketball. (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

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 basketball, 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 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet believes women's basketball would benefit from being included in this legislation.

d. Proposal No. 2008-69 Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Leagues and Certified Basketball Events – Additional Criteria – Approval of Event and League Operators – Men's Basketball.

The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to modify Proposal No. 2008-69, which the former Championships/Competition Cabinet sponsored, to also include women's basketball for all certified events during the academic year and the summer. (Women's Basketball Issues Committee)

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 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recommends expanding this proposal to include women's basketball. Additionally, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supports the Legislative Council's consideration of this proposal as noncontroversial legislation, but 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.

e. Comments on Proposals Currently in the 2008-09 Legislative Cycle. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet reviewed proposals assigned to it for review that will be considered by the Division I membership as part of the 2008-09 legislative cycle and offered the comments below. Proposals previously sponsored by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet were provided for informational purposes.

(1) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(2) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as drafted noting that it would support the proposal if modified to specify that the student-athlete must be academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition. If the sponsors do not support the suggested modification, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet would support an alternative proposal that would be sponsored by the NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet that would include the suggested modification.

(3) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to request that the sponsors clarify whether the impact of the proposal is that the institution can only provide expenses related to the student-athlete's transportation back to campus. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed that it would support the proposal if that limitation was in place.

(4) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal noting potential challenges related to the availability of facilities.

(5) Proposal No. 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 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as written in favor of Proposal No. 2008-48.

(6) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as written in favor of Proposal No. 2008-48.

(7) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as written noting that of the three proposals (Proposal Nos. 2008-46, 2008-47 and 2008-48), Proposal No. 2008-48 reduces the challenges related to the compression of baseball schedules and likely would result in less missed class time and time away from campus, which ultimately could improve academic performance. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet considered combining Proposal Nos. 2008-46 and 2008-48 but did not believe Proposal No. 2008-46 would be consistent with the recent changes designed to enhance competitive equity between northern and sun belt institutions.

(8) Proposal No. 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).

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: Sponsored by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

(9) 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. 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 United States.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(10) Proposal No. 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 sessions before 20 days prior to the date on which the first permissible contest may occur.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as drafted noting that the proposal may lead to increased costs for the relevant sports.

(11) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as drafted.

(12) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal as drafted. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet discussed supporting the proposal if the minimum number of student-athletes would be reduced from five to three.

(13) Proposal No. 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 exempt from the maximum number of dates of competition.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(14) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(15) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: Sponsored by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

(16) Proposal No. 2008-57 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Track and Field – Safety Exception – Hurdles and Steeplechase. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

(17) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

(18) Proposal No. 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).

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet opposed the proposal expressing concern about the uncertainty surrounding proposed regulations for playing and practice seasons and financial aid. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet would be interested in further discussion when additional detail regarding sand volleyball is developed.

(19) Proposal No. 2008-61 – Committees – Division I Cabinets and Committees – NCAA Division I 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: Sponsored by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

(20) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

(21) Proposal No. 2008-65 – Administrative Regulations – Foreign Tours and Competition – Timing of Tour – Prohibition During Academic Year Labor Day Vacation Period. To specify that an institution shall not participate in a foreign tour that occurs in conjunction with a Labor Day academic year vacation period.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(22) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

(23) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported the proposal as drafted.

(24) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

(25) Proposal No. 2008-73 – Executive Regulations – National Statistics Program. To specify that the 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: Sponsored by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

(26) Proposal No. 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.

Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Comment: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took no position on the proposal.

2. Nonlegislative Informational Items.

a. Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Member Orientation. Championships/Sports Management Cabinet members participated in an orientation program during which the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet received a summary of the new governance structure, reviewed its responsibilities in the new structure, reviewed the legislative process, heard presentations from the previous chairs of the former Championships/Competition

Cabinet subcommittees and received presentations from the NCAA statistics staff and staff liaisons to the following committees: NCAA Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

b. **Approval of Report from June 24-25, 2008, Championships/Competition Cabinet Meeting.** The report from the former Championships/Competition Cabinet's June 24-25, 2008, in-person meeting was approved as previously distributed.

c. **Reports from most recent Board, NCAA Division I Leadership Council and Legislative Council meetings.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet received informational reports from the NCAA staff regarding a variety of topics and learned that the Board has identified four primary issues as being appropriate for Leadership Council examination over the course of the next year, and that the Leadership Council, with the help of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinets, will be asked to develop suggested recommendations. The four assignments given to the Leadership Council are:

(1) To recommend initiatives that will enhance the level of diversity in the Division I governance structure.

(2) To assess the impact of this membership migration and develop reasonable philosophical expectations and legislative requirements that should be adhered to by all institutions desiring to transition to or remain in Division I.

(3) Following review by the Board, to offer recommendations concerning the report of the Task Force on Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics.

(4) To discuss appropriate strategies to consider certain Division I amateurism issues and manage consideration of these issues.

d. **Report of the Administrative Committee**. The Administrative Committee considered an institution's appeal of a misconduct penalty as imposed by the NCAA Division I Men's Baseball Committee. After hearing testimony from the institution and the baseball committee, the Administrative Committee upheld the penalty of a public reprimand.

e. **NCAA President's Report.** President Brand discussed a number of topics important to the membership in general and the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet in particular including the NCAA's strategic plan, three to five year controlling goals, financial pressures and trends in college athletics, challenges related to championships travel and the status of the NCAA's media rights agreements.

f. **Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Policies and Procedures.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet discussed the value of using a set of policies and procedures and reviewed a draft document containing many of the policies and procedures used by the former Championships/Competition Cabinet. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to use the draft document as its policies and procedures and continue to review and modify the policies and procedures as appropriate.

g. **Reports of Sports and Sport Issues Committees.**

(1) Men's Baseball. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet received an informational report from the Baseball Committee noting that the television ratings for the 2008 Men's College World Series (MCWS) were the highest ever and overall attendance reached an all-time high; although, the per game average was slightly down. In addition, it was reported that work continues on the design of a new stadium for the MCWS scheduled to open in Omaha, Nebraska in 2011.

(2) NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

(a) Selection Procedure. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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.

(b) Selection Criteria. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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

(3) NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

(a) Awards. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the third place bout be eliminated from championship competition and the third and fourth place awards be eliminated and replaced with two semifinalist awards. A total of four awards will continue to be awarded (i.e., one for first, one for second and a semifinalist award for third and fourth).

(b) Selection Formula. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved 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.

(4) NCAA Division I Men's Golf.

(a) Regional Selections. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did not approve a recommendation from the Men's Golf Committee 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. It was noted that the coaches did not support the recommendation and the recommendation may have the unintended consequence of discouraging hosts to bid.

(b) Date Formula. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the date formula for the Men's Golf Championship be adjusted to start the championship on the Monday of Memorial Day and finish on the following Sunday, effective with the 2010 championships.

(5) NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the Big West Conference be granted an exception to the six "core member" requirement to receive automatic qualification for its 2009 conference champion.

(6) NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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.

(7) NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the six predetermined regional sites be selected irrespective of region, effective with the 2011 women's gymnastics regionals.

(8) Division I Men's Ice Hockey. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that to be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or above.

(9) NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee.

(a) Minimum Guarantee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved 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) Selection criteria. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the at-large selection criteria be revised, effective 2009. [Attachment A]

(10) NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee.

(a) Automatic Qualification and Play-In Games. See the information in the section below related to automatic qualification on Page No. 30.

(b) Selection Criteria - Primary. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the current primary criterion "wins against common opponents" be changed to "winning percentage versus common opponents."

(c) Selection Criteria - Secondary. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved 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.

(d) Selection Date Formula. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the selection date be changed from Monday to Sunday prior to first-round competition.

(e) Video Exchange Policy. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that a video exchange policy be implemented that requires institutions to provide video of their most recent game to opponents for all rounds of the championship.

(11) NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet reviewed the request of the Women's Rowing Committee to provide feedback regarding the addition of the automatic qualification process for the sport of rowing. It was noted that starting in 2009, women's rowing will move from an individual/team championship to classification as a team championship. The history of team championships indicates that the automatic qualification process is a natural progression for team sports. Although the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet understands the Women's Rowing Committee's desire to explore implementation of the automatic qualification process for rowing, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recommended that it would be best for the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to delay these discussions until there were more conferences eligible for automatic qualification. In light of this recommendation, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did not discuss the various models of granting access to eligible conferences.

(12) NCAA Men's and Women's Skiing Committee.

(a) Selection Criteria – East Region. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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 nonsprint race."

(b) Selection Criteria – West Region. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the following be included for West Region Alpine qualifying criteria:

"The official point's 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."

(c) Championship Scoring – Weighted Results. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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.

(13) NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. It was reported that the moratorium concerning the use of new swimsuit technology was lifted, effective immediately.

(14) NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

(a) America East Conference Waiver. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the America East Conference be granted a waiver per 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.

(b) Big West Conference Waiver. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the Big West Conference be granted a waiver per 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.

(c) Selection Criteria. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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: (1) Wins versus the top 50 teams in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) rankings; (2) Wins versus the top 60 singles players in the ITA rankings for eligible/entered singles players; and (3) Wins versus the top 30 doubles teams in the ITA rankings for entered/ eligible doubles teams.

(d) Selection Procedure. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a 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.

(15) NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet discussed a recommendation from the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee that the current regional qualifying system be replaced with either a two- or three-site regional qualifying format first round of the national championships, effective with the 2010 championships. After thoroughly reviewing the elements and rationale of each proposal along with feedback from the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee and the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA), the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved the two-site, three- day format. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet commended the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee, the former NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet's Bracket/Format Subcommittee, the study group comprised of members of the NCAA Division I Men's and the Division I Women's Track and Field Subcommittee and the USTFCCCA for working diligently to address concerns regarding the current regional format expressed by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet and those in the track and field community. The primary concerns regarding the lack of competitive equity in the current regional system has been exacerbated by the inequity in the number of participants in each of the four regions and the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet believes the models

proposed by the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee addressed those concerns. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recognized the challenge related to the size of the meet and potentially greater travel in the two-site model but placed a higher premium on competitive equity in approving the two-site model.

[Note: A motion to charge the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee with analyzing the competitive and cost issues of the two-site model compared to a model without regionals was defeated.]

The qualifiers for the two-site format will include the top 48 declared student-athletes in each individual event at each site (East and West) 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. [Attachment B]

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 championships final site include 12 student-athletes in each individual event and eight teams in each relay event from each first round site. Twenty-four 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.

(16) NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did not approve a recommendation to allow the Volleyball Committee to require that teams play a minimum of two out of region matches (not being the same opponent) to be considered for an at-large selection to the men's volleyball championship. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did support the Volleyball Committee using “scheduling” as a consideration in the selection process.

(17) NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that effective with the

2009 championship, the selection criteria be modified to include both primary and secondary criteria. Automatic qualification will be provided to five eligible conferences and the remaining at-large teams will be selected to the championship by the following criteria (not necessarily in preferential order):

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

(b) 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 (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); and (4) Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

(18) Division I Wrestling. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a recommendation that the Big 12 Conference be approved per 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.

h. Administrative Policies that have the Potential of Negatively Impacting a Student-athlete's Championship Eligibility. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet reviewed a summary of sports committee policies that have the potential of negatively impacting a student-athlete's championships eligibility. The former NCAA Division I Championships/Competition 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 a student-athlete's institution (e.g., failure to submit an appropriate entry form in a timely manner). The former Administrative Committee allowed the student-athlete to participate but expressed concern about how to best hold institutions accountable for their negligence and suggested that the new Championships/Sport Management Cabinet consider the issue. It was agreed that the NCAA staff will develop models that would treat individual sports consistently, hold student-athletes as harmless as possible and hold institutions accountable for their actions. The cabinet's Administrative Committee will review the models during its February 2009 championship.

i. **Automatic qualification waivers.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet expressed concern over the apparent proliferation of waiver requests related to conference automatic qualification. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet agreed to request that the Administration Cabinet provide the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet with feedback on its position related to waivers of Bylaws 31.3.4.4 and 31.3.4.6. In addition, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet requested that sport committees review their positions on waivers of the aforementioned bylaws that historically have been approved on an annual basis or that are likely to be submitted in the future and provide the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet with feedback at its February 2009 meeting.

j. **Committee Chair Appointments.** The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet took the following action related to committees:

(1) Men's Baseball Committee. The Men's Baseball Committee voted to appoint Tim Weiser, Deputy Commissioner from the Big 12 Conference, as the Men's Baseball Committee chair effective immediately.

(2) Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee voted to appoint Zoltan Dudas, head fencing coach at Princeton University, as the Men's and Women's Fencing Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

(3) Men's Golf Committee. The Men's Golf Committee voted Darin Spease, senior associate athletics director at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, as the Men's Golf Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

(4) Women's Gymnastics Committee. The Women's Gymnastics Committee voted Paul Plinske, director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, as Women's Gymnastics Committee chair effective September 2008.

(5) Women's Lacrosse Committee. The Women's Lacrosse Committee voted Ryan Bamford, associate director of athletics at Yale University, as Women's Lacrosse Committee chair for the 2008-09 academic year.

(6) Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee voted Tracy Huth, athletics director at Oakland University, as Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

(7) Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The Men's and Women's Tennis Committee voted Sybil Blalock, associate director of athletics at Mercer University, as Men's and Women's Tennis Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

(8) Men's Volleyball Committee. The Men's Volleyball Committee voted Brian Summers, assistant director of athletics at Lewis University, to replace Ron Shayka as the Men's Volleyball Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

(9) Women's Water Polo Committee. The Women's Water Polo Committees voted Brian Streeter, director of athletics at Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College, as the Women's Water Polo Committee chair effective September 1, 2008.

k. Automatic Qualification. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet awarded automatic qualification as follows:

(1) Baseball Committee. 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 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) Division I Men's Basketball. 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.

(3) Men's Golf Committee. 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.

(4) Division I Women's Golf. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun 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, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, The Summit League, Sun Belt Conference and Western Athletic Conference. [Note: The list above minus the Big West Conference was previously approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's Administrative Committee but is reproduced for informational purposes in light of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's action to grant the Big West Conference an exception.]

(5) NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee. 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.

(6) NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. 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.

(7) Men's Lacrosse Committee. 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.

(8) Women's Lacrosse Committee. 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 Conference, Ivy Group, and Patriot League. [Note: The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did not approve a recommendation from the Women's Lacrosse Committee that the American Lacrosse Conference be granted a waiver of the six-team requirement. In addition, the Metro Atlantic Conference will host the Northeast Conference in the 2009 play-in game based on the final conference rating Percentage Index for the 2008 season.]

(9) NCAA Division I Softball Committee. 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.

(10) Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. That the following 31 conferences sponsoring men's and women's tennis be awarded automatic qualification into the 2009 championships:

[Note: This action reflects action taken by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to grant the America East and Big West Conferences waivers of the six-team requirement in men's tennis.]

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(11) Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for their individual event champions into their respective outdoor track and field regional championship meets:

(a) 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.

(b) 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 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.

(12) Men's Volleyball Committee. That the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation are granted automatic qualification to the 2009 championships.

(13) NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee. 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.

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