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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

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Indianapolis, Indiana

September 15-16, 2009

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

2. Review of minutes of June 25, 2009, Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet teleconference. [Minutes were sent previously to all cabinet members.] [**Action anticipated**.]

3. Report from September 14 Administrative Committee meeting. [No action anticipated.]

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

   Background: *Appendixes have been reorganized, old appendix J, "Excerpted Legislation Governing Division I Cabinets and Committees" has been removed and the following four appendixes have been added: App C, DI Governance Structure; App I, DI Participation and Sponsorship Ratios Sheets; App N, Budget Timeline; App O, DI Academic Performance Program.*

5. Report from Division I Leadership Council, Division I Board of Directors and Executive Committee August 2009 meetings. (Dave Berst) [No action anticipated.]

6. Report from Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (Danielle Neault) [No action anticipated.]

7. Consent package. [Supplement No. 3] [**Action anticipated**.]

   Background: R*outine matters such as approving the appointment of new committee chairs and the automatic qualification (AQ) of conference teams have been pulled from the sports committee supplements and placed in a consent package for cabinet approval. Any item may be removed from the consent package at the request of a cabinet member.*

8. Review of 2009-10 legislative proposals. [Supplement No. 4] (Brad Hostetter) [**Action anticipated**.]

   Background: The *cabinet will need to review each legislative proposal and support, oppose or offer modifications.*

9. Presentations from championship sport managers. [No action anticipated.]

   Background: S*everal staff sport managers will introduce themselves and provide brief profiles on their championships.*

10. Broadcast contract status and negotiation. (Greg Shaheen) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet will receive information regarding the state of negotiations related to the NCAA's media rights agreements.*

11. Ncaa.com redesign. (Greg Weitekamp) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet will receive information regarding the improvements to ncaa.com.*

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

    Background: *The cabinet will review informational items and formulate a position and/or offer suggested modifications regarding the action items contained in the following sport committee requests:*

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

       Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a championship squad size increase, an increase in umpire championship fees, and money for the umpire improvement program.*

    b. Division I Women's Basketball Committee. [Supplement No. 6] (Judy Rose) [**Action anticipated**.]

       Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve cost savings measures including a decrease in the Women's Final Four travel party size, a reduction in the*

preliminary round host travel party size, and an increase in the travel party mileage threshold.

c. Women's Bowling Committee. [Supplement No. 7] (Monique Holland) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a new committee composition, a format change for qualifying rounds, and format standardization for regular season nonconference tournaments.*

d. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. [Supplement No. 8] (Erin McDermott) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve modifications to the selection criteria, an increase in the regional host stipend, and a championships awards structure – change in format. Also, the cabinet will be asked to modify Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c) such that an institution may pay for more than one "tryout" event for a national team.*

e. Division I Field Hockey Committee. [Supplement No. 9] (Nance Reed) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a policy for selecting the advancing team in the event inclement weather forces suspension of play.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a regional host stipend increase and a regional head rules official stipend, both effective 2011.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a Big West Conference automatic qualification waiver.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an increase in travel party size.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a date formula change; funding for a secretary-rules interpreter; a recommendation for assignment of teams in regional competition; a recommendation to advance the top two teams from each preliminary session instead of the top three teams; a recommendation that all six scores count toward the team total; a change to judge selection; and an increase in fees paid to judges for both regionals and national competition.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an increase in game officials' fees; recommendations that the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee eliminate the at-large member and that the five remaining members include one member from each hockey conference. Also, the cabinet will be asked to sponsor legislation to permit staff members from D II or D III institutions that sponsor D I Ice Hockey to serve on the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. Additionally, the cabinet will be asked to grant a bylaw waiver so College Hockey America can be given an AQ.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a fee increase for game officials sponsor legislation to specify that one DII member on the committee be changed to an at-large position. Also, the cabinet will be asked to approve a waiver for College Hockey America to receive an AQ for the 2011 championship.*

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

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

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a date formula change and an increase in game officials' fees.*

n. Men's and Women's Rifle Committee. [Supplement No. 18] (Carol Reep) [No action anticipated.]

Background: O*ne informational item has been provided to the cabinet.*

o. Division I Women's Rowing Committee. [Supplement No. 19] (Rose Shea) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to allow the rowing committee to grant automatic qualification to conferences, effective 2011. Also, now that rowing is considered a team sport, the cabinet will be asked to decide whether individual awards should continue to be given to individual boats at the championship. Additionally, the cabinet will be asked to approve a revision to the selection criteria. Finally, the cabinet will act on a recommendation that the travel party size be increased by one to accommodate that an administrator from each team attend the administration meeting at the championships.*

p. Men's and Women's Skiing Committee. [Supplement No. 20] (Jeff Stapleton) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an adjustment to the regional allocation formula.*

q. Division I Men's Soccer Committee. [Supplement No. 21] (Tom Hickman) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a date formula change and a revision to the inclement weather policy to allow a host to find an alternate site if the field is unplayable.*

r. Division I Women's Soccer Committee. [Supplement No. 22] (Joan Cronan) [No Action anticipated.]

Background: *Only one informational item has been provided to the cabinet. It concerns various format proposals.*

s. Division I Softball Committee. [Supplement No. 23] (Chris Hoyles) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an increase in the minimum guarantee for regionals and super regionals as well as an increase in umpire fees.*

t. Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. [Supplement No. 24] (Marilyn Moniz-Kaho'ohanohano) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a budget increase for video replay and a realignment of zones for zone diving meets.*

u. Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. [Supplement No. 25] (Sherri Booker) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve AQ waivers for the America East Conference and the Big West Conference. Also, the cabinet will be asked that the committee be allowed to have the top sixteen seeds serve as host institutions for the first- and second-rounds regardless of their geographic location. Additionally, the cabinet will be asked to approve an adjustment to the committee's bracketing principles and a stipend increase for first- and second-round hosts.*

v. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Supplement No. 26] (Brad Walker) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to consider increasing penalties for late declarations. The cabinet will be asked to approve a budget increase to pay for Eagle Eye Video services for use by referees. Also, the cabinet will be asked to approve a reimbursement to hosts of preliminary rounds for the timing groups. Additionally, the cabinet will be asked to approve officials' fees reimbursement for outdoor track and field preliminary rounds, lodging and fees for indoor and outdoor officials, and hiring and reimbursement for five additional cross country key officials. Finally, the cabinet will be asked for its reaction/feedback to the formation of a cross country committee.*

w. Men's Volleyball Committee. [Supplement No. 27] (Jeff Stapleton) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a modification to selection criteria.*

x. Women's Water Polo Committee. [Supplement No. 28] (Paula Smith) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an institutional fine for late score reporting.*

y. Division I Wrestling Committee. [Supplement No. 29] (Jim Fallis) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an AQ waiver for the Big 12 Conference. Also, the cabinet will be asked to approve a bracketing exception to avoid redrawing brackets if a replacement is needed for the championship and it involves an unseeded wrestler.*

13. Report of Men's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 30] (Larry Williams) [**Action anticipated**.]

    Background: *The cabinet will be asked to support the committee's position on various legislative proposals.*

14. Report of Women's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 31, posted online 8/31/09] (Myndee Larsen) [**Action anticipated**.]

    Background: *The cabinet will be asked to support the committee's position on various legislative proposals.*

15. Report of Football Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 32] (Keith Tribble) [**Action anticipated**.]

    Background: *The cabinet will be asked to support the committee's position on various legislative proposals.*

16. Report of Softball Rules Committee. [Supplement No. 33] (Chris Hoyles) [**Action anticipated**.]

    Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve additional funding for bat-compliance testing.*

17. Report of Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 34] (Connie Dillon) [**Action anticipated.]**

    Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve some recommendations related to legislative items and also will be provided informational items.*

18. Budget procedures and allocations for 2010-11 and 2011-12. [Supplement No. 35, to be distributed at the meeting] (Rose) [**Action anticipated**.]

    Background: The *cabinet will prioritize approved budget recommendations.*

19. Travel safety review. [Supplement No. 36] (Steve Brown) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *An update will be provided concerning the process and standards for selecting carriers for NCAA championship travel.*

20. Updates and new information. (Brown) [**Action anticipated**.]

    a. Travel policy.

    Background: *In December 2008, the cabinet agreed to increase the travel mileage limitation from 350 to 400 miles, and increase the mileage policy regarding ground commute from the nearest airport from 120 to 150 miles. The increases were for the winter and spring championships (following the previous approved increase for fall) and the cabinet needs to determine whether to make this increase permanent. [Note: A separate but similar recommendation is being made by women's basketball.]*

    b. Travel management final numbers.

    Background: *The cabinet will be provided an update on fiscal year championships travel.*

    c. Performance standards year end results/observations.

    Background: *The cabinet will be provided an update on the championships performance standards survey.*

    d. Bid cycle update.

    Background: T*he cabinet will be provided information on the bid cycle.*

    e. Sports wagering.

    Background: *The August 6, 2009, Executive Committee policy on sports wagering will be shared with the cabinet.*

21. Men's and Women's Track and Field regionals. [Supplement No. 37] (Dave Schnase) [**Action anticipated.]**

Background: T*he Southeastern Conference asked that track and field regional qualifying be eliminated and that a qualifying standard be implemented to determine national championship participation. This issue also will be discussed during the cabinet's review of Bylaws 17 and 31.*

22. Recommendations from Bylaws 17 and 31 reviews. [Supplement No. 38] (Judy Rose) [**Action anticipated.**]

    Background: *Cabinet members have been asked by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to review Bylaws 17 and 31 (playing season and championships) and develop and forward recommendations to the Board for institutional savings opportunities.*

23. Expense reports. [Supplement No. 39] (Kenny Sprague) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet is being provided information regarding the completion of online expense reports.*

24. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. February 16-17, 2010; NCAA National Office, Indianapolis.

    b. September 14-15, 2010; NCAA National Office, Indianapolis.

25. Other business.

26. Adjournment.

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Schedule for September 15-16, 2009, Meeting of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet At the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

Monday, September 14		**Meeting Room**
Administrative Committee (Dinner provided)	6 to 8 p.m.	Denver
Tuesday, September 15		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Marriott 7-9
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m. to noon	Marriott 7-9
Lunch	Noon to 1 p.m.	Marriott 10
Cabinet meeting	1 to 6 p.m.	Marriott 7-9
Dinner	6 to 7 p.m.	Marriott 10
Cabinet meeting	7 to 9 p.m.	Marriott 7-9
Wednesday, September 16		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Marriott 7-9
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m. to noon	Marriott 7-9

NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Policies and Operating Procedures

[Effective August 11, 2009]

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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 MISSION AND PRINCIPLES

Mission

The Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet will oversee the Division I Championships (including National Collegiate) and provide leadership at a national level for Division I sports programs, sports committees and sports issues committees. The Championships shall provide the highest quality student-athlete experience and fair national-level competition within the context of higher education and stated NCAA Core Values and constitutional principles, particularly those principles related to diversity and gender equity.

Principles

A Division I Championship will be conducted showcasing student-athletes and institutions whose performances have earned them the opportunity to compete for a national championship through automatic qualification or at-large selection. In addition, a Division I Championship shall:

1. Be presented as the foremost intercollegiate athletic event in that sport under the direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committee.

2. Be conducted under fair and safe conditions.

3. Provide championship access reflective of the quality of nationwide competitive excellence and membership sponsorship of the sport.

4. Insure that long-term sustainability of the championship is reflected in sound fiscal management and the development of strategies that can diversify and enhance revenue streams.

5. Be conducted in collaboration with corporate, media and host partners in recognition of their potential to strengthen and support the championship.

6. Recognize the dual objective of serving both the university/college community and the general public.

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.

e. Decisions of the cabinet are not final until after the conclusion of the meeting. Do not tell your conference or make public any cabinet decisions until after the conclusion of the cabinet meeting.

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.

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 Q]

AGENDA DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Any Championships/Sports Management 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.

PROCESSING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The cabinet follows these policies in processing recommendations from committees that report to it:

1. In order that the Association's general operating budget may be prepared in a fiscally prudent manner, committees are permitted to submit recommendations that affect the Association’s biennial budget only at the cabinet's fall meeting (i.e., recommendations with a budget impact will not be considered at the summer or winter meetings).

2. Committees are required to submit cost estimates with recommendations that may affect the general operating budget during the biennial budget process. Such estimates must be considered and confirmed by the committee before it votes to submit the particular recommendation to the cabinet.

3. Committees are required to include academic and financial impact statements in all recommendations that would alter championship dates or formats.

4. The cabinet will not reconsider a committee recommendation within a year from the date that it was first denied unless new information of a significant nature that was not previously considered is provided, or unless the cabinet specifically requests that the recommendation be resubmitted at a future date. The chair of the cabinet is authorized to determine if the new information is significant enough to warrant reconsideration before one year has passed.

5. Recommendations that significantly affect championship formats or the membership in general must be approved at least one year before implementation, unless there is sufficient reason (e.g., overwhelming and documented support from the membership for such recommendation) to establish an earlier effective date.

6. Inflationary funds reserved for officiating fees and expenses will be reviewed every two years at the September meeting.

SPORT COMMITTEE CHAIR SELECTION

The position of chair of a combined men's and women's sports committee will be alternated between representatives of men's interests and representatives of women's interests, with a two-year limit of any individual's term as chair. [Note: A sports committee may request a waiver of this policy by the cabinet. The administrative committee of the cabinet is authorized to act on such a waiver request between meetings of the full cabinet, if necessary.]

An active head coach may not serve as the chair of either a team or individual-team sports committee in that sport. [Note: A sports committee may request a waiver of this policy from the cabinet in sports that are sponsored by less than 60 percent of the membership eligible to participate in the championship.]

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 H, J and L]

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.

Excerpted Legislation and Policies Governing Division I Cabinets and Committees

Eligibility for Membership
[21.7.1]

1. "On the Staff." Individual shall be salaried on a regular basis by a Division I member institution or conference and perform a regular staff function representing at least 50 percent of the normal workload, unless otherwise specified. [21.7.1.1]

2. Modification in Employment Status. If a member's employment status is altered to the extent that the individual no longer meets this requirement, the individual shall be replaced. [21.7.1.1.1]

3. Individuals on Sabbatical or Temporary Leave. An individual on such leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may be considered to be "on the staff." An individual on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve. [21.7.1.1.2]

4. Waiver of Replacement Requirement**.** The Administration Cabinet, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to waive this provision or to approve a delayed replacement if it deems that an immediate replacement would be detrimental to the work of the cabinet or committee involved. [21.7.1.1.3]

Appointments, Method of Selection and Term of Office
[21.7.3]

1. Appointment of Cabinets – Conference Representation. Each conference listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(a) shall have one representative on each of the cabinets. Each of the conferences listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(b) shall have at least two representatives on the cabinets in the aggregate. [21.7.3.1] (see Appendix C)

2. Conference Rotations**.** In consultation with the conferences listed in Constitution 4.2.1-(b), the Leadership Council shall assure that there is a fair rotation among those conferences of representation on more than two cabinets at any one time, and that over any period of time there is a fair rotation of representation on each cabinet. [21.7.3.1.1] (see Appendix Q)

3. Term of Office of Cabinets**.** Members of cabinets shall be appointed for one four-year term. A former cabinet or committee member may be appointed to an additional term on that cabinet or committee after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on a cabinet or committee may not serve further on that cabinet or committee. [21.7.3.2]

Removal from Cabinet or Committee
[21.7.3.2-(f)]

The chair of each cabinet may recommend to the Administration Cabinet that a member be replaced if he or she is not properly discharging his or her duties.

Conflict of Interest
[21.7.4]

A cabinet or committee member shall not participate in the cabinet or committee's discussion or vote on any action that might bring direct or indirect financial benefit to the member or any organization in which the member is financially interested (other than the member's institution or the conference of which it is a member). A violation of this rule by a member of a cabinet or committee shall not invalidate the action taken by the cabinet or committee if, following disclosure of the conflict of interest, the cabinet or committee authorizes, ratifies or approves the action by a vote sufficient for the purpose, without counting the vote of the cabinet or committee member with the conflict of interest, and the Leadership Council approves such action. (see Appendix D)

Requirements Related to Association-wide General Committees
[21.2]

Method of Selection. Each division's governance structure shall appoint members to serve on the general Association-wide committees, consistent with the division's committee appointment procedures. The membership of each committee shall include representatives from each of the Association's membership divisions, including each subdivision of Division I. The Executive Committee also shall ratify policies regarding length, location and expenses of the Association-wide committee meetings. [21.2.1]

Requirements Related to Division I Sports Committees with Championships Administration Responsibilities [21.7.6.5.5.3]

Composition Requirements.

1. For committees that administer championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, associate or assistant athletic directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full-time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part-time as administrators by member conferences and full-time by member institutions). [21.7.6.5.5.3.1]

2. For committees that administer championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each sports committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. [21.7.6.5.5.3.1]

NCAA Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering

August 6, 2009, the NCAA Executive Committee voted to approve the following policy, effective immediately:

> "*"No pre-determined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship."*

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 1. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

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

3. Women's Bowling Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 7, item 4. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

4. Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 8, item 6. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

5. Women's Ice Hockey Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 15, item 2. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

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

7. Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 17, items 3. of cabinet agenda.]
   -automatic qualification

8. Division I Women's Rowing Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 19, item 5. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair

9. Division I Softball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 23, items 3. and 4. of cabinet agenda.]
   -committee chair
   -automatic qualification

10. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 26, item 8. of cabinet agenda.]
    -committee chair

11. Men's Volleyball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 27, item 1. of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification

12. Women's Water Polo Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 28, items 2. and 3. of cabinet agenda.]
    -automatic qualification
    -committee chair

Legislative Proposals Referred to the NCAA Division I Championships/Sport Management Cabinet

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
2009-75	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Conference USA and Southwestern Athletic Conference	August 1, 2010	To specify that the required medical examination or evaluation that student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST).	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
2009-76	PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS --	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	Immediate	To specify that countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m., except for during participation in a conference championship or an	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
	COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 A.M.				NCAA championship, in any competition that begins prior to midnight and concludes after midnight, or a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).	
2009-77	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 PRACTICES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference and Big East Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of practice prior to its first regular-season contest.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Women’s Basketball Committee.
2009-78	PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS --	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Atlantic Coast Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition to 26 contests and one	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Women’s Basketball

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
	MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS				qualifying regular-season multiple team event or 28 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event.	Committee.
2009-79	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, to reduce the number of dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment as specified; further, to specify that team travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Field Hockey Committee. Men's Lacrosse Committee. Women's Lacrosse Committee. Men's Soccer Committee. Women's Soccer Committee. Women's Softball Committee. Men's and Women's Track and Field

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
						Committee. Women's Volleyball Committee. Men's Volleyball Committee.
2009-80	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- 14 WEEKS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Conference USA	Immediate	In football, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Thursday preceding the 14th Saturday prior to December 1.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Football Issues Committee. Football Committee.
2009-81	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SUMMER CONDITIONING PERIOD	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Mountain West Conference	Immediate	In football, to permit an institution to designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Football Issues Committee. Football Committee.
2009-82	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES ON AN	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Pacific-10 Conference	Immediate	In women's rowing, to specify that the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete outside of	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Women's Rowing Committee.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
	OUTSIDE TEAM -- VACATION PERIOD EXCEPTION AND OUTSIDE TEAM TOURS -- WOMEN'S ROWING				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 and who may participate in international competition as a member of an outside team on a foreign tour shall not exceed two.	
2009-83	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING SEASON AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Sun Belt Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's sand volleyball, to establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes, as specified.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Women's Volleyball Committee.
2009-84	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's soccer, to increase the preseason practice units from 21 to	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON REGULATIONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- WOMEN'S SOCCER				29; further, to establish criteria governing the activities permitted during the preseason practice period, as specified.	Men's Soccer Committee. Women's Soccer Committee
2009-85	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOFTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST DATE -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big Ten Conference	August 1, 2010	In softball, to specify that an institution that has not begun classes by September 15 may commence preseason practice sessions on or after that date and may play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition on or after that date.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Women's Softball Committee.
2009-87	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Pacific-10 Conference	Immediate; however, a contract signed before August 14, 2009 may be honored.	To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour.	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. All sports committees.
2009-88	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Atlantic 10 Conference	August 1, 2010	In basketball, to permit an incoming student-athlete (freshman or	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
	AND COMPETITION -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES -- INCOMING-STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- BASKETBALL				transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided: (a) he or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and (b) he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; further, to specify that a basketball student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour.	Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. All sports committees.

Proposal Number: 2009-75

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST

Intent: To specify that the required medical examination or evaluation that student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team must undergo prior to participation in voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST).

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.7 unchanged.]

13.11.3.8 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Football.

[13.11.3.8.1 through 13.11.3.8.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.8.3 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation**, which shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST),** administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.9 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Basketball. In basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provide he or she:

[13.11.3.9-(a) through 13.11.3.9-(b) unchanged.]

13.11.3.9.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation**, which shall include sickle cell solubility test (SST),** administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.10 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and

conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

13.11.3.10.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation**, which shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST),** administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any weight training or conditioning activity.

13.11.3.11 Safety Exception -- Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. In sports in which the safety exception is applicable in Bylaw 17, a prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may participate in voluntary individual workouts in the presence of the institution's coach and in the institution's regular practice facility when the prospective student-athlete uses equipment related to the sport. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workout.

13.11.3.11.1 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception, a prospective student-athlete who will be a first-time participant shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation**, which shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST),** administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must have been administered within six months prior to participation in any safety exception activity.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.5, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation**, which shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST),** administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated

history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

Source: Conference USA and Southwestern Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: According to the National Athletic Trainers Association, acute exertional rhabdomyolysis from sickle cell trait is one of the top three causes of nontraumatic sports deaths in high school and college student-athletes. While all 50 states now screen at birth for sickle cell trait, this information can be lost over the years and may leave many college student-athletes unaware that they may be carriers of the trait. The administration of a sickle cell solubility test (SST), in addition to an established athletics department policy for managing the care of student-athletes with the trait, can lessen the chances of an untimely death. The SST is relatively inexpensive to administer compared to the heavy toll associated with a student-athlete's death. Lastly, this legislation is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being. This legislation will reduce the risk associated with the sickle cell condition by requiring a screening in medical examinations for all student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility.

Budget Impact: Minimal.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 15, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-76

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 A.M.

Intent: To specify that countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m., except for during participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship, in any competition that begins prior to midnight and concludes after midnight, or a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

17.1.6 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.6.1 through 17.1.6.5 unchanged.]

17.1.6.6 Additional Restrictions.

[17.1.6.6.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.6.2 Countable Athletically Related Activities Between Midnight and 5 a.m. Countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m.

17.1.6.6.2.1 Exceptions. Countable athletically related activities may occur between midnight and 5 a.m. under the following circumstances:

(a) During participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship;

(b) Participation in any competition that begins prior to midnight and concludes after midnight; or

(c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).

[17.1.6.6.2 renumbered as 17.1.6.6.3 unchanged.]

[Remainder of 17.1.6 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, some coaches require that student-athletes participate in countable athletically-related activities between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. Engaging in athletics activities during these hours can be detrimental to the health of student-athletes. A proper amount of sleep is vital to success and exercising late at night or early in the morning could negatively affect student-athletes, both on and off the field. Being forced to perform at a high athletic level when the mental and physical state of a student-athlete is already weakened increases the risk of injury or illness. Further, student-athletes are encouraged to eat following workouts to refuel their bodies. These late night workouts force student-athletes to eat late at night, further reducing the proper amount of sleep they receive and detrimentally affecting their diets. Finally, countable athletically related activities held in the middle of the night may jeopardize a student-athlete's academic performance by preventing him or her from obtaining a good night's rest before a test, or causing the student-athlete to fall asleep during class.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: Restricts time period for countable activities.

History

Jun 23, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-77

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 PRACTICES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of practice prior to its first regular-season contest.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.2, as follows:

17.3.2 Preseason Practice -- On-Court Practice.

17.3.2.1 Men's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the Friday nearest October 15 (see Figure 17-2).

17.3.2.2 Women's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of practice prior to its first regular-season contest.

[17.3.2.1 through 17.3.2.2 renumbered as 17.3.2.3 through 17.3.2.4, unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference and Big East Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Recent modifications to the first permissible contest date in women's basketball have reduced the number of preseason practice opportunities by up to seven practice days. This proposal allows the number of practice days in women's basketball to remain at a constant level of 30, which is generally consistent with the number of practice opportunities permitted prior to the adoption of the current legislation. Additionally, this proposed flexible preseason practice schedule permits coaches to best use practice and "off" days to benefit student-athletes prior to the first contest. While the existing preseason practice schedule essentially dictates that practice must occur during every possible day, the flexible approach offered in this proposal provides each coach with the ability to determine when to use the practice opportunities depending on the team, the team's needs and the academic calendar. For example, a coach may provide the team days off to study for midterm exams, to take advantage of fall vacation periods or to recover from injuries.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: On-court practice will begin on an earlier date, but additional days off will be included during the preseason practice period.

History

Jun 23, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-78

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition to 26 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple team event or 28 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5, as follows:

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations - Institutional.

17.3.5.1.1 Men's Basketball. An institution shall limits its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in **men's** basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and One qualifying regular-season multiple team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.1.~~1~~**3**; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event.

17.3.5.1.2 Women's Basketball. An institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in women's basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3);

(a) 26 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.1.3; or

(b) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event.

[17.3.5.1.1 through 17.3.5.1.2 renumbered as 17.3.5.1.3 through 17.3.5.1.4, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Many conferences choose to play their women's basketball tournaments a week earlier than before, thereby compressing the time during which regular season contests may be played. This proposal would provide some relief from the shortened schedule.

Additionally, in an effort toward cost containment, institutions are attempting to regionalize their nonconference regular season schedule in order to reduce their travel budget. Institutions that are not located near Division I nonconference opponents are forced to travel further out of their region, resulting in additional travel costs. By eliminating one nonconference contest, institutions will realize cost savings in travel as well as in paying game guarantees. Finally, this change addresses concerns regarding the lack of available institutional facilities and academic issues related to missed class time and the academic rigors placed on the student-athlete.

Budget Impact: Reduction in institutional travel budgets. Reduction in guarantees paid and received.

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

History

Jul 14, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2009-79

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, to reduce the number of dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment as specified; further, to specify that team travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.7.5.1.1, as follows:

17.5.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*five*~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment. **Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.8.5.1, as follows:

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*five*~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.10.5.3 and 17.10.5.4. **Travel to competition during the nonchampionship segment be restricted to ground transportation.**

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.13.5.1, as follows:

17.13.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in lacrosse during the institution's lacrosse playing season to 17 dates of competition in men's lacrosse and 17 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*five*~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.15.5.3 and 17.15.5.4. **Travel to competition during the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.19.5.1, as follows:

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*five*~~ **three** dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. **Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.5.1, as follows:

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*eight*~~ **two** contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. No class time shall be missed for competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities) conducted during the nonchampionship segment. **Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.25.7.1, as follows:

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the institution's women's volleyball playing season to 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~*four*~~ **two** during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. **Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.25.8.1, as follows:

17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the institution's men's volleyball playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than ~~*four*~~ **two** dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. **Travel to competition in nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.**

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Economic pressures have caused athletics programs to examine expenditures in all areas. Nonchampionship segment contests contribute to the development of the team, but, in most cases, are not included in regular season records or in determining postseason championships access. As a result, reducing the number of contests played during the nonchampionship segment is a prudent action given the resource challenges facing many institutions.

Budget Impact: Anticipated savings associated with fewer nonchampionship segment competitions.

Impact on S-A's Time: Anticipate reduction in time spent traveling to and participating in nonchampionship segment competition.

History

Jun 23, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-80

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- 14 WEEKS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Thursday preceding the 14th Saturday prior to December 1.

Bylaws: Amend 17.9.3, as follows:

> 17.9.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football prior to the Thursday preceding ~~*Labor Day*~~ **the 14th Saturday prior to December 1** (see Figure 17-2).

Source: Conference USA

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Under the current legislation, the number of available weekends for competition in football varies from year to year. Allowing institutions the opportunity to compete in twelve football contests in a fixed playing season that always includes fourteen Saturdays prior to December 1 will permit greater flexibility in scheduling and establish consistency. Additionally, a standard playing season is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being inasmuch as it helps student-athletes to fulfill academic obligations by increasing the number of weekends off over the course of a twelve game season. Further, results of the Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students in College (GOALS) and the Study of College Outcomes and Recent Experiences (SCORE) surveys reveal that football student-athletes reported more hours spent on athletics during the season than on academics. Finally, stress reactions (e.g., physical and mental health issues) were reported at the highest rates among football players within the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Budget Impact: Additional week of expenses in those years which would not otherwise include 14 weeks.

Impact on S-A's Time: Increases the number of weeks in the season (in years which would not otherwise include 14 weeks) without increasing the limit on the number of contests.

History

Jun 29, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-81

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SUMMER CONDITIONING PERIOD

Intent: In football, to permit an institution to designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period.

Bylaws: Amend 17.9.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2):

(a) Conditioning Activities. Student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.2; as follows:

[17.9.6-(a)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Summer Conditioning Period. Between the ~~*start of summer conditioning and the start of preseason practice*~~ **conclusion of the academic year and the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice**, an institution shall conduct its out of season conditioning period as follows:

(a) ~~*Institutions shall count back nine weeks from the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice.*~~ **An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks as its summer conditioning period.** During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time.

(b) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.8. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week.

(c) All remaining weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of an institution's designated summer conditioning period shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

[Remainder of 17.9.6 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current legislation governing summer conditioning was adopted, in part, to reduce the time commitments on student-athletes by requiring designated discretionary time. By permitting an institution to designate their summer conditioning time period, this will allow more flexibility based on the institution's academic year. The institution will be able to schedule its time periods around the summer school terms that student-athletes attend and for those incoming students who are already on campus. In addition, by keeping the summer conditioning time period at nine weeks, this will continue to provide all institutions the same amount of time to be involved in summer conditioning and will not create any competitive disadvantages.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 10, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-82

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM -- VACATION PERIOD EXCEPTION AND OUTSIDE TEAM TOURS -- WOMEN'S ROWING

Intent: In women's rowing, to specify that the number of student-athletes from any one institution who 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 and who may participate in international competition as a member of an outside team on a foreign tour shall not exceed two.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.15.9, as follows:

17.15.9 Other Restrictions.

17.15.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

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

17.15.9.1.1.1 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. **The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two.**

[Remainder of 17.15.9 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.29.2, as follows:

17.29.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team that includes more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7.

Baseball	4 Gymnastics	2 Softball	4
Basketball	2 Ice Hockey	4 Swimming and Diving	5
Cross	2 Lacrosse	5 Tennis	2

Country					
Fencing	4	Rifle	2	Track and Field	7
Field Hockey	5	**Women's Rowing**	**2**	Volleyball	2
Football	5	Skiing	4	Water Polo	4
Golf	2	Soccer	5	Wrestling	5

[17.29.2.1 unchanged.]

Source: Pacific-10 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: When women's rowing moved from emerging sport status to championship sport status, placing a limit on the number of student-athletes who may compete for an outside team was inadvertently overlooked. This proposal corrects that oversight.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 14, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

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Proposal Number: 2009-83

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING SEASON AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women's sand volleyball, to establish the playing and practice season and the minimum number of contests necessary for sports sponsorship purposes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

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[17.01 through 17.16 unchanged.]

17.17 SAND VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S

Regulations for computing the women's sand volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.17.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's sand volleyball 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 days off per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.17.1.1 Women's Volleyball Student-Athletes Participating in Women's Sand Volleyball. Women's volleyball student-athletes listed as participants for women's sand volleyball must participate fully in women's sand volleyball practices. If student-athletes are practicing women's volleyball skills unrelated to women's sand volleyball, such practices must be counted in the institution's established segment in women's volleyball.

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

17.17.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not pay its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's sand volleyball prior to the following dates:

(a) Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(b) Championship Segment. The first Thursday in March (see Figure 17-2).

17.17.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's sand volleyball by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's sand volleyball during the institution's women's sand volleyball playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4.

17.17.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's sand volleyball 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in women's sand volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete 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.

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's sand volleyball shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff in women's sand volleyball;

(b) Season-Ending Championship Tournament. Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's sand volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Sand Championships). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

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

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition.

(e) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located inside these locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any women's sand volleyball activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.12.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

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

(1) The student-athlete does not miss class 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.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's sand volleyball as a U.S. national team.

17.17.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's sand volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).

17.17.6 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 17.17.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

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

17.17.7 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's sand volleyball 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.

17.17.8 Other Restrictions.

17.17.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

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

17.17.8.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's sand volleyball 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. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two.

17.17.8.1.1.2 May 1 Exception. A student-athlete in women's sand volleyball may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided:

(a) Such participation occurs no earlier than May 1;

(b) The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed two;

(c) The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics; and

(d) No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition.

17.17.8.1.2 Out of Season. An institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's sand volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's sand volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.17.8.1.1.1 and 17.17.8.1.1.2).

17.17.8.1.2.1 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) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's sand volleyball team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.1.1 and 17.29.

17.17.8.1.2.2 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 a 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.

17.17.8.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.17 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.18 through 17.31, unchanged.]

B. 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:

Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Sand Volleyball, Women's	**8**	**10**

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Legislative proposals governing financial aid, recruiting, and personnel for the emerging sport of sand volleyball have already been sponsored by the appropriate cabinets. In order to complete the legislation for the sport, recommendations regarding the playing and practice season need to be considered during the legislative cycle in order to give institutions a comprehensive view of how the sport will be implemented.

Budget Impact: Based on institutional sponsorship of the sport.

Impact on S-A's Time: Based on institutional sponsorship of the sport.

History

Jul 14, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-84

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON REGULATIONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- WOMEN'S SOCCER

Intent: In women's soccer, to increase the preseason practice units from 21 to 29; further, to establish criteria governing the activities permitted during the preseason practice period, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19.2, as follows:

17.19.2 Preseason Practice.

17.19.2.1 Men's Soccer. An 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.

17.19.2.2 Women's Soccer. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in soccer prior to the date that is determined by the application of 29 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest. Preseason practice shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The first day of preseason practice shall include no more than five hours of on-field practice, which must be conducted in no more than two distinct sessions. Student-athletes shall be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first session and the start of the second session;

(b) The second day of preseason practice shall include no more than three hours of on-field practice;

(c) The third day of preseason practice shall include no more than five hours of on-field practice, which must be conducted in no more than two distinct sessions. Student-athletes shall be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first session and the start of the second session;

(d) The fourth day of preseason practice shall include no more than three hours of on-field practice;

(e) All remaining preseason practice days held prior to the institution's first day of classes or first regular-season competition, whichever is earlier, shall include no more than five hours of on-field practice, which must be conducted in no more than two distinct sessions. Student-athletes shall be provided with at least three hours continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first session and the start of the second session; and

(f) Beginning with the institution's first day of classes or first regular-season competition, whichever is earlier, practice shall be conducted in accordance with established time limits for athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.1.6).

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation specifies 21 practice units to determine the first permissible date of preseason practice for women's soccer. By contrast, the legislation specifies 29 practice units for football and women's volleyball. Due to the limited opportunity for preseason practice, coaches feel the need to conduct multiple practice sessions beginning with the first permissible day of practice and continuing throughout the preseason practice period. In some instances, the compressed preseason practice schedule causes coaches to conduct more than two practice sessions during a single day. By expanding the preseason period, this proposal would reduce the need to maximize the number of practices conducted during a short time period. In addition, this proposal limits the number and length of time for practices held during each day. It is anticipated this legislation will encourage coaches to spread out preseason practice sessions, develop practice sessions that reduce the physical impact placed on student-athletes during the first few days of preseason practice and allow student-athletes to better adapt to the demands of preseason practices, which are typically conducted outdoors during a period of high temperatures.

Budget Impact: Anticipated increase in costs associated with addition of eight preseason practice units.

Impact on S-A's Time: Anticipated addition of four days associated with addition of eight preseason practice units.

History

Jun 23, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-85

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOFTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST DATE -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In softball, to specify that an institution that has not begun classes by September 15 may commence preseason practice sessions on or after that date and may play its first contest (game or scrimmage) against outside competition on or after that date.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.2, as follows:

17.20.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in softball prior to September 1 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is later**; however, if an institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15, the institution may commence practice sessions on or after September 15**.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.3, as follows:

17.20.3 First Contest Date. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmages) with outside competition in softball prior to the following dates:

(a) Nonchampionship Segment. **If the institution's first day of classes occurs on or before September 15:** September 1 or the institution's first day of class, whichever is later. **If the institution's first day of classes occurs after September 15: September 15.**

[17.20.3-(b) unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation states that the first permissible preseason practice and competition date during the nonchampionship segment is September 1 or the first day of classes, whichever is later. This standard causes a disparate impact on institutions that begin classes later in September. Those institutions are unable to properly prepare their student-athletes for their first contest since the first practice is delayed by two weeks or more. The impact is more acute for quarter-system institutions located in cold weather regions. Such institutions have fewer days within which to schedule their 45-day nonchampionship segment due to inclement weather in late October and November, which severely limits the possibility of practicing outdoors. Indoor practices are also be impacted by facility availability for a team that is not "in season." As a result of these issues, a blanket waiver was granted last year to permit softball teams to begin preseason practice or competition during

the nonchampionship segment on or after September 15. This proposal seeks to enact the waiver as a permanent legislative change, thereby addressing the competitive equity and safety concerns surrounding this issue. Additionally, the September 15 date addresses academic calendar variances while remaining sensitive to cost concerns.

Budget Impact: Varies based on institutional discretion and current practices related to skill instruction beginning September 15.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 11, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Proposal Number: 2009-87

Title: ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS

Intent: To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.1.3, as follows:

13.11.1.3 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an outside team (e.g., nonscholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for ~~*permissible contests while on a foreign tour*,~~ exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the U.S. national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event, provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.3, as follows:

14.2.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

[14.2.3.1 through 14.2.3.5 unchanged.]

~~*14.2.3.6 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 30.7.2).*~~

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.3, as follows:

14.2.4.3 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

[14.2.4.3.1 through 14.2.4.3.6 unchanged.]

~~*14.2.4.3.7 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year.*~~

D. Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1, as follows:

16.8.1 Permissible. The permissible expenses for practice and competition that an institution may provide a student-athlete are defined in the following subsections. (See Bylaw 16.9 for expenses that may be provided by individuals or organizations other than the institution.)

[16.8.1.1 through 16.8.1.7 unchanged.]

~~*16.8.1.8 Foreign Tour Expenses. An institution may provide a student-athlete with expenses for participation in an institution's foreign tour in his or her sport as provided in Bylaw 30.7.*~~

[16.8.1.9 renumbered as 16.8.1.8, unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 16.11.1.12, as follows:

16.11.1.12 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete:

~~*(a) The use of a return ticket at any time after the conclusion of a foreign tour;*~~

[16.11.1.12-(b) through 16.11.1.12-(h) relettered as 16.11.1.12-(a) through 16.11.1.12-(g), unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

17.1.7 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports. [17.1.7-(a) through 17.1.7-(g) unchanged.]

~~*(g) Foreign Tours. Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.*~~

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

17.2 BASEBALL. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.2.1 through 17.2.4 unchanged.]

17.2.5 Number of Contests.

[17.2.5.1 unchanged.]

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in baseball in one or more foreign countries **<u>or U.S. territories</u>** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.2.5.2 through 17.2.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

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 per Bylaw 17.2.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

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.

[Remainder of 17.2 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 BASKETBALL. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.3.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.3.5.2 through 17.3.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.3.5.4 Foreign Tour. The games played on a foreign basketball tour shall be excluded from the maximum number of contests, provided the tour is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.3.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. In basketball, student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

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.

[Remainder of 17.3 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 BOWLING, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.4.5.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in bowling in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.4.5.2 through 17.4.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.4.5.4 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 17.29).*~~

17.4.6 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 17.4.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.4.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.4 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.5, as follows:

17.5 CROSS COUNTRY. Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.4 unchanged.]

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.5.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.5.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in cross country in one or more foreign countries **for U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.5.5.2 through 17.5.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.5.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.5.6 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 17.5.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.5.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.6 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

17.6 EQUESTRIAN, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.6.1 through 17.6.4 unchanged.]

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.6.5.1 unchanged.]

17.6.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in equestrian in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.6.5.2 through 17.6.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.6.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in equestrian 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 17.29).*~~

17.6.6 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 17.6.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.6.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.6 unchanged.]

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.7, as follows:

17.7 FENCING. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.7.1 through 17.7.4 unchanged.]

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.7.5.1 unchanged.]

17.7.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.7.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[17.7.5.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.7.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption - Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (also see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.7.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.7.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.7 unchanged.]

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.8, as follows:

17.8 FIELD HOCKEY. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.8.5.1 unchanged.]

17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable field hockey contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.8.5.2 through 17.8.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.8.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption - Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.8.6 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 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.8.6.1 Summer Practice. Field hockey 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.

[Remainder of 17.8 unchanged.]

N. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 FOOTBALL. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.9.1 through 17.9.3 unchanged.]

17.9.4 End of Playing Season. A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football shall not be played after the second Saturday or Sunday in December, except for the following:

[17.9.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Bowl Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, ~~*International Competition,*~~ Heritage Bowl and Gridiron Classic. One postseason game approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet or those games played in the Division I Football Championship~~*; football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution*~~, or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. In championship subdivision football only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Heritage Bowl or Gridiron Classic.

[17.9.4.1 through 17.9.4.3 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests.

[17.9.5.1 unchanged.]

17.9.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in football in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.9.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.9.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following:

[17.9.5.2-(a) through 17.9.5.2-(i) unchanged.]

~~*(j) Foreign Tour. The football games played 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 17.29);*~~

[17.9.2.2-(a) through 17.9.5.2-(i) relettered as 17.9.2.2-(j) through 17.9.5.2-(k) unchanged.]

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2):

[17.9.6-(a) through 17.9.6-(b) unchanged.]

[17.9.6.1 unchanged.]

17.9.6.2 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.

[Remainder of 17.9 unchanged.]

O. Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

17.10 GOLF. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 through 17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.10.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.10.5.1.1 through 17.10.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.10.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.10.5.1.4 unchanged.]

[17.10.5.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.10.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt a foreign tour from its 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 17.29).*~~

17.10.6 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 17.10.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.10.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.10 unchanged.]

P. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 GYMNASTICS. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.11.1 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable gymnastics dates of competition in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.11.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[17.11.5.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.11.5.3 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. The contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.11.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.11.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.11.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.11 unchanged.]

Q. Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

17.12 ICE HOCKEY. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Contests.

[17.12.5.1 unchanged.]

17.12.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in ice hockey in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.12.5.2 through 17.12.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.12.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.12.6 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 17.12.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.12.6.1 Summer Practice. Ice hockey 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.

[Remainder of 17.12 unchanged.]

R. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

17.13 LACROSSE. Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

[17.13.5.1 unchanged.]

17.13.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in lacrosse in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for dates of competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.13.5.2 through 17.13.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.13.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.13.6 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 17.13.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.13.6.1 Summer Practice. Lacrosse 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.

[Remainder of 17.13 unchanged.]

S. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 RIFLE. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.14.1 through 17.14.4 unchanged.]

17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.14.5.1 unchanged.]

17.14.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rifle in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.2.5.2 through 17.2.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.14.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaws 17.14.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.14.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.14 unchanged.]

T. Bylaws: Amend 17.15, as follows:

17.15 ROWING, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs.

[17.15.1 through 17.15.4 unchanged.]

17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.15.5.1 unchanged.]

17.15.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in rowing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.15.5.2 through 17.15.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.15.5.4 Foreign Tour. The dates of competition in rowing 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 17.29).*~~

17.15.6 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 17.15.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.15.6.1 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.

[17.15.7 through 17.15.8 unchanged.]

17.15.9 Other Restrictions.

17.15.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

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

17.15.9.1.1.1 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. **The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed two.**

[Remainder of 17.15 unchanged.]

U. Bylaws: Amend 17.16, as follows:

17.16 RUGBY, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.16.1 through 17.16.4 unchanged.]

17.16.5 Number of Contests.

[17.16.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.16.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.16.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in women's rugby in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.16.5.2 through 17.16.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.16.5.4 Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played 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 17.29).*~~

17.16.6 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 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.16.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.16 unchanged.]

V. Bylaws: Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 SKIING. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.18.1 through 17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.18.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.18.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.18.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in skiing in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.18.5.2 through 17.18.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.18.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.18.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete's institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.18.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.18 unchanged.]

W. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

17.19 SOCCER. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.19.1 through 17.19.4 unchanged.]

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.19.5.1 unchanged.]

17.19.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.19.5.2 through 17.19.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.19.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.19.6 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 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.19.6.1 Summer Practice. Soccer 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.

[Remainder of 17.19 unchanged.]

X. Bylaws: Amend 17.20, as follows:

17.20 SOFTBALL. Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.20.1 through 17.20.4 unchanged.]

17.20.5 Number of Contests.

[17.20.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.20.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.20.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in softball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.20.5.2 through 17.20.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.20.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt those softball games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29), from its maximum number of softball contests during any academic year.*~~

17.20.6 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 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.20.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.20 unchanged.]

Y. Bylaws: Amend 17.21, as follows:

17.21 SQUASH, WOMEN'S. Regulations for computing the squash playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.4 unchanged.]

17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.21.5.1 unchanged.]

17.21.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in squash in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.21.5.2 through 17.21.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.21.5.4 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 17.29).*~~

17.21.6 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 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.21.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.21 unchanged.]

Z. Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 SWIMMING AND DIVING. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.4 unchanged.]

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.22.5.1 unchanged.]

17.22.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in swimming and diving in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.22.5.2 through 17.22.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.22.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.22.6 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 17.22.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.22.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.22 unchanged.]

AA. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 TENNIS. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.4 unchanged.]

17.23.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.23.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.23.5.1.1 through 17.23.5.1.3 unchanged.]

17.23.5.1.4 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in tennis in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.23.5.2 through 17.23.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.23.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.23.6 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 17.23.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.23.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.23 unchanged.]

BB. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 TRACK AND FIELD, INDOOR /OUTDOOR. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.24.1 through 17.24.4 unchanged.]

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.24.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.24.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.24.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.24.5.2 through 17.24.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.24.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

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 Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

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.

[17.24.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[Remainder of 17.24 unchanged.]

CC. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

17.25 VOLLEYBALL. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.25.1 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

17.25.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

[17.25.7.1 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.25.7.2 unchanged.]

17.25.8 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.

[17.25.8.1 unchanged.]

17.25.8.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Men. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's volleyball in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for those contests played in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.25.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.25.9 unchanged.]

~~*17.25.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.25.~~*11*~~**10** 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 Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.25.11~~*11*~~**10**.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball 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.

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 renumbered as 17.25.11 through 17.25.12, unchanged.]

DD. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.26 WATER POLO. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.26.5.1 unchanged.]

17.26.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in water polo in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** 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 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.26.5.2 through 17.26.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.26.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption — Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.26.6 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 17.26.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.26.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.26 unchanged.]

EE. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 WRESTLING. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.4 unchanged.]

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.27.5.1 unchanged.]

[17.27.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in wrestling in one or more foreign countries **or U.S. territories** except for competition in Canada and Mexico ~~*or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29)*~~, the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

[17.2.5.2 through 17.2.5.3 unchanged.]

~~*17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7 (see Bylaw 17.29).*~~

17.27.6 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 17.27.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.2.

17.27.6.1 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.

[Remainder of 17.27 unchanged.]

FF. Bylaws: Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 FOREIGN TOURS

17.29.1 ~~*Institutionally*~~ **Institutional or Conference** ~~*Certified*~~ Tours. A member institution **or conference** ~~*may*~~ **shall not sponsor or** participate in ~~*competition in any sport on*~~ **a** foreign ~~*tours*~~ **tour** ~~*certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth under Bylaw 30.7*~~.

~~*17.29.1.1 Contest Exclusions. Any contest or date of competition played on a certified foreign tour shall be excluded from the limitations set forth in this bylaw.*~~

~~*17.29.1.2 Timing of Tour. A foreign tour taken during the summer vacation period shall be considered to have occurred during the academic year after the summer for purposes of Bylaws 17 and 30.7.*~~

~~*17.29.1.3 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a U.S. commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a U.S. territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) is not considered a foreign tour*~~.

17.29.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team ~~*that includes*~~ **shall not include** more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution ~~*must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 30.7*~~.

Baseball	4 Gymnastics	2 Softball	4
Basketball	2 Ice Hockey	4 Swimming and Diving	5
Cross Country	2 Lacrosse	5 Tennis	2
Fencing	4 Rifle	2 Track and Field	7
Field Hockey	5 **Women's Rowing**	**2** Volleyball	2
Football	5 Skiing	4 Water Polo	4
Golf	2 Soccer	5 Wrestling	5

~~*17.29.2.1 Institutional Foreign-Tour Limitations. A member institution shall be charged with its foreign-tour opportunity in a sport and its once-in-four-years limitation if the institution is represented by more than the number of student-athletes specified under Bylaw 17.29.2 on an outside team participating in a foreign tour in that sport.*~~

GG. Administrative: Amend 30, as follows:

30 Administrative Regulations

[30.01 through 30.6 unchanged.]

~~*30.7 FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION. A member institution may participate in a foreign tour in any sport (see Bylaw 17.29), provided the conditions specified below are met.*~~

~~*30.7.1 Certification of Tour. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.*~~

~~*30.7.2 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 14.2.3.6):*~~

~~*(a) If the tour takes place during the summer, the student-athletes shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that he or she is eligible for competition the academic year immediately following the tour; or*~~

~~*(b) If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition.*~~

~~*30.7.2.1 Incoming Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either:*~~

~~*(a) On or after the first permissible practice date in the involved sport; or*~~

~~*(b) On or after the first day of classes of the student-athlete's first regular academic term at the institution.*~~

~~*30.7.3 Football Postseason Opportunity. A foreign football tour shall be considered that institution's postseason opportunity for that season, the accounting period to commence with the start of the institution's normal beginning of fall football practice.*~~

~~*30.7.4 Time Lapse between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years.*~~

~~*30.7.5 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour.*~~

~~*30.7.6 Opponents. The team shall not compete during the tour against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries.*~~

~~*30.7.6.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. It is permissible for rowing teams representing NCAA member institutions to compete against each other as part of the Henley Royal Regatta.*~~

~~*30.7.7 Practice Limitation. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted prior to departure. Practice is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period.*~~

~~*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 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 Prohibition Prior to Championship Segment. In sports in which separate dates are specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition for the championship segment (e.g., women's volleyball, basketball, baseball), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour during the period beginning 30 days prior to the first permissible practice date until the first permissible date for a contest or date of competition in the championship segment in the applicable sport. In sports in which the same date is specified for the first permissible date of practice and the first permissible date of competition (e.g., gymnastics, lacrosse, swimming and diving), an institution may not engage in a foreign tour for a period of 30 days prior to the first day of the institution's declared playing and practice season (first permissible date ofpractice or competition) for the championship segment in the applicable sport.*~~

~~*30.7.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete $20 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided each day of the tour, up to a maximum of 21 days.*~~

~~*30.7.10 Passports. An institution may purchase passports for its student-athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports. The institution also may provide student-athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports.*~~

[30.8 through 30.18 renumbered as 30.7 through 30.17, unchanged.]

Source: Pacific-10 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate; however, a contract signed before August 14, 2009 may be honored.

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Topical Area: Administrative Regulations

Rationale: While visiting foreign nations is a part of the learning experience, foreign tours are viewed by many institutions as an additional opportunity to get a head start on the ensuing

season. Saving the costs of such tours seems to be logical in difficult economic times. In addition, when women's rowing moved from emerging sport status to championship status, placing a limit on the number of student-athletes who may compete for an outside team was apparently overlooked. If this proposal is adopted, such a limit will be important in order to prevent an institution's team from participating in an outside tour as a team.

Budget Impact: Potential for significant savings.

Impact on S-A's Time: Reduction on time demands of student-athletes.

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Proposal Number: 2009-88

Title: ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES -- INCOMING-STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to permit an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided: (a) he or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and (b) he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; further, to specify that a basketball student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour.

A. Administrative: Amend 30.7.2.1, as follows:

30.7.2.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either:

(a) On or after the first permissible practice date in the involved sport; or

(b) On or after the first day of classes of the student-athlete's first regular academic term at the institution.

30.7.2.1.1 Exception -- Basketball. In basketball, it is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and

(b) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour.

B. Administrative: Amend 30.7.4, as follows:

30.7.4 Time Lapse between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. **In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour.**

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Administrative Regulations

Rationale: An institution is not permitted to engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. Therefore, a student-athlete who initially enrolls as a freshman during the fall term after a summer foreign tour will not have an opportunity to participate in the institution's next foreign tour until the summer after his or her senior year. By that time, many student-athletes will have graduated and/or exhausted their eligibility. Consequently, one class every four years may not have a legitimate opportunity to participate on a foreign tour. This proposal addresses this issue in basketball by allowing an incoming student-athlete to participate in a foreign tour that takes place during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment, provided certain conditions are satisfied. Prospective student-athletes who enroll in an institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment are no longer subject to contact restrictions, are eligible for financial aid, are eligible to participate in voluntary summer workouts with strength and conditioning coaches and are considered student-athletes for purposes of Bylaw 16. Consistent with such treatment, incoming basketball student-athletes should also be permitted to participate in a foreign tour with their teammates during the summer prior to enrollment.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on S-A's Time: None.

History

Jul 06, 2009: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Legislative Proposals Referred to a Committee that Reports to the NCAA Division I Championships/ Sport Management Cabinet

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
2009-10	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE-ASSISTANT COACH -- EMPLOYMENT WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF GRADUATION OR EXHAUSTING ELIGIBILITY -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010; for new appointments of graduate assistant coaches on or after August 1, 2010	In bowl subdivision football, to specify that a graduate-assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-11	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE-ASSISTANT COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S ROWING -- LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big 12 Conference	August 1, 2010	In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, to specify that a graduate-assistant coach may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies during his or her final semester or quarter of the degree program, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.	Football Issues Committee. Women's Rowing Committee.

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	DURING FINAL TERM					
2009-12	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT-ASSISTANT COACH	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	August 1, 2010	To permit a student-athlete to serve as an undergraduate student-assistant coach at the institution at which the student-athlete most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete is currently enrolled at the institution as a full-time undergraduate student and he or she renounces any remaining eligibility in the sport; further, to specify that the limit of undergraduate student-assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit of countable coaches permitted in the sport.	Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Football Issues Committee.
2009-13	PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- PERMISSIBLE CALLERS -- EXCEPTION -- VOLUNTEER COACH -- TRACK AND FIELD	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Pacific-10 Conference	August 1, 2010	In track and field, to permit a volunteer coach to make telephone calls to and receive telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification exam.	Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee.
2009-14	PERSONNEL --	Legislative	NCAA Division I	August 1, 2010	To establish criteria by which an	Men's Basketball Issues

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	DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- MANAGER	Council Initial Consideration	Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet		individual may serve as a manager, as specified.	Committee. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Football Issues Committee. Baseball Committee
2009-15	PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING ACTIVITIES -- NONCOACHING ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBER WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	Immediate	To permit noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities to participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition).	Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Football Issues Committee.
2009-16	PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- CONTACT AND EVALUATION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FALL EVALUATION PERIOD --	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In football, to permit ten coaches to recruit off campus at any one time during the fall evaluation period during any week (Sunday through Saturday) in which no regular season competition is scheduled.	Football Issues Committee.

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	EXCEPTION -- FOOTBALL					
2009-19	PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	August 1, 2010	To specify that an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball shall have a limit of two coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time; further, to specify that an institution that sponsors women's sand volleyball and women's volleyball shall have a limit of four coaches who may be employed and a limit of two coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus at any one time.	Women's Volleyball Committee.
2009-20	PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- ON-CAMPUS EVENTS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Atlantic Coast Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member who attends an athletics event on the institution's campus that involves women's basketball prospective student-athletes is considered an off-campus recruiter.	Women's Basketball Issues Committee.
2009-22	AMATEURISM AND ELIGIBILITY --	Legislative Council Initial	NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet	August 1, 2010; applicable to student-	To specify that prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment,	Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

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	INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- EXCEPTION -- PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION	Consideration		athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2010	an individual may enter into an agreement to compete on a professional team and compete on a professional team, provided the agreement does not allow for receipt of more than actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team; further, in sports other than tennis, swimming and diving and women's volleyball, to specify that a student-athlete who does not initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution within one year (six months for tennis) or the next opportunity to enroll following the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class and participates in organized events after the specified time period shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition for each year of participation and shall fulfill an academic year in residence on matriculation at the certifying institution before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.	
2009-24	AMATEURISM --	Legislative	NCAA Division I	Immediate	In men's ice hockey, to specify	Men's Ice Hockey

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	INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- TRYOUTS -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY	Council Initial Consideration	Amateurism Cabinet		that a prospective or enrolled student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the National Hockey League (NHL) or a professional sports organization that is a member of the NHL to attend the NHL scouting combine, regardless of the duration of the combine.	Committee.
2009-27	RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- EVALUATION DAYS -- SPRING EVALUATION PERIOD -- 168 DAYS -- FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In football, to specify that the spring evaluation period shall consist of 168 evaluation days (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) from April 15 through May 31, selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-28	RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- OFFERS OF FINANCIAL AID -- TRYOUTS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's soccer, to revise or establish restrictions related to contacts, telephone calls official and unofficial visits, offers of financial aid and involvement in nonscholastic-based soccer programs, as specified.	Women's Soccer Committee
2009-30	RECRUITING --	Legislative	NCAA Division I	Immediate	In men's basketball, to specify	Women's Basketball

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	PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	Council Initial Consideration	Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee)		that a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities shall not attend an off-campus athletics event involving prospective student-athletes (e.g., high-school contest, sports camp) unless the staff member is an immediate family member or legal guardian of one of the participants in the activity; further, to establish conditions by which a staff member who is an immediate family member or legal guardian of a participant may attend such an event, as specified.	Issues Committee.
2009-31	RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS -- ASSISTANT DESIGNATED AS NEXT HEAD COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big East Conference	Immediate	In bowl subdivision football, to specify that an institution's assistant coach who has been designated by the institution to become the next head coach shall be subject to the recruiting restrictions applicable to the institution's head coach.	Football Issues Committee
2009-35	RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS --	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big East Conference	Immediate	In football, to specify that not more than two coaches per institution may visit a	Football Issues Committee.

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	VISIT TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION -- VISITS DURING EVALUATION PERIOD -- FOOTBALL				prospective student-athlete's educational institution on any one calendar day during an evaluation period.	
2009-39	RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS -- EVALUATION DAYS -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	August 1, 2010	To specify that an institution that sponsors only women's sand volleyball or sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball is limited to 100 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31); further, to specify that if an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball, a coach's involvement outside a volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or sand volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.3 shall count toward the limit.	Women's Volleyball Committee.
2009-45	RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL VISIT -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- JUNE IMMEDIATELY	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big Ten Conference	Immediate	In football, to specify that a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit during the month of June immediately preceding the	Football Issues Committee.

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	PRIOR TO SENIOR YEAR -- FOOTBALL				prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.	
2009-47	RECRUITING -- LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- WRITTEN OFFER OF AID BEFORE SIGNING DATE -- FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big East Conference	August 1, 2010	In football, to specify that prior to August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution shall not provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-48	RECRUITING AND FINANCIAL AID -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- LETTER OF INTENT RESTRICTION -- LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF SIGNINGS -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be an annual limit of 28 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid from the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent through May 31.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-49	RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- COMPETITION AGAINST PROSPECTIVE	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In football, to prohibit an institution's varsity and subvarsity intercollegiate teams from competing against any team that includes prospective	Football Issues Committee.

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	STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FOOTBALL				student-athletes.	
2009-50	RECRUITING AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- QUIET PERIODS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Big 12 Conference	Immediate	In women's soccer, to specify that during a dead or quiet period, institutional coaching staff members may not coach a local sports team at an off-campus competition where prospective student-athletes are present; further, to establish quiet periods in women's soccer, as specified.	Women's Soccer Committee.
2009-51	RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCATION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee)	Immediate; a contract signed before September 17, 2008, may be honored	In men's basketball, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.	Women's Basketball Issues Committee.
2009-53	RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- CONDUCTED DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST -- FOOTBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southern Conference	Immediate	In football, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-54	RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT IN NONINSTITUTIONAL, PRIVATELY OWNED	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Ivy Group	Immediate	In football, to specify that an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed in a	Football Issues Committee.

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	CAMPS OR CLINICS AT ANY LOCATION -- FOOTBALL				noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic at any location during the two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June and July as declared by the institution.	
2009-55	RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT OF COACH -- QUIET PERIOD -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	August 1, 2010	In women's volleyball, to specify that it is not permissible for a coach to be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) at an institutional or noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic conducted off the institution's campus during a quiet period.	Women's Volleyball Committee.
2009-56	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Men's Basketball Issues Committee)	Immediate	To establish additional criteria that must be satisfied in order for an institution to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, as specified.	Women's Basketball Issues Committee. Football Issues Committee.
2009-57	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- QUIET PERIODS IN JANUARY	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Patriot League	Immediate	In football, to revise the recruiting calendar to eliminate the quiet periods in January, as specified.	Football Issues Committee.
2009-58	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS --	Legislative Council Initial	Big West Conference	September 1, 2010	In men's soccer, to establish a recruiting calendar, as specified.	Men's Soccer Committee.

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	RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S SOCCER	Consideration				
2009-59	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- EVALUATION PERIOD IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAMPIONSHIP	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet	Immediate	In women's volleyball, to designate Thursday of the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through the Sunday immediately following the championship as an evaluation period; further, to specify that an institution's authorized coaching staff members may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during this period, that the event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship and that coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day.	Women's Volleyball Committee.
2009-65	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- WOMEN'S	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Mountain West Conference	August 1, 2010	To specify that the one-time transfer exception to the four-year transfer residence requirement is not applicable to student-athletes in women's volleyball.	Women's Volleyball Committee.

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	VOLLEYBALL					
2009-66	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- COMPETITION OR RECEIPT OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID IN YEAR OF TRANSFER -- TENNIS	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In tennis, to specify that a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if he or she has competed during the same academic year or received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution.	Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.
2009-68	FINANCIAL AID -- MIDYEAR REPLACEMENT -- GRADUATION DURING PREVIOUS YEAR -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	Atlantic Coast Conference	August 1, 2010	In women's volleyball, to specify that the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of that academic year.	Women's Volleyball Committee.

Proposal Number	Title	Status	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Group Responsible for Review
2009-70	FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL	Legislative Council Initial Consideration	NCAA Division I Awards, Benefits and Expenses and Financial Aid Cabinet	August 1, 2010	In sand volleyball, to establish the maximum equivalency and counter limitations, as specified.	Women's Volleyball Committee.

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. **Automatic Qualification.**

   a. Recommendation. That the following 30 conferences receive automatic bids for their conference champion into the 2010 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship:

   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.

   b. Rationale. Each conference meets the defined criteria for automatic qualification.

   c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

   d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. **Championship Squad Size Increase.**

   a. Recommendation. That the squad size for the championship be increased from 25 to 27. The official travel party size would remain at 35.

   b. Rationale. This would extend the championship experience for two additional student-athletes at no additional expense to the Association. Institutions would still have room for the four allowable coaches plus four additional institutional personnel in their official travel party (35 persons). Recently, the number of student-athletes on scholarship in baseball was more formally defined when legislation was adopted limiting the number of counters in baseball to 27. With most institutions at this newly defined limit, it is incongruous to have a championship squad size less than the regular season counter limit.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Two additional student-athletes would be involved in the championship during a time when classes are out of session for most institutions.

e. Championship Group Comments. A championship squad size that is 77 percent of the travel party is consistent with many Division I team championships.

3. **Umpire championship fees.**

a. Recommendation. Effective for the 2011 Division I Baseball Championship increase championship fees for umpires to $1,600 (currently $1,380) for regionals, $1,125 (currently $945) for super regionals and $4,162 (currently $3,685) for the Men's College World Series.

b. Rationale. In 2010, the current fee structure for Division I championship umpires will have been in effect for six years. In this time the expenses associated with umpiring have increased (travel, equipment, etc.). Many institutions and conferences are currently reimbursing umpires at a higher rate (per game) than the NCAA. Additionally, the umpires working the championship have a considerable amount of missed work time.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. The total financial impact of the 2011 championship would be $30,969.

Regionals: $280 increase for 96 umpires = $21,120
Super Regionals: $180 increase for 32 umpires = $5,760
Men's College World Series: $477 increase for eight umpires = $3,816

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

4. **Umpire improvement program.**

a. Recommendation. Provide resources to support the baseball umpire improvement program to increase the amount of in-season evaluations of umpires.

b. Rationale. As the baseball championship continues to improve and grow it is important that the level of officiating similarly improve. Increasing the amount of frequency of in-season evaluations by the national coordinator and regional advisors will provide for a better assessment of Division I umpires and better ensure that the best umpires work the championship each year.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $4,000.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **ESPN**. The baseball committee met with representatives from ESPN to review the 2009 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship/Men's College World Series (MCWS) and looked forward to 2010. ESPN was very pleased with this year's Division I Baseball Championship television ratings, which are the highest ever. The committee voted to approve ESPN's request to move the start time of the best-of-three MCWS Finals games thirty minutes later to 6:30 p.m. (local time). The committee will review and consider ESPN's request to move the games times to 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. (local) Monday through Friday of the championship to accommodate ESPN's broadcast of the FIFA World Cup.

2. **CWS of Omaha, Inc.** The baseball committee met with representatives from the Omaha local organizing committee (CWS of Omaha, Inc.) to review the 2009 MCWS. They reviewed feedback from the participating teams, LOC marketing efforts, ticket sales and hotel issues. The committee received and approved the proposed 2010 MCWS ticket prices, which represent a $2 increase on most price-points. The Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority also provided an update on the new baseball stadium and the preparations for its opening in spring 2011.

3. **National Coordinator of Umpires Report**. The national coordinator of umpires provided the committee with updates on the baseball umpire improvement program. The committee approved the use of Arbiter as the official Web site for baseball umpiring information, education and submission of requirements related to eligibility of umpires for post season assignment. Similar to what is happening for other sports, umpires will be required to pay an annual registration fee to have access to the required materials on the website.

4. **Rating Percentage Index (RPI).** The committee will study the impact of regular season home winning percentages to determine if it merits an adjustment to the RPI calculation methodology.

5. **Strategic Planning.** The committee appointed a subcommittee to do strategic planning for the championship as it positions itself for continued growth and to report to the full committee with a draft of the plan at its November meeting.

6. **Championship Policies.** The committee approved several changes to its championship policies including editorial changes to its selection guidelines, reinforcing language

prohibiting banquets and courtesy cars during preliminary rounds, prohibiting ceremonial first pitches during preliminary rounds, requiring the national anthem before each game during preliminary rounds, allowing the use of bullpen phones, broadening the guidelines for use of videoboard replays, and allowing the use of pitch speed displays on videoboards and scoreboards.

Committee Chair: Tim Weiser, Big 12 Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Dennis Poppe, Baseball and Football
Randy L. Buhr, Championships
Damani Leech, Baseball and Football

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 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, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Impact on Student-Athletes' Time. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has traditionally approved all recommended conferences forwarded for consideration by the committee.

2. Women's Final Four Travel Party Size.

a. Recommendation. That the travel party size for the NCAA Women's Final Four be reduced from 100 to 85.

b. Rationale. Based on feedback received from participating institutions, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee discussed ways to reduce travel costs without negatively impacting student-athletes and agreed that reducing the travel party size for the Women's Final Four will assist with cost reductions.

c. Budget Impact. Cost savings of $63,000.

d. Impact on Student-Athletes' Time. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. In reviewing travel party information from previous championships, the committee noted that reducing the travel party size from 100 to 85 for the Women's Final Four would allow participating institutions to

adequately accommodate those individuals for which the travel party was intended. The committee did not feel that a reduction in the travel party size would negatively impact the fan or student-athlete experience.

3. Preliminary Round Host Travel Party Size.

a. Recommendation. That the travel party size for the host institution's team (if selected to the tournament field) in the first and second rounds be reduced from 52 to 32, unless the championship occurs during an official vacation period (e.g., spring break) and the institution's housing and dining facilities are closed, in which case the travel party will remain at 52.

b. Rationale. The committee discussed ways to reduce travel costs and agreed that reducing the travel party size for the host institution during the first and second rounds would reduce costs without negatively impacting the student-athletes.

c. Budget Impact. Cost savings of $10,200 per site when the host institution's team participates in the championship. During the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, this would have resulted in a cost savings of approximately $100,000.

d. Impact on Student-Athletes' Time. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee noted that a decrease in the travel party size from 52 to 32 for the host institution would provide for a significant cost savings, while accounting for the expenses related to playing at home.

4. Championship Mileage Threshold.

a. Recommendation. That the travel party mileage threshold for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship be increased from 350 to 400.

b. Rationale. In reviewing travel costs, the committee noted that increasing the travel party mileage threshold from 350 to 400 would reduce costs without negatively impacting student-athletes.

c. Budget Impact. Cost savings would vary from year to year based on the participating teams and the location of the host sites. During the 2009 championship, this would have resulted in a cost savings of approximately $147,605.

d. Impact on Student-Athletes' Time. Minimal to none.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical Treatment. In the fall of 2009, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved recommendations to increase the travel mileage-limitation threshold from 350 to 400 miles for 31 of the Division I and National Collegiate Championships. Increasing the mileage threshold for the Division I Women's Basketball Championship would make the policy for this championship consistent with 31 of the Division I and National Collegiate Championships.

(2) Operational Concerns. None. The mileage change would provide Short's Travel with greater flexibility in accommodating institutional travel in the short time frame following the selection of the championship field.

(3) Student-athlete experience. Depending on the location of the host site and the participating teams, there may be minimal additional time spent on travel due to the mileage increase. The committee noted that with the continuing decrease in airline capacity along with the waiting time in airports, there would be limited to no impact on time of travel for student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Championship Format**. The committee discussed the format of the preliminary rounds of the championship and agreed to continue with the current format. The committee will continue to conduct an annual review of the format and consider all factors relative to the format model.

2. **Misconduct Issues**. The committee issued six private reprimands and one public reprimand to participating institutions for violations of tournament policies. The committee also penalized two institutions with loss of ticket privileges for 2009 Women's Final Four ticket scalping incidents.

Committee Chair: Jacki Silar, Duke University
Staff Liaison(s): Jackie Campbell, Division I Women's Basketball
Sue Donohoe, Division I Women's Basketball
Michelle Perry, Division I Women's Basketball

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Committee Composition.

a. Recommendation. That the women's bowling committee consist of six members and an additional member who shall be a nonvoting secretary-rules editor (SRE).

b. Rationale. The current legislation governing the composition of the women's bowling committee mandates that the committee have six members, including one member who shall serve as the SRE. The SRE was included in the committee composition initially because a member of the committee at the time the SRE position was created was designated to serve in that role. That individual was selected as a committee member initially and then as the SRE due to his extensive knowledge of the sport and his familiarity with the rules of other bowling entities as the committee developed playing rules and policies. The expertise of the SRE continues to be a valuable resource to the committee, and the committee strongly supports the SRE's continued attendance at the annual committee meeting and at the championship. However, as the number of institutions sponsoring women's bowling continues to grow, a larger pool of administrators and coaches from which to draw committee members is available. With only five committee positions available due to one position being allocated to the SRE, it is sometimes challenging to meet the legislated divisional requirements for the composition of the committee, and an additional committee position will provide more opportunity for diverse representation on the committee.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $3,065.

Meeting	Transportation Costs	Per Diem Days	Per Diem Rate	Hotel Nights	Hotel Rate	Total Cost
Annl Mtg	$600	3	$75	2	$170	1,165
Champ	$600	6	$75	5	$170	$1,900
						$3,065

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. None.

2. Format Change for Qualifying Rounds.

a. Recommendation. That the qualifying rounds at the championship consist of round robin play in which each team bowls one team game against each of the other seven teams; and further, that seeding for championship competition be based on the teams' won-lost record during the qualifying rounds.

b. Rationale. Currently, teams bowl eight team games during the qualifying rounds, and pairings are based on a rotation schedule that ensures that all teams participate at least once on each pair of competition lanes. Under the current schedule, a team may bowl against the same team twice or may not bowl against a team at all. On the championship evaluations, student-athletes and coaches indicated support for shortening the qualifying rounds. The round robin format will decrease the number of games the teams bowl and still allow each team to bowl on each pair of competition lanes. The committee also believes the championship environment will be enhanced by each team having the opportunity to bowl against each of the other seven teams during the qualifying rounds.

Seeding for the championship currently is based on total pinfall during the qualifying rounds. Results throughout the season are based on match play and teams' won-lost records, and the recommended change to seed teams for championship competition based on their won-lost records during the qualifying rounds will make the championship format more consistent with the regular-season format.

c. Effective date. The committee requests that the format change be effective for the 2010 championship. If approved, the committee will notify the membership of the change in the preseason memo sent to all coaches.

d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

e. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes will be less fatigued for competition if they bowl fewer games during qualifying rounds.

f. Championship Group Comments. None.

3. Selection Criteria Related to Regular-Season Nonconference Tournaments.

a. Recommendation. That the cabinet approve a change in the committee's selection criteria such that the daily formats for regular-season nonconference tournaments be consistent based on the number of days of competition. Specifically, one-day tournaments using Baker format (either match play or total pinfall); two-day tournaments using five-person team matches the first day and Baker format (match play) the second day; and three-day tournaments using Baker format the first day (total pinfall), five-person team matches the second day and Baker format (match play) the third day will be considered for selection purposes.

b. Rationale. Events throughout the year use a variety of approved formats. This inconsistency makes competition planning, event management and media coverage difficult. Requiring a consistent format will simplify the process. The National Tenpin Coaches Association proposed the standardized formats in order for all teams to know exactly what to expect throughout the season when they participate in a one-day, two-day or three-day tournament. Conference tournaments will be exempt from the format requirement.

c. Effective date. The committee requests that the format change be effective for the 2010-11 season. If approved, the committee will include the requirement in the 2010 and 2011 women's bowling rules book, notify the membership of the change in the preseason memo sent to all coaches, and also notify all event operators that conduct events in 2009-10 of the future requirement.

d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

e. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes will appreciate knowing well in advance which format they will bowl at each regular-season nonconference tournament and prepare accordingly.

f. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports. The sport of swimming and diving uses standardized programs and order of events for three- and four-day championships meets.

(2) Operational concerns. Requiring standardized formats will promote consistency across regular-season nonconference tournaments and mitigate concerns that event operators select specific formats to advantage or disadvantage particular participating teams. Event operators and the membership will be notified that the committee will not consider results from regular-season nonconference tournaments that do not adhere to the appropriate approved formats.

(3) Fan access/experience. Parents and other fans will appreciate the consistency of the formats and will know in advance the format for each day of competition. The consistent formats also will be helpful to media in preparing for broadcasts and Webcasts.

4. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Frank Parisi, head women's bowling coach at New Jersey City University, serve as chair of the committee.

b. Rationale.

(1) Tenure on committee. Mr. Parisi has served on the women's bowling committee for three years.

(2) Experience with relevant sport. Mr. Parisi has served as the head women's bowling coach at New Jersey City University for nine years and has been involved with the sport since 1972.

(3) Leadership experience. In his community, Mr. Parisi has served as the finance chair of the city council and as the president of the board of education.

(4) Policy waiver. Per the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Policies and Operating procedures Manual, an active head coach may not serve as the chair of a sports committee in that sport. However, cabinet policies permit the sports committee to request a waiver of this policy in sports that are sponsored by less that 60 percent of the membership eligible to participate in the championship. Women's bowling meets this sponsorship requirement. The committee strongly believes that Mr. Parisi's experience, knowledge and passion will enable him to be an excellent leader and spokesperson for the committee, and the committee requests a waiver of the applicable policy.

Committee Chair: Brian Reese, Vanderbilt University
Championship Manager: Jan Gentry, Championships

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

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Selection Criteria - Minimum Number of Bouts.

a. Recommendation. That the current minimum number of bouts to be eligible for the championships be decreased from 21 to 18, effective with the 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. The minimum number of bouts previously was 18; however, the committee had increased it to 21 with the intention of increasing the number of results for review during selections. Unfortunately, the increase did not significantly impact the decision making process, and the committee feels that the requirement has put undue pressure on schools to schedule additional meets to meet this requirement.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. There is no budgetary impact on the NCAA. There possibly could be a budget savings for institutions that are more geographically isolated by decreasing travel associated with scheduling to meet the minimum requirement.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athlete impact would be minimal. Those institutions that could decrease its travel would have less time on the road.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee was sensitive to the fact that the benefits of having the additional contests did not outweigh the costs incurred for some institutions. When the increase was enacted, the economy was stronger and the travel costs were not an issue. Due to the current economic conditions, the committee felt that this was one way to ease the burden, particularly for geographically isolated institutions.

(1) Historical treatment. The minimum number of bouts was 15, and was approved to increase to 18 in 2006-07, then increase again to 21 in 2007-08. The committee now feels that the move to 21 bouts was too ambitious and much more difficult to meet than originally envisioned, particularly in light of the current economy.

(2) Summary of likely opposition. The committee does not believe there would be any dissent for this since its request is to return to the previous requirement.

2. Selection Criteria - Fifty-percent Requirement.

a. Recommendation. That the requirement of a student-athlete being required to participate in 50 percent of an institution's dual meets be removed, effective with the 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. This requirement has made it difficult for student-athletes to remain eligible for the championships if they suffered an injury or encountered circumstances that kept them from competing.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Removing this requirement would have a positive impact on student-athletes by keeping their opportunity for selection intact.

e. Championship Group Comments.

- Historical treatment. The 50-percent requirement was put in place to ensure that student-athletes were competing in a collegiate schedule. Before the advent of the regional qualifying meets, it was possible for a student-athlete to compete in an abbreviated collegiate schedule, while their main focus was on competing for a national team. At the time, the concern was for a student-athlete who competed in a collegiate schedule and should have earned a place at the championships finals might be displaced by someone who did not compete in a collegiate schedule. The introduction of regional qualifying meets put into place requirements that ensured that each student-athlete competed collegiately and earned the opportunity to participate in the championships finals. Regional qualifying meets, coupled with the minimum bout requirement, has made the 50-percent rule obsolete.

3. Win-loss Record Regional Qualification Requirement.

a. Recommendation. That 20 percent be the required minimum win-loss percentage in scheduled dual meets in the same weapon to qualify to compete in a regional tournament, effective with the 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. Currently, the committee believes the minimum required percentage is between 20 and 40 percent, with the actual percentage decided by region. The committee feels that 20 percent is an equitable minimum requirement that can be adopted by all regions. The committee believes that each region should have the same requirement.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Standardizing this requirement across regions makes it more equitable for all student-athletes.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee's intent is to standardize this win-loss percentage requirement across regions so that it is applied fairly and equitably throughout the country. The requirement previously was 20 percent and was changed to the variable 20-40 percent in 2006-07. The committee feels that the variable percentages decide by region does not enhance the championship and that changing the minimum to 20 percent across the regions is equitable and is an appropriate requirement.

The committee does not know a feasible argument for requiring 40 percent as opposed to 20 percent.

4. Regional Host Stipend Increase.

a. Recommendation. That the regional host stipend increase from $3,500 to $7,000, effective for the 2011 championships.

b. Rationale. The current stipend is woefully underfunded. Currently, hosts charge institutions a fee per-student athlete entry to help pay the costs for hosting a large regional event. The current stipend is not enough to pay the officials for the larger regional events. Increasing the stipend will alleviate the financial burden on the host institution so, in turn, they will not have to charge as much (or possibly anything) for entry fees.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $14,000 ($3,500 each for four regional sites).

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee is concerned about the costs to the hosts and, consequently, the participating institutions (which already absorb travel costs since those are not reimbursed by the NCAA for the regional meets).

- Historical treatment. This would be the first increase in the stipend since the regionals were approved in 2005-06.

5. Championships Awards Structure – Change in Format.

a. Recommendation. That only first place be awarded to the combined national collegiate team winner, and that each gender be awarded first through fourth place team awards, effective with the 2011 championships.

b. Rationale. Currently, only four teams awarded trophies at the championships, and those go to the overall teams (combined scores from men and women fencers for each institution). The committee feels there is a gender inequity because it is nearly impossible for institutions that only sponsor only one gender to contend for the team championship.

The awards structure currently awards team trophies to the top four combined teams. Additionally, the national champion travel party also receives watches, and places second through fourth travel parties receive mini trophies.

The proposed structure would award:

First Place Women's Team – Championship trophy and individual team trophies
Second Place Women's Team – Second-place trophy and individual team trophies
Third Place Women's Team – Third-place trophy and individual team trophies

Fourth Place Women's Team – Fourth-place trophy and individual team trophies
First Place Men's Team – Championship trophy and individual team trophies
Second Place Men's Team – Second-place trophy and individual team trophies
Third Place Men's Team – Third-place trophy and individual team trophies
Fourth Place Men's Team – Fourth-place trophy and individual team trophies

Overall National Collegiate Winner (combined) – National champion team trophy with watches

c. Estimated Budget Impact. A maximum of $3,631.40 (worst-case scenario). This would be $2,725 for an additional five team trophies; and a maximum cost of $906.40. The cost of additional mini-trophies is variable depending on the number of student-athletes competing in the championships for a given team. This takes in account comparing the worst-case figure for the current system, then subtracting that from the worst-case figure for the proposed scenario.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes would benefit with the increased opportunity to receive an award.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment. A similar proposal went to the cabinet in September 2005 and was denied. At that time, the committee had the support of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics which saw this as broadening the opportunity for national championship recognition for female student-athletes, especially at women's institutions and for teams that may only sponsor a women's program. The committee feels this is a positive addition to the championships for men's and women's programs.

(2) Applicability to other sports. Rifle does something similarly; however, it is not separated by gender but by discipline. Skiing is structured the most like Fencing currently; and should fencing be approved for this format, the Skiing committee could request a similar structure for its championships, should it want to move in that direction.

(3) Summary of likely opposition. That although the proposal is only to change the structure of the awards format, some might feel that in the act of doing this would create, in essence, separate championships for each gender.

6. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Wendell Jack, director of athletics, California Institute of Technology, serve as chair of the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee.

b. Rationale.

(1) Tenure on committee. Mr. Jack has been on the fencing committee for two years and is knowledgeable of the history and the issues of the sport of fencing.

(2) Experience with relevant sport. Mr. Jack does not have an extensive fencing background, but that is a key reason why the committee chose him to be chair. Since he is an administrator, the committee feels that he will be an excellent moderator during discussions on issues facing the fencing community. The committee also feels that since he is from a Division III school and from the West region (which suffers geographic isolation), he brings a fresh perspective to the position.

(3) Leadership experience. Mr. Jack has been a director of athletics for many years. His administrative experience makes him a strong leader for the group.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM.

Action Item.

a. Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(c).

(1) Recommendation. That fencing receive a waiver to this bylaw; i.e., the stipulation that an institution may only pay for one 'tryout' event for a national team.

(2) Rationale.

(a) Although national team participants may be selected from multiple tryout events for a particular listed competitive event, an institution may provide expenses for only one tryout event for Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games.

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(b) The fencing committee understands the rationale that an institution should not pay for a student-athlete to attend multiple tryout events for a national team, if it only takes one event to 'make' the team. However, in fencing, a student-athlete *must* compete in multiple tryout events to be able selected to the national team since selection is based on points that are awarded for participating and finishing at multiple events.

(c) Dissenters likely would cite that the fencing student-student-athletes who would be financially supported to attend multiple events would receive more benefits than those student-athletes in other sports that are not allowed to be financially supported for attending multiple events. The committee would argue that the fencing student-athletes currently are disadvantaged because

they have to bear the financial burden to attend multiple events to gain the points necessary to make the national team.

This also could create inequities between institutions that can afford to send student-athletes to multiple events and those that cannot afford to do so.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None to the NCAA. There would be a financial impact to those institutions that choose to financially support the travel to these additional events.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes would not have to bear the financial burden to attend these additional events.

Committee Chair: Wendell Jack, California Institute of Technology
Staff Liaison(s): Kelly Shaul, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Inclement Weather Policy.

1. Recommendation. That in the event play is suspended during NCAA championship competition and all efforts have been exhausted, the field hockey committee shall determine the advancing team as follows:

   If less than 35 minutes have been played, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place which states that the game must be completed within a reasonable time period, within 24 hours. If more than 35 minutes have been played, the leading team shall advance. If at least 35 minutes have been completed when play is suspended, and the score is tied, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place.

   The above policy shall be applied to play-in games that cannot be completed before the selection of teams to the championship.

2. Rationale. Every effort will be made to complete the game on the same day it began unless factors dictate otherwise, in which case competition will be held the following day. The current policy states that "if it becomes impossible to play a tournament game, the appropriate subcommittee is authorized to determine which team or teams shall advance." The above policy clearly states how the appropriate subcommittee will make this decision.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None, unless the game must be moved to another site or played another day.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. Improved - procedures are transparent.

5. Championship Group Comments.

   Applicability to other sports. For women's lacrosse play-in games, if a game cannot be completed before the selection of teams for some reason beyond the conferences' control (e.g., inclement weather), the committee will select one of the two teams that would have participated in the play-in game, based on the selection criteria. Division II adopted the same policy while Division III took no action.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Play-in Game Start Times**. The committee agreed that all play-in games shall be conducted Tuesday, with a start time not later than 1 p.m. Eastern time, unless extenuating circumstances warrant a time change. In that case, prior approval must be received from the field hockey committee.

2. **Reprimand**. The committee issued a private reprimand to a participating team for not adhering to pregame protocol for team introductions.

3. **Semifinal Game Times**. The committee agreed that effective with the 2009 championship the semifinal games be played at 2 and 4:30 p.m. The higher seeded team will play in the first game. Games times for the championship game will be dictated by television.

Committee Chair: Nancy Lyons, Boston University
Staff Liaison: Mary Berdo, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Regional Stipend.

a. Recommendation. That the stipend provided to regional hosts be increased from $16,667 to $20,000 effective with the 2011 regionals.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that the additional stipend will allow the host to enhance the championship experience without having to use any of their own money. This year there were hosts that had to use their own money to offset some expenses incurred while operating the regional.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $20,000.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The additional dollars will be used to enhance the regional event to provide a better student-athlete experience at the regionals sites.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. In 2007, the committee asked for the regional stipend to be $20,000 per site, however, the committee believed that going to six regional sites was very important and would be willing to use the allocated dollars that were currently available with no increase in the stipend.

(2) Applicability to other sports. Men's and women's tennis and men's and women's track and field provide stipends for their preliminary round hosts. Women's golf still utilizes a proposed budget process.

(3) Operational Concerns. The committee is concerned that hosts will have to use their own dollars to successfully operate the regional. Each regional has seven rules officials and one committee member present and since those expenses (per diem, lodging, transportation) are no longer considered unbudgeted expenses and are paid for from the stipend it provides for less money to ensure that all essential items are provided. The committee is concerned that if the stipend is not increased that fewer institutions will want to host in the future.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal. There will be little to no opposition to the proposal.

(5) Student-athlete experience. The committee believes that the additional stipend will allow hosts to utilize the stipend to enhance the event and to make the experience similar at each of the six regional sites.

(6) Fan Access/Experience. This will have minimal impact on the fan experience.

2. Regional Head Rules Official Stipend.

a. Recommendation. That a director of rules and course administration be provided for each regional and paid a stipend of $750, effective with the 2011 championships.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that it is necessary to have a director of rules and course administration at each regional to ensure consistency from the regionals to the finals as it relates to course setup and the paperwork that the student-athletes receive. This individual currently recruits and selects rules officials for the regionals, attends to many administrative duties, sets up the golf course and conducts the officials meeting, as well as provides guidance and support to the other rules officials.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $4500.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The committee recommended in 2007 for a stipend of $1000 to each head rules official. The recommendation was approved by the cabinet but as the recommendation moved through the budget process it did not make the final cut.

(2) Applicability to other sports. Currently a stipend is provided to the head rules officials for all three divisions and both genders at the national championship. Women's golf is proposing a stipend as well.

(3) Operational Concerns. The committee believes that this position will enhance the championship experience for everyone with providing a consistent experience from regionals to the finals.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal. There will be little to no opposition to the proposal.

3. 2009-10 Automatic Qualification

a. 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 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. Each conference meets the defined criteria for automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **America Sky Conference Waiver**. (Attachment) The committee discussed the request for a waiver of Bylaw 31.3.4.6 (c) for the American Sky Conference as it relates to men's golf. The committee does not believe that the waiver should be approved as the conference has not yet completed the two year waiting period with six core institutions competing together the preceding two years. The committee believes that a conference should first attain automatic qualification prior to a waiver being approved for competing with less than six core members. While the committee is understanding of the situation the conference was placed in by one of its core members, they also believe that the bylaws are in place to ensure that all conferences that are eligible for automatic qualification have followed the same procedures.

2. Selection Criteria. Questions have been posed to NCAA staff regarding the selection criteria in men's and women's golf. The men's and women's golf committees have very similar criteria in evaluating teams for postseason play. However, the biggest difference is the requirement on the men's side of teams needing a .500 record or above against Division I competition in order to be selected as an at-large team to the regionals. The policy has been in place for the past two years for the men and the committee believes that the rule has been good for men's college golf. It requires a team to demonstrate the ability to perform at a high level while at the same time playing against a number of different opponents. In doing so, it provides the committee with more information when comparing teams across the country.

Committee Chair: Darin Spease, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. 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 2010 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 has six members beginning since 2007-08; 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. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 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, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon Conference, 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."

b. Rationale. The conferences listed above meet all of the requirements to receive an automatic qualification to the championships.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Women's Golf Selection Criteria**. Questions have been posed to NCAA staff regarding the selection criteria in men's and women's golf. The follow criteria is the information the committee utilizes to select the teams and individuals to the championship:

   Head to head competition (Spring vs. Fall)
   Comparisons with common opponents
   Strength of schedule
   Won-loss record (Spring vs. Fall)
   Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and team and individual score vs. par)
   Place finishes in regular-season tournaments
   Eligibility and availability of student-athlete

   Note: Should a decision not be determined when evaluating the above criteria, the committee will break a tie as the criteria are listed with greater emphasis on spring results.

   The women's golf committee does not use the criteria that you must be .500 or above to be considered for selection to the championship. The committee feels very strongly that we are seeing growth in conferences receiving AQs, as we went from 18 to 24 in the past nine years. This system is giving the conferences access as it was designed to do. The committee also determined in reviewing end of year results for the 2008-09 season that there were 15 institutions that were in the top 72 in Golfstat that were not above .500 and eight institutions listed in the top 50. The fact that the championship has been approved for an additional nine institutions to be selected as part of the regionals also allows for more participation opportunities. The final rationale for not using the .500 criteria at this time was that since we are seeing an increase in growth we also need to allow time to see an increase in the strength of the field. Thus, the decision to not adopt the .500 rule was based on all of the above rationale. Simply put, women's golf needs a few more years before we consider this rule. It will continue to be a point of discussion at our annual meeting each year.

2. **MAAC Waiver Request.** (Attachment) The committee reviewed the MAAC request for a waiver to the two year waiting period for its automatic qualification. The committee commended the conference for its commitment to women's golf but believes that a waiver would be unfair to those conferences that have had to wait two years to earn their automatic qualification.

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

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Increase Travel Party Size.

1. Recommendation. Increase the squad size travel party from 12 to 15 effective for the 2009-10 season.

2. Rationale. Men's gymnastics is a sport decreasing in sponsorship. Providing three additional spots on the travel party would create more opportunities for student-athletes to potentially compete in NCAA competitions, specifically the national qualifier and the national championships. The average gymnastics team has 16.9 student-athletes. Only 17 institutions in the country remain that sponsor men's gymnastics. There are fewer opportunities for men to participate and compete in NCAA gymnastics. Increasing the squad size will create opportunities for gymnasts to join one of the existing NCAA programs and be provided with chances to compete. If more student-athletes are able to compete at the national championship, it can potentially increase the visibility and promotion of the sport. Allowing an increase in squad size opens competition opportunities to those who would not have that opportunity if there were numerous other institutions that sponsored men's gymnastics. In addition, many student-athletes are specializing in one event. By increasing the squad size, a team can bring more specialists in a specific apparatus, which can contribute to the quality of the event and competition.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. There would be no direct budgetary impact for the NCAA. The institutions would have to cover the financial expenses associated with per diem and hotel expense for the three additional student-athletes.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. This would allow three additional student-athletes to travel and potentially compete at the national qualifier with the opportunity to advance to the national championships. Allowing an opportunity for these student-athletes to experience the atmosphere and competition speaks to an ultimate goal in collegiate athletics, which is to reach the pinnacle of collegiate competitive success and achievement at the championships.

5. Championship Group Comments. The championship manager must comment with respect to implications of the proposal from the perspective of the NCAA staff, and including information the cabinet would benefit from knowing such as:

   a. Historical treatment of the item.

      - Increasing the squad size from 12 to 15 was recommended in September 2007. The cabinet did not approve the request.

   b. Applicability to other sports.

      - The travel party for women's gymnastics is 15. The women have less apparatuses (four compared to six) and a larger travel party than the men. Allowing for an increase for the men creates more equality.

c. Operational concerns.

(1) Institutions would have to cover the addition of three extra members to the travel party, which would increase institutional budgets.

(2) This could be used as a recruiting tool, especially for those institutions that are financially sound. If coaches started using this as a recruiting enhancer, a possible disadvantage could arise for some institutions that cannot cover the expense to bring three additional members to the national qualifier and championships.

d. Student-athlete experience.

- This action would create more opportunities for student-athletes competing in the national qualifier and national championships.

e. Fan access/experience.

- Increasing the number of student-athletes at the championships would enhance attendance.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEM*.**

Misconduct. The committee issued two misconducts in conjunction with the 2009 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships. Both participating institutions were given private reprimands.

Committee Chair: Robert Dunn, U.S. Naval Academy
Staff Liaison(s): Mary Berdo, Championships
Maisha Palmer, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Date Formula.

a. Recommendation. That modifications to the current date formula be made as follows: Regionals shall be conducted the first Saturday of April, with nationals moving to a Friday-Saturday-Sunday format the third weekend of April, effective with the 2011 championships.

Friday, April 15, 2011
Semifinal 1 – noon
Semifinal 2 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 2011
National Championship – between noon and 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, 2011
Individual Event Finals – between noon and 2 p.m.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that the event needs to be held the same weekend each year so that institutions, conferences and fans can plan accordingly. The current date formula is complicated with shifts made due to the Easter holiday, as well as the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours. Additionally, securing judges has become more difficult as the event shifts weekends each year, thus conflicting with many state and national youth gymnastics events. Conducting competition the same weekend every year will also help in promoting the event.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive. Reduces missed class time since the official practice day will move from Wednesday to Thursday.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports. This move will place the championships on the same weekend as the men's championships. The committee does not believe that this will have a negative impact on either championship. In some years, regional competition is conducted the same weekend as the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours as the nationals conflicted with the Easter holiday. In years when this has occurred, attendance was not impacted at the regional sites. It was also noted that many NCAA championships are conducted on Sunday.

(2) Fan access/experience. The committee feels that the Friday-Saturday-Sunday shift will have a positive impact on attracting fans for Friday's competition. Sunday competition will occur in the afternoon maintaining the option of Sunday departures.

2. Secretary-Rules Interpreter.

a. Recommendation. That funding for the position for a women's gymnastics secretary-rules interpreter be made available, effective with the 2010-2011 season.

b. Rationale. NCAA women's gymnastics currently follows Junior Olympic (JO) Women's Code of Points Requirements (Level 10), with approximately nine pages of NCAA rules modifications. Currently, the committee chair, along with input from a women's gymnastics judge, provides rules interpretations throughout the year. Creating a rules interpreter will eliminate the need of having a current committee member serve in this role. This person would also attend the coaches' association and annual committee meetings as needed.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $6,000 ($3,500 stipend; $2,500 travel, per diem and hotel expenses).

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive; rules would be interpreted consistently throughout the country, which stresses the importance of safety, equity and quality experience for the participants.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The creation and funding for this position was approved by the cabinet in September 2007, but as the recommendation moved through the budget process, it did not receive funding.

(2) Applicability to other sports. The sports of field hockey, ice hockey, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, softball, baseball, and men's and women's swimming and diving all have secretary-rules editors.

3. Assignment of Teams - Regionals.

a. Recommendation. That for regional competition, teams 19-36 be assigned to a site based on geographic proximity rather than remain in region or be moved to the next closest region, effective with 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. This change follows the bracketing policies in place for other NCAA championships. With regions being very large and institutions sponsoring the sport of

women's gymnastics minimal in each region (average of 10 in each region), applying this policy may help to reduce travel for participants. Additionally, the change is warranted since the committee selects the best six sites regardless of region [e.g., Arizona and Illinois are both in the South Central region. If both Kentucky (Central region) and Arizona are hosting, Illinois would travel to Arizona versus possibly being placed at Kentucky].

c. Estimated Budget Impact. The NCAA does not reimburse for regionals. There is a potential to reduce travel expenses for participating institutions.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive.

e. Championship Group Comments.

- Fan access. With teams being placed at a regional site based on geographic proximity, more fans may be able to attend the competition.

4. Championships Format.

a. Recommendation. That the current format of the national championship change from the top three teams to the top two teams advancing from each preliminary session, resulting in four teams competing for the national championship, effective with the 2011 championships.

b. Rationale. Six teams compete in each preliminary session on Day 1 of the championship. With two teams advancing from each session rather than three, the bye rotations are eliminated during the NCAA finals, making it easier for fans to follow the standings. The change also shortens the competition, providing additional recovery time for those student-athletes also competing in the Individual Event Championship the following day, and making it more appealing for a live television broadcast, which in turn gives women's college gymnastics more fan appeal. The four-on-the-floor concept received strong support from the women's gymnastics coaches association.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive. There will be more excitement during the national championship since teams are competing head-to-head. Additionally, awards are not presented to teams finishing in fifth and sixth place.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports. The sports of women's basketball and volleyball have made dramatic changes in their playing rules and formats to bring addi-

tional excitement to the game (shot clock, three-point line, rallying scoring); women's gymnastics is striving to do the same.

(2) Fan access/experience. The committee believes that the change will continue to increase the sport's popularity with the general public by simplifying the conduct of the competition and creating more excitement with head-to-head competition.

(3) Student-athlete experience. Elimination of the byes aligns it more closely with the regular-season format.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal. There are some member institutions that believe changing the current format of the national championship from six to four teams competing on Day 2 reduces competition opportunities. The committee does not believe this to be true since the top 36 teams are still selected overall and 12 teams still advance from the regionals to nationals for an opportunity to compete for a national championship.

5. Counting All Six Scores.

a. Recommendation. That all six scores count toward the team total for NCAA regional and national competition, effective with the 2010 championships.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that the score of every gymnast who competes on an apparatus shall count toward the team's final score. Currently, six gymnasts compete on each apparatus, but only the top five scores count. Making all six scores count toward a team's final score will help reduce the confusion on how the event is scored. It also places importance on each gymnast's routine/performance, which is the case in other sports.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive since all scores count, thus promoting the team concept of the sport.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports. The sports of women's basketball and volleyball have made dramatic changes in their playing rules and format to bring additional excitement to the game (shot clock, three-point line, rallying scoring); women's gymnastics is striving to do the same.

(2) Fan access/experience. The committee believes that the change will help to increase the sport's popularity with the general public by simplifying the conduct of the competition and creating more excitement with every score counting.

(3) Summary of likely opposition to proposal. This proposal was supported by the women's gymnastics coaches association. The committee believes that there may be some opposition from the membership since the current six-up and only five-count format protects some teams, while others believe it will reduce opportunities. The committee believes that having all six scores count creates a more level playing field because coaches now have to be more strategic when planning for competition. It also believes that gymnasts will consider attending other institutions where they can make an immediate impact. Additionally, the committee feels that applying the change to only NCAA regional and national competition may eliminate some of the fear caused by change and still provide teams with opportunities during the regular season to develop the student-athlete.

6. Judges.

a. Recommendation. The committee agreed to select six judges, one from each region, to each regional site. All remaining judges will be selected and assigned based on geographic proximity.

b. Rationale. The changes will help to keep down travel costs and still ensure a diverse representation of judges. The selection will in part be based on experience and recommendations from the coaches, submitted to the NCAA after each regular-season meet. The current policy of selecting five in-region and 10 out-of-region (two from the other five regions) judges is restrictive. The geographic regions for women's gymnastics are quite large and fewer qualified judges reside in some regions. Having the ability to select more than two judges from the respective regions grants the committee flexibility in assigning judges, reduces the number of flights and maintains quality of the judging versus geographic representation. There are pools of judges centrally located to more than one host site. The committee will maintain the policy of assigning no more than two judges from the same state to a regional.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Estimated savings of $10,000. Over the past two years, 85 percent of judges were flown to regional sites. By reducing the number of flights, a savings of $10,000-$15,000 may be realized.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

7. Fees - Judges.

a. Recommendation. That fees paid to judges selected for NCAA regional and national competition be increased as follows:

Officials	Regionals	Nationals	Total Increase
Meet Referee	From $120 to $150 1 meet referee at 6 sites	From $215 to $250 1 meet referee at nationals	$215
Judges	From $200 to $250 16 judges at 6 sites	From $300 for 2 prelims to $400 From $200 team final to $250 From $100 Individual event finals to $150	Regionals $4,800 Finals $3,000
Alternate	From $75 to $90 1 alternate at 6 sites	From $75 to $90 1 alternate over 3 days (from $225 to $270)	$135
	Total Increase		**$8,150**

b. Rationale. Fees for judging at regional and national competition of the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships have not increased since 2002.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $8,150.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Naming of Regional Sites. The committee agreed to name each regional site for the city in which it is being held rather than the region or host institution. The recommendation aligns with the policy currently in place for women's basketball, softball and baseball.

2. Semifinals. The committee agreed to reference the two sessions on Day 1 of the national championships as "semifinal 1" and "semifinal 2" rather than prelims 1 and prelims 2. The change creates consistency with other NCAA championships and is a term understood by fans of all sports.

3. Meet Referee. The committee agreed to assign the national meet referee to a two-year term to ensure consistency in managing the national championships.

4. Reprimands. The committee issued three private reprimands to institutions for the following infractions: not adhering to uniform policies and misuse of credentials.

Committee Chair: Paul Plinske, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Staff Liaison: D'Ann Keller, Championships

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

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Increase of Game Officials Fees.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2011 championship, the game officials fees be increased as follows:

Regionals	**Proposed**	**2009**	**2008**
Referee (2)	$**500**	$400	$500 (1)
Linesman/Asst. Referee (2)	$**250**	$200	$300 (2)
Backup Referee	$**250**	$200	$250
Backup Linesman/Asst. Referee	$**125**	$100	$150
Video Replay Official	$**150**	$100	$200
TiVo Assistant	**$100**	$50(2)	$50(2)

Total proposed fees per game: **$2,125**
Total fees per game in 2009 and 2010: $1,700
Total fees per game in 2008: $1,800

Men's Frozen Four

Referee (2)	$**600**	$500	$600 (1)
Linesman/Asst. Referee (2)	$**350**	$300	$375 (2)
Backup Referee	$**300**	$250	$300
Backup Linesman/Asst. Referee	$**175**	$150	$187.50
Video Replay Official	$**150**	$100	$200
TiVo Assistant	**$100**	$50(2)	$50(2)

Total proposed fees per game: **$2,625**
Total fees per game in 2009 and 2010: $2,200
Total fees per game in 2008: $2,137.50

b. Rationale. Starting with the 2009 championship the number of officials used during each game changed from one referee and two assistant referees to two referees and two linesman. The committee is currently working within the original allocation of funds to pay the officials for the 2009 and 2010 championships. However, this fee should be increased for the 2011 championship to raise it to the standards of the championship.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $6,375.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved an increase in officials' fees in September 2005. At that time, the officiating structure was one referee and two assistant referees. Currently, the structure is two referees and two linesman.

(2) Applicability to other sports. The National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Committee is bringing forward a similar proposal for an increase in fees due to the new nature of the officiating structure.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. Every two years there is an opportunity to provide a recommendation for increases to official's fees. This is consistent with the cabinet's policies and procedures.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee notes that in the current economic times there may be some opposition to this proposal. However, it should be noted that it feels this new officiating structure is in the best interest of college hockey.

2. Committee Membership for 2010-11 and Beyond.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010-11 academic year, the cabinet support a non-controversial amendment to the current bylaw (21.7.6.5.5.3.15) that the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee eliminate the at-large member and that the five remaining members include one member from each hockey conference.

b. Rationale. Starting with the 2010-11 academic year there will only be five ice hockey conferences that will receive an AQ. College Hockey America will cease to exist after the 2010 championship. The committee feels that its composition should change to reflect the correct number of conferences. Currently, the committee is comprised of one member from each of the six ice hockey conferences. This would continue to give each conference equal representation on the committee.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. It would be a savings of $4,965

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has not had any similar requests to approve in the past.

(2) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. The committee feels that this would be in line with other committee composition decisions, with regard to equal representation.

(3) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of this proposal.

3. Automatic Qualification Waiver Request.

a. Recommendation. That College Hockey America be granted a waiver of the automatic qualification bylaw for the 2010 championship.

b. Rationale. College Hockey America has four members and this will be the final year for the conference. The committee has forwarded the AQ approval for College Hockey America for the last few years even though they do not meet the required six institutions. Men's ice hockey falls under the provision that in a sport with less than 30 percent sponsorship a conference with less than the six required schools may be forwarded, by the respective sport committee, to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet for an AQ waiver. The committee feels strongly that this conference should receive an AQ for the 2010 championship to promote the overall competitiveness and growth of men's college hockey.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has traditionally approved this waiver for the sports that fall within the 30 percent membership requirement.

(2) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of this waiver. This conference has been approved for AQ while having less than six institutions for the last few years.

(3) Student-athlete experience. The student-athlete experience in the sport of men's ice hockey would be greatly reduced and diminished if their conference automatic qualification status were not continued as recommended by the committee.

4. Committee Composition.

a. Recommendation. That the cabinet sponsor legislation to permit staff members from an NCAA Division II or Division III institution that sponsors Division I Ice Hockey to serve on the Division I Men's Ice Hockey committee.

b. Rationale. Currently, an institutional staff member at an NCAA Division II or Division III institution is not permitted to be a member of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, even if they sponsor the sport at the Division I level. The committee feels that all institutions sponsoring men's ice hockey at the Division I level should have the opportunity to serve on the men's ice hockey committee. Currently, there are 58 institutions that sponsor men's ice hockey at the Division I level. Of those institutions, 22 are members of Division II or Division III for a majority of their sports except men's ice hockey. The committee feels that those institutional staff members should be able to serve on the committee and propose ideas that would benefit the championship. Currently, certain Ice Hockey conferences have only three or four institutions that can nominate staff to be a member of the committee. This recommendation will allow the committee to expand the pool of individuals that can serve on the committee and help to grow the sport.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. This item has not been brought forward by the men's ice hockey committee in the past. However in 2006 a similar proposal was forwarded by the Ice Hockey Rules Committee and was supported by the cabinet and forwarded on to the Management Council where it was adopted.

(2) Applicability to other sports. This would not be as applicable to other sports since men's (and women's) ice hockey are all single sport conferences.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. As stated above, the cabinet has supported a similar recommendation from the Ice Hockey playing rules committee in 2006.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. Potential opposition could come from those institutions that feel the committee should be composed of full Division I members. The committee feels it is beneficial to have all of ice hockey represented.

5. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2010 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.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended. This recommendation includes College Hockey America if they are granted the waiver requested.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has traditionally approved all recommended conferences forwarded for consideration by the committee.

(2) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of these conferences for automatic qualification.

(3) Student-athlete experience. The student-athlete experience in the sport of men's ice hockey would be greatly reduced and diminished if their conference automatic qualification status were not continued as recommended by the committee.

Committee Chair: Steve Cady, Miami (OH)
Staff Liaison: Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships
Donnie Wagner, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Increase of Game Officials' Fees.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2011 championship, the game officials fees be increased as follows:

	Proposed	2009	2008
Frozen Four			
Referee (2)	$**500**	$275	$400 (1)
Linesman (2)	$**300**	$175	$250 (2)
Backup Referee	$**250**	$130	$200
Backup Linesman	$**150**	$ 90	$125
Video Replay Official	$**200**	$200	$200

Total fees per game: **$2,200**
Total fees per game in 2009 and 2010: $1,320
Total fees per game in 2008: $1,425

Quarterfinals			
Referee (2)	$**400**	$275	$400 (1)
Linesman (2)	$**250**	$175	$250 (2)
Backup Referee	$**200**	$130	$200
Backup Linesman	$**125**	$ 90	$125
Video Replay Official	$**100**	$100	$100

Total fees per game: **$1,725**
Total fees per game in 2009 and 2010: $1,220
Total fees per game in 2008: $1,325

b. Rationale. Starting with the 2009 championship, the number of officials used during each game changed from one referee and two assistant referees to two referees and two linesmen. The committee is currently working within the original allocation of funds to pay the officials for the 2009 and 2010 championships. However, fees should be increased for the 2011 championship to raise them to the standards of the championship.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $2,900 (Frozen Four = $880; Quarterfinals = $2,020).

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The officials' fees for the National Collegiate women's ice hockey tournament have not been increased since March 2002. At that time, the officiating structure was one referee and two assistant referees. Currently, the structure is two referees and two linesmen.

(2) Applicability to other sports. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee is putting forward a similar proposal for an increase in fees due to the new nature of the officiating structure.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. Every two years there is opportunity to provide a recommendation for increases to officials' fees. This is consistent with the cabinet's policies and procedures.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee notes that in the current economic times there may be some opposition to this proposal; however, it should be noted that it feels this new officiating structure is in the best interest of college hockey.

2. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC Hockey; Hockey East Association; and Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

b. Rationale. This reflects all eligible conferences.

3. Committee Composition.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010-11 academic year, the cabinet support a non-controversial amendment to NCAA Bylaw 21.5.2 that the requirement of one Division II member on the committee be changed to an at-large position.

b. Rationale. The current legislation stipulates the following committee composition: Four members: Three from Division I, one from Division II. Required number of administrators: 2. The current sponsorship for National Collegiate women's ice hockey is 37 institutions, of which only two compete at the Division II level. Consequently, the pool of interested and qualified candidates is very small. There currently are nine institutions (24.2 percent) whose multisport membership is in Divisions II and III, and the requested change would provide those institutions with equitable access to committee service. The committee would request that the nominating committee give preference to those institutions when filling the at-large spot.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. This change would broaden the candidate pool and make committee service more available to qualified applicants at all Division II ice hockey schools.

4. Feedback for Automatic Qualification Waiver.

a. Recommendation. The women's ice hockey committee expresses its support of an automatic qualification (AQ) waiver for College Hockey America (CHA) despite the fact that the CHA does not meet the criteria outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4.2, and would like to request feedback from the cabinet regarding this precedent-setting proposal. It should be noted that the CHA has never had six members and would not qualify for the grace period exception outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4.4.3. If approved, this request would be effective for the 2011 championship.

b. Rationale. The CHA currently has five teams, one below the threshold for granting an AQ into the tournament. The committee feels the granting of an AQ to the CHA will support the sustainability of the CHA and help maintain the health of collegiate women's ice hockey.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. Currently only 6 percent of Divisions I and II institutions sponsor women's ice hockey, making the process of securing a new member very difficult. The CHA has gone to great lengths to secure a sixth member; however, forces beyond its control are hindering that process. A brief timeline of the CHA search is listed below:

- 2002 CHA Founded. Member Schools: University of Findlay, Mercyhurst College, Wayne State University (Michigan), Niagara University
- 2003-04 Quinnipiac University announces it will join the CHA
- 2003-04 The Ohio State University agrees in principle to join the CHA
- 2003-04 Findlay announces it will drop ice hockey at the end of 2003-04
- 2003-04 Ohio State withdraws its application and remains in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association
- 2005-06 Robert Morris University joins the CHA
- 2005-06 Quinnipiac leaves for the ECAC
- 2008-09 Syracuse University joins the CHA

Other factors:

- A moratorium on Division I expansion limits the addition of new schools or schools wishing to compete up in women's ice hockey.

- Multiple proposals have been presented to the lone independent institution for membership and have been rejected.

The current sponsorship by conference is listed below. It should be noted that the three ECAC DIII Hockey League schools do not play enough contests versus Divisions I and II opponents to be considered for at-large postseason play and essentially play a Division III schedule.

1. College Hockey America – 5
2. ECAC DIII Hockey League – 3
3. ECAC Hockey League – 12
4. Hockey East – 8
5. Independent – 1
6. Western Collegiate Hockey League – 8

(2) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee recognizes that a waiver of Bylaw 31.3.4.2 would set a precedent and that there may be some opposition to the proposal. However, the committee believes that Olympic sports such as women's ice hockey could use special consideration in the current economic times to help maintain the sport's sustainability.

Committee Chair: Jeff Schulman, University of Vermont
Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following six conferences be recommended for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: American East Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Eastern College Athletic Conference, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and the Patriot League.

b. Rationale. The six conferences meet the requirements to be eligible for automatic qualification including two conferences, the Colonial Athletic Association and the Eastern College Athletic Conference, under Bylaw 31.2.4.5.1 Grace Period.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Increase Umpire Fees.

a. Recommendation. That the official's fees increase approximately $100 per game at all rounds of the championship (from $325 to $425).

b. Rationale. The committee believes that an increase is warranted at this time since fees have not been increased since 2005. The committee also believes that additional response abilities have been placed on the officials with increased television exposure especially at the preliminary rounds. The recommended adjustments would minimally serve to align the fees with the current market.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $5,100.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments. The increase is an effort to compensate men's lacrosse officials at the market rate.

Committee Chair: Tim Pavlechko, Bucknell University
Staff Liaison: Sharon Cessna, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Date Formula (Saturday-Sunday Hosting Options).

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010 championship, the date formula be adjusted as follows:

First Rounds (8)	**Saturday** or Sunday prior to quarterfinals
Quarterfinals (4)	Saturday or **Sunday** prior to finals
Finals	Friday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend

b. Rationale. Currently, first-round competition is conducted on Sunday and quarterfinals on Saturday. Hosting spring championship competition is further challenged by commencement activities, as well as other NCAA championships. Providing host institutions with the flexibility to host on either day will minimize conflicts with other events held on campus.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive, since institutions that could not host in the past due to conflicts with other events now may be able to host. Student-athletes who have missed commencement in the past may be able to attend.

e. Championship Group Comments.

- Applicability to other sports. For men's lacrosse, four of the eight first-round games are held Saturday and four on Sunday; quarterfinal games (two sites), one held Saturday and one held Sunday. Men's soccer also allows for games to be conducted on either Saturday or Sunday.

2. Officials.

a. Recommendation. That all seven officials assigned to the final site of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship be paid a flat fee of $700 each for working the three games.

b. Rationale. The increase in fees is warranted since the current format only provides for four officials working each game. The committee believes that having all seven officials work all three games will positively impact the game since the field officials will be able to focus on the game versus bench behavior. The national assignor in conjunction with the committee would assign three field officials, one official to the table,

two officials to manage bench decorum (one to each bench) and one official would serve as an alternate in the event of injury to a field official.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Estimated $1,300 increase.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive. Involving all seven officials in the management of the game stresses the importance of safety, equity and quality experience for the participants.

e. Championship Group Comments.

- Applicability to other sports. This format is followed at the final site for both Division I men's and women's soccer.

3. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship:

America East Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference
Big East Conference
Colonial Athletic Association
Ivy Group
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

b. Rationale. A total of 10 eligible conferences have applied for automatic qualification to the 2010 championship; eight automatic qualification berths have been allotted. The six conferences above are being recommended for automatic qualification, with the final two berths being awarded via play-in games. The following four conferences will compete in two play-in games: the Patriot League representative will host the Northeast Conference representative and the Mountain Pacific Conference representative will host the Atlantic 10 Conference representative. Participants in the 2010 play-in game were identified based on the final conference Rating Percentage Index ranking for the 2009 season.

Committee Chair: Ryan Bamford, Yale University
Staff Liaison: D'Ann Keller, Championships

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Assistant Technical Director Position. The committee discussed the technical director's role at the championships and believes that this position is very instrumental in the success of the event. However, the committee has discussed the importance of having an alternate person available who can perform the same duties in the event a substitute is needed to ensure the scoring methods are not compromised at the championship site. The committee has been concerned that presently there is not another individual who could continue the work of the technical director at the championship.

Therefore, the committee will establish an Assistant Technical Director position for the 2010 championships in lieu of continuing to have a Statistical Director work at the championships.

In order to establish the Assistant Technical Director position the committee has agreed to eliminate the Statistical Officer position due to the fact that the job responsibilities have become obsolete and official scores are verified with the use of electronic targets.

[Note: The committee is not adding an official. It is just renaming a position and revising the job description to fit today's championship needs.]

Committee Chair: Paul Klimitas, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Staff Liaison(s): Patrick Hairston, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the rowing committee have the ability to grant automatic qualification to conferences, starting with the 2011 championship.

b. Rationale. The cabinet previously approved rowing to be treated as a team sport at its September 2007 meeting, and it took effect for the first time this past season with 16 full teams at the 2009 Championship. Women's rowing had its first championship in 1997; in 2002, rowing went from a National Collegiate championship to three separate divisional championships. The natural next step for rowing, now that it is a team sport, is for all institutions to have access through automatic qualification.

Currently, rowing is the only team sport that does not allow for automatic qualification. The committee has seen tremendous growth in competitiveness in the sport during the past 13 years and feels that the depth of competition in the sport has advanced to the point where it is ready for the natural next step that all team sports have followed.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This would enhance the experience because it would give the opportunity to compete at the NCAA Championships to more student-athletes than at the current time.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item, if any.

(a) Prior consideration. In September 2008, the women's rowing committee requested feedback from the Cabinet about the potential of having more conferences eligible for the championship than 50 percent of the bracket, and any recommendations the cabinet might have to meet this concern. The Cabinet reported back to the rowing committee that it should focus more on the question of whether rowing is ready for automatic qualification than what to do when conferences outnumber 50 percent of the bracket. Currently 16 teams qualify for the championship.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). Rowing was a team sport for the first time in 2009.

(c) Ratios. There are currently six conferences that would be immediately eligible for automatic qualification. In 2011, there will likely be seven conferences eligible for automatic qualification (one conference just finished its first year of having a conference championship). There are three additional

conferences that are only one institution away from being eligible for automatic qualification, and could therefore be eligible with the addition of affiliate members for the 2012 championship.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Rowing is the only team sport without automatic qualification.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet.

- Rowing is the only team sport without automatic qualification.

(4) Operational concerns.

- When nine or 10 conferences become eligible for automatic qualification there are likely to be logistical concerns regarding the play-in opportunity (or lack thereof).

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The opposition to this proposal is two-fold: (1) the opposition feels the championship should be for the best 16 teams, and (2) the opposition feels that the championship isn't ready for automatic qualification. With regards to the first concern, every NCAA team championship uses AQs, and the committee does not feel there is anything in rowing that differentiates it from the others in this regard. While it is evident that with the advent of AQs, some of the teams that would have otherwise qualified will be left at home, the top 12 teams in the nation will still be at the championship. The committee feels that the second concern isn't accurate, and that AQs will, in fact, speed up the maturation process of the championship. The sport of women's rowing has grown a great deal in its 13 years as a championship sport and the committee feels AQs will help the sport grow more than ever by giving opportunities to some institutions that might not otherwise have it. The committee realizes that not all of the institutions that qualify for AQs will be extremely competitive, however, this is no different from any other team sport that the NCAA sponsors.

(6) Student-athlete experience. This would enhance the experience because it would give the opportunity to compete at the NCAA Championships to more student-athletes than at the current time.

2. Individual Awards.

a. Recommendation. That no individual awards be given to individual boats at the championship.

b. Rationale. A full team in rowing is comprised of two Eight boats and one Four boat. Each boat competes separately against like competition, earning points for its team total. Prior to 2009, rowing was considered an individual/team sport and therefore awards were given to the top three finishers in each event. Now that rowing is a team sport, the committee feels that there should only be individual awards for members of the top four teams, regardless of where the individual boat finished.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. A savings of more than $3,500.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None at this time.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item, if any.

(a) Prior consideration. None.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). Rowing was a team sport for the first time in 2009.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Rowing is the only team sport that currently gives out awards to competitors in individual events.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet.

- This will ensure consistency with every other team sport.

(4) Operational concerns.

- None.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition.

- The likely opposition is that there is now potential for an individual to win her event but she would not get an award unless the points earned by that boat was enough to help the team to a top-four finish. The committee feels it is appropriate because as a team sport, the only awards should be for members of the winning teams. In addition, all competitors receive participant medallions.

(6) Student-athlete experience.

- There is potential for negative feedback from student-athletes who finish well in their individual boats but don't finish high enough in the team standings to win an award.

3. Clarification of selection criteria.

a. Recommendation. That the current selection criteria of "results versus regionally ranked teams" be changed to two separate criteria which would be "results versus ranked teams in other regions" and "results versus regionally ranked teams in own region."

b. Rationale. Currently there is some confusion about whether the current criteria of results versus regionally ranked teams is for in-region, out-of-region or both. This now clarifies things for the rowing community. This doesn't change how the rowing committee does business because they have always considered in-region and out-of-region results but now teams will know they are getting credit for both.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item, if any.

- None.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- This will make it more consistent with other sports.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet.

- This will make it more consistent with other sports.

(4) Operational concerns.

- None.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition.

- None.

4. Mandate of administrator at NCAA Championship administration meeting/increase in travel party size.

a. Recommendation. That an administrator from each team be required to attend the administration meeting at the NCAA Championships. Therefore, the committee also would like to request an increase in travel party size from 31 to 32.

b. Rationale. The cabinet previously approved rowing to be treated as a team sport at its September 2007 meeting, and it took effect for the first time this past season with 16 full teams at the 2009 Championship. Currently every team sport mandates that an administrator is on site at the administration meeting that is held at the site of the national championship. Rowing is the only championship that does not currently have this requirement. The majority of individual/team championships do not require an administrator at any of the administration meetings. Currently, the travel party size of 31 allows teams to bring 25 student-athletes, four coaches, team boatman/rigger and SID or trainer. Therefore, the committee will not mandate the administrator without the addition of an increase in travel party size. If approved, the committee would still not mandate that the administrator be a member of the official travel party, but would feel comfortable mandating their appearance at the championship and the administrative meeting due to the increase in travel party size. As outlined above, it would be very difficult to have an administrator included in the 31-person travel party due to the other people that are essential to the team. The committee feels that during these economic times that it would be unfair to ask for an administrator to be mandated at the meeting without the increase in travel party. As in other championships, the committee would like for the administrator to be someone that does not have SID or athletic training responsibilities in order to be free to handle any administrative situations that come up during the championships.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $18,000.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This would make sure an administrator from each institution is on site to support the student-athletes.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item, if any.

(a) Prior consideration. None. Individual/team sport championships typically do not require an administrator on site at the championship. Prior to 2009, rowing was an individual/team sport.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). Rowing was a team sport for the first time in 2009.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Every other team sport mandates that an administrator is on-site for the NCAA Championship.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet.

- Every other team sport mandates that an administrator is on-site for the NCAA Championship.

(4) Operational concerns.

- None.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The opposition to this proposal would likely be the financial ramifications, and therefore if the Cabinet increases the travel party size to accommodate the administrator there should be no opposition.

(6) Student-athlete experience. This would make sure an administrator from each institution is on site to support the student-athletes.

5. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Marshall Foley be appointed chair of the committee.

b. Rationale.

(1) Tenure on committee. Mr. Foley will be entering his third year on the committee and is a respected member of the rowing community.

(2) Experience with relevant sport. Mr. Foley oversees women's rowing at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and runs the conference championship.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Selection of officials. The committee is going to set up a system using the Regional Advisory Committees to select the officials that will be used at the NCAA Championship.

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

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

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Adjustment to the regional allocation formula.

1. Recommendation. That the maximum number of slots a region may receive is three times the number of schools that sponsor the sport minus one.

2. Rationale. The committee feels that if a situation occurs where a region is able to earn spots for all of its regional participants it will not be good for the sport. Student-athletes need to compete for the spots to go to the national championship and instituting this policy will ensure that will happen.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

5. Championship Group Comments.

   a. Historical treatment.

      - This past year was the first time the NCAA Skiing Committee used its current formula to calculate allocations. Upon reviewing the calculations following this year's championships, the committee was in unanimous agreement that this adjustment to the policy needs to be adopted.

   b. Applicability to other sports.

      - This is the only sport that relies on allocations, so there are no true comparisons to be made.

   c. Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet.

      - The cabinet unanimously approved all aspects of the new allocation formula at its meeting last September.

   d. Operational concerns.

      - This will have no affect on any operations.

   e. Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition.

- The west region is likely the only one to be affected by this change and the western committee members were in unanimous agreement with the proposal. They feel there needs to be a competitive aspect of the regional championship.

f. Student-athlete experience.

- This will only enhance the experience of the student-athletes as it will put them in a more competitive environment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

2010 Regional Allocations. The committee confirmed regional berths for the 2010 championships as follows:

Men's Alpine:	Women's Alpine:
East – 18	East – 16
West – 17	West – 19
Men's Nordic:	Women's Nordic:
Central – 8	Central – 7
East – 11	East – 13
West – 20	West – 19

Committee Chair: Drew Galbraith, Dartmouth College
Staff Liaison(s): Mark Bedics, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Date Formula.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2009 championship, the date formula be adjusted as follows:

First Rounds (16)	Thursday after selections
Second Rounds (16)	Three weeks prior to finals (Sunday)
Third Rounds (8)	Two weeks prior to finals (Sunday)
Quarterfinals (4)	One week prior to finals (Friday, Saturday or Sunday)
College Cup	Second full weekend in December (Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday)

Proposed Dates:

First Round (Midweek):	**Thursday, November 19: Noon-7:30 p.m.**
Second Round (1st Weekend):	**Sunday, November 22: Noon-7:30 p.m.**
Third Round (2nd Weekend):	**Sunday, November 29: Noon-7:30 p.m.**
Quarterfinals (3rd Weekend):	Friday, December 4: 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5: Noon-7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6: Noon-1 p.m.

Current Dates:

First Round (1st Weekend):	Friday between Noon and 7:30 p.m. Saturday between Noon and 1 p.m.
Second Round (Midweek):	Tuesday between Noon and 7:30 p.m.
Third Round (2nd Weekend):	Saturday between Noon and 7:30 p.m. Sunday between Noon and 1 p.m.
Quarterfinals (3rd Weekend):	Friday between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday between Noon and 7:30 p.m. Sunday between Noon and 1 p.m.

b. Rationale. The committee prefers the proposed format since there is a week between the second- and third-round games and it reduces travel by teams during the week of Thanksgiving. To accomplish the goal of moving the Tuesday second-round game, the first-round game would be played Thursday, just one day earlier than the current format (Friday). The proposed format provides for travel the Friday immediately after Thanksgiving and possibly the following Monday, if flights are involved. Also, this game would possibly reduce expenses by eliminating flights on the busiest travel day of the year, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $37,000 (Attachment). Projected travel costs for men's soccer for the 2008 championship were under by approximately $19,000. Short's Travel

Management believes playing the first-round games November 19 to offset the midweek game played during the week of Thanksgiving would be helpful in securing better fares and providing teams more flexibility in flight options. The increase partially is based on inflationary increases, as well as speculation on how much more airlines are going to reduce capacity on their flights for the fall. It is exceedingly difficult to tell this far in advance how full the flights will be around Thanksgiving when teams have yet to be selected and host sites are announced just a few days prior to competition.

From 2007 to 2008, airfare costs increased approximately $37,000 overall (not factoring in any payments received from schools for additional passengers); and from 2006 to 2007 airfare costs went up approximately $122,000 overall (again not factoring in school payments).

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive, since student-athletes would not have to travel the week of Thanksgiving. Additionally, second-round, third-round and quarterfinal competition would take place on weekends, allowing for more recovery time between rounds and reduced missed class time.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Operational concerns. First-round competition usually involves games between institutions within driving distance to each other, reducing the travel challenges sometimes presented by midweek games.

(2) Student-athlete experience. The current format has two games being contested the week of Thanksgiving while the proposed format only one game is played after the holiday. With the proposed format change, student-athletes have the opportunity to celebrate the holiday with family and/or friends.

(3) Fan access/experience. Currently, second-round games are conducted the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and are poorly attended due to the majority of students departing campus for Thanksgiving break. Moving the second-round games to Sunday would improve the collegial atmosphere of this round, increase attendance thus potentially increasing revenue.

2. Inclement Weather – Alternate Sites.

a. Recommendation. That the current inclement weather policy be revised as follows:

For preliminary-round sites, a team in the top 16 will automatically be selected as hosts, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host. If a game involves two seeded teams, the higher seed will host, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host.

If the field is unplayable, the host will have the opportunity to find a suitable alternate site. The criteria for an alternate site would be for the field to have a minimum dimension of 70x110 yards, and the field must be deemed playable by the games committee and approved by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee.

b. Rationale. The above language further clarifies the policy and rewards the higher seed with the opportunity to host championship competition.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Positive; policy is clarified and the higher seeded team remains as host.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports. Other sports' policies keep the game in the same locale. Postponement of a game or movement to another venue/day occurs in instances where inclement weather prevails and the game cannot be completed as scheduled.

(2) Operational concerns. Increases efficiency and management of the bracket since the game still will be played within the city of the institution that was awarded the initial hosting opportunity.

Committee Chair: John Diffley, St. John's University (New York)
Staff Liaison: D'Ann Keller, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

***INFORMATIONAL ITEM*.**

Tournament format.

The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee considered feedback from the membership regarding the format of the Division I Women's Soccer Championship. Currently, the format includes the first and second rounds at 16 sites the weekend following many conference championships. The third round consists of one match at eight sites the weekend following the first and second rounds. This is followed by the quarterfinal round at four sites, which also consists of one match. Lastly, the semifinals and championship are contested at one predetermined site.

The committee also considered a 1-2-1-2 format. This format included one match during the first round at 32 sites; second and third rounds at eight sites; one match for the quarterfinal round at four sites; and then the semifinals and championship round at one predetermined site.

Other possible formats, including a 2-2-2 format, (first and second rounds at 16 sites, third and quarterfinal rounds combined at four sites and then the semifinals and championship at one predetermined site) exist but have not been formally presented to the committee.

The committee agreed that the various format proposals have merit but elected to table the discussion until additional issues can be fully vetted. Issues to be discussed related to the 2011 championship and thereafter include whether the men's and women's championships should be combined into one site, which will impact the length of the women's format, as well as the format at the final's site.

Committee Chair: Paul Bradshaw, Baylor University
Staff Liaison: Jeff Jarnecke, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Minimum Guarantees.

a. Recommendation. That the minimum guarantee be increased from $5,000 to $7,500 for regionals and from $7,500 to $10,000 for super regionals.

b. Rationale. The addition of new state-of-the-art facilities with greater seating capacities, additional television coverage at selected regional sites and all eight super-regional sites, and the fact that guarantees for this event have not increased since the format was adopted in 2003, the committee believes that an increase in guarantees is warranted and provides the opportunity for financial sustainability for the championship.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. There would be an increase in budget funds for the NCAA of approximately $60,000 (16 x $2,500 regionals and 8 x $2,500 super-regionals). However, institutions would be responsible for generating the additional $2,500 to meet the requirements.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

(1) History. There has not been an increase in the softball preliminary-rounds guarantee since this format was adopted in 2003; however, quality facilities have grown in numbers and increased seating capacity.

(2) Opposition. Schools may feel they cannot generate an additional $2,500 to meet the new requirements.

(3) This change does not impact to the NCAA national office staff either by requiring additional human or financial resources. This is consistent with the softball committee's strategic plan to provide greater opportunities for increased attendance and revenue.

(4) Could enhance the student-athlete experience by increasing attendance through an enhanced marketing plan in an effort to increase attendance to reach the guarantee.

2. Increase Umpire Fees.

a. Recommendation. That the umpire per game fees increase for all rounds of the championship.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that an increase is warranted at this time since fees have not been increased since 2006. In 2006, fees were increased by approximately $10 per game. The committee believes that additional responsibilities have been placed on

the umpires with increased television exposure especially at the preliminary rounds. Although the committee feels that officials selected for NCAA championship competition should be compensated at a higher rate than they are during the regular season, the recommended adjustments would minimally serve to align the fees with the current market.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $29,400

Round	**Current**	**Increase to**	**Increase**	**Total Funds Requested**
Regional	$750 ($125/game)	$1050 ($150/game)	$19,200	$29,400
Super Regional	$525 ($175/game)	$800 ($250/game)	$6,600	
WCWS	$2,400 ($225/game)	$3,000 ($300/game)	$3,600	

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments. The increase is an effort to compensate softball umpires at the market rate and to align closer to their counterparts in baseball.

3. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Craig White, associate athletics director, University of Georgia, be appointed chair of the Division I Softball Committee.

b. Rationale. Mr. White is entering his third year on the committee and has extensive knowledge and experience in administrative oversight and event operations. The committee members believe that he will provide outstanding leadership and direction in his service as chair.

4. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification privileges for the 2010 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.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences have applied and those listed above met the automatic qualification criteria.

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

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Budget Increase for Video Replay.

a. Recommendation. The NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee approved the use of video replay to be instituted during the season, as well as in championships competition. Video replay may be used at the meet committee's discretion (in consultation with the meet referee), provided it was previously set up for that purpose, aligned with a direct side view of the exchange end and maintain a speed of at least 25 frames/second (.04s). Video of this speed allows for two frames in each direction of what should have been 0.0, allowing for sufficient evidence to be indisputable and clear.

b. Rationale. Timing and judging systems are mechanical and thus prone to periodic failure. The relay takeoff judging uses two mechanical devices to compare times, one on the top of the starting block and the finish pad at the end of the course. The current rules have provision for making timing adjustments when the finish pad fails to record a time, but make no provision when the pad failure occurs as a part of a relay exchange. With the current rules there is no provision to deal with equipment malfunction in the interval +0.09 seconds to -0.09 seconds. This rule, proposed to protect the student-athletes, provides for a means to determine whether an equipment malfunction has occurred and a high standard for overturning the decision of the equipment.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. The costs to tie this system into the timing system used at the national championships would potentially be $5,000 for the men's championships budget and $5,000 for the women's championships budget.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The student-athlete is further protected by using this system. If the referees perceive that an erroneous call was made due to equipment failure, they can review the action and make a judgment based on the video evidence.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports.

- Official video review is used in several sports including, football, ice hockey, wrestling, and track and field.

(2) Operational concerns.

- The host and timing companies will need to ensure there are sufficient personnel in place to properly manage the use of this system.

2. Zone Diving Realignment.

a. Recommendation. The committee is proposing to realign the zones for the zone diving meets. The zones are divided by states and geographical location rather than conference affiliation, thus creating a different competition than what takes place at the conference championships.

Attachment A is the current zone diving alignment. Attachment B is the map that references the specific geographic realignment of the five zones. Attachment C provides a breakdown of institutions that are affected by the realignment, inclusive of their newly assigned zones. Also included in this attachment are the numbers of institutions that are in each zone currently, as well as the number of institutions that will be represented in each zone after realignment.

b. Rationale. The focus of this proposal is to address the size of the meets and attempt to adjust the numbers as equitably as possible for both men and women, while considering geography and future travel costs. The membership of the diving zones has not been adjusted since it was originated over 30 years ago and some zones have become smaller than others as various institutions dropped or added men's or women's swimming and diving programs. The new zone realignment balances the numbers of entries per zone for both men and women to a greater extent, which makes the nature of each zone diving competition more balanced and equitable.

The number of qualifying spots for each zone for the 2010 NCAA championships is not changed as a result of realignment.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Institutions incur all expenses related to zone meets.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This will allow for more equitable distribution of competitors throughout the zones, thus promoting stronger competition and competitive equity in advancement to the championships.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item.

- Prior consideration. The committee presented a realignment proposal to the cabinet in September 2007. The cabinet sent the proposal back to the committee for additional review due to the comments from the membership.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Swimsuits for Swimmers Rule**. The swimming and diving committee rules committee voted to have the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) approve the following changes to Rule 3-1-1. As a result of new technology, swimsuits and the impact these suits had on the swimming community for the past year and a half, the NCAA membership requested that the committee review the rule and develop specific standards for suits worn by swimmers. The proposed rule is closely aligned with what the international governing body for swimming, FINA, will adopt in 2010. This rule will minimize the use of technology that aids performances of swimmers and returns to the types of uniforms used prior to the 2008 Olympic Games.

   Rule 3-1-1 (Page 37). Uniforms and Swimsuits for Swimmers. a. Competitors' uniforms should be characterized by conformity to recognized standards of propriety.

   MATERIAL:
   TEXTILE: By definition, the material used for the swimsuit shall be a textile (a woven material).
   PERMEABILITY: All swimsuit materials must be 100 percent permeable to air and water.
   BUOYANCY: The material shall have a net buoyant effect of not more than .5 Newton – 50.95 gm – 1.796 oz.
   THICKNESS: The material used shall have a maximum thickness of .8 mm. The measurement method is in accordance with ISO Standard 5084 for textiles.
   ERGOGENIC AIDS: The material shall not provide external stimulation or influence of any form (e.g. pain reduction, chemical/medical substance release, electro-stimulation, compression for core stabilization, or other performance enhancing properties).

   DESIGN:
   When used, the material shall follow the body shape.
   The design shall not create air trapping effects.
   For men the swimsuit shall not extend above the waist and below the top of the kneecap.
   For women the swimsuit shall not extend beyond the shoulders and below the top of the kneecap, nor cover the neck.

   CONSTRUCTION:
   Any system providing external stimulation or influence of any form (e.g. pain reduction, chemical/medical substance release, electro-stimulation, performance enhancing compression, or other performance enhancing properties) is prohibited.
   The swimsuit shall not have any zippers or fasteners other than a waist tie for a brief or a jammer. The tie shall have a maximum width of ¼".
   The swimsuit shall comprise no more than two layers, the sum of which shall not exceed 1 mm in total thickness (excepting the casing/ribbing at the terminal ends of the material).

Elastic material may be contained within the casing/ribbing terminal ends of the swimsuit (e.g. shoulder straps, waist opening, and legs openings).

CUSTOMIZATION:
All swimsuits must be constructed in an identical fashion with no variation/modification for individual swimmers.
Any modification or alteration (e.g. water resistant sprays, tape, etc.) is prohibited.
One post-construction impermeable institutional marking or logo that does not exceed 9 square inches may be applied to the swimsuit.
Swimmers with physical disabilities may request a waiver for customization from the NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor at least one week prior to the individual's first competition.

USE: The swimmer shall be limited to one swimsuit.

CONTROL: The NCAA may establish and/or use independent sources for testing/control.

2. **Availability of Swimsuits.** With regard to availability, as a suit meets the publicized specifications and is otherwise legal, it should be allowed in competition. If a particular team or student-athlete cannot obtain a specific suit (for whatever reason), then they are free to use any other suit that is compliant with NCAA rules.

3. **Misconduct.** The committee issued two misconducts in conjunction with the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. For the misconduct that occurred at the men's championships, a private reprimand was issued to an institution due to the actions of a student-athlete. Specifically, the student-athlete vandalized a hotel with graffiti. The institution took swift action by requiring the student-athlete to pay the hotel for all damages incurred. Further, it dismissed the student-athlete from the team and withdrew all scholarship funds granted to the student-athlete. The committee felt these steps warranted no further action. The institution also did not appeal this finding. At the women's championships a misconduct was issued to a head coach for giving an unauthorized individual one of the credentials issued to his institution. The credentials for the championships are photo credentials to ensure that deck access is limited to student-athletes, coaches and meet personnel. The committee fined the coach $300 for this offense. The institution did not appeal this decision.

Committee Chair: Tracy Huth, Oakland University
Staff Liaison: Maisha Palmer, Championships

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

ACTION ITEMS.

1. America East Conference Waiver.

a. 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 2010 Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

b. Rationale. The America East Conference 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 continues to recognize 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.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a similar waiver request for the America East Conference for the 2009 men's tennis championships.

(2) Applicability to other sports. The cabinet has routinely approved a similar waiver for the Big 12 Conference in the sport of wrestling for the past 13 years.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. With the history noted above, approving this waiver request for the America East Conference would continue the established consistency that has been in place with these types of previous waiver requests.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of this waiver.

(5) Student-athlete experience. The committee feels that maintaining the current male student-athlete access opportunity to the championships is one of the main reasons that the committee supports the cabinet's approval of the waiver. The

committee feels that if the waiver were denied that a more far reaching affect of such a decision could encourage further removal of competitive opportunities for men's tennis players within the conference, or on a national level.

2. Big West Conference Waiver.

a. 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 2010 Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

b. 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 and 2009 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.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has approved this type of waiver request for the Big West Conference for the past two years.

(2) Applicability to other sports. The cabinet has routinely approved a similar waiver for the Big West Conference in the sport of women's golf for the past 2 years, and the conference is requesting a similar waiver for women's golf for the 2010 championships.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. With the history noted above, approving this waiver request for the Big West Conference would continue the established consistency that has been in place with these types of previous waiver requests.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of this waiver.

(5) Student-athlete experience. The committee feels that maintaining the current male student-athlete access opportunity to the championships is one of the main reasons that the committee supports the cabinet's approval of the waiver. The committee feels that if the waiver were denied that a more far reaching affect of such a decision could encourage further removal of competitive opportunities for men's tennis players within the conference, or on a national level.

3. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following 31 conferences sponsoring men's and women's tennis be awarded automatic qualification into the 2010 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.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has traditionally approved all recommended conferences forwarded for consideration by the committee.

(2) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not foresee any opposition to the approval of these conferences for automatic qualification for their men's and women's tennis teams to the 2010 championships.

(3) Student-athlete experience. The student-athlete experience in the sport of men's and women's tennis would be greatly reduced and diminished if their conference automatic qualification status were not continued as recommended by the committee.

4. Change in Hosting for Top Sixteen Seeds.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010 men's and women's team championships, the committee be allowed to have the top sixteen seeds serve as host institutions for the first- and second-rounds regardless of their geographic location.

b. Rationale. The committee desires to have the top sixteen seeds host regardless of their geographic location as a reward for outstanding play throughout the season, and to provide a bracket that is nationally competitive and maintains a high level of integrity. Currently, the committee has the ability to seed the top sixteen teams in each of the men's and women's brackets and separate them geographically, but the teams are not guaranteed the opportunity to host. Additionally, as part of the approved bracketing principles the committee is allowed to avoid first round conference match-ups. By allowing the top sixteen seeds the opportunity to host, the committee would be providing student-athletes an opportunity to play in front of larger crowds which would help continue to enhance their championship experience. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) supports this recommendation. (Attachment)

c. Estimated Budget Impact. The NCAA does not reimburse expenses for teams competing in first- and second-rounds of the men's and women's team tennis championships. Therefore any additional budget impact would not be absorbed by the NCAA, but rather by member institutions that previously could have driven to a host site but might now be required to fly.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes who compete on one of the top sixteen seeded teams would be rewarded for their excellent play all season with the guaranteed opportunity to compete on their home courts. Typically, these same top programs lead the country in fan attendance, providing an exciting competitive environment for the participating student-athletes.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. During the selection process, sport committees which oversee non-revenue generating championships are governed by Bylaw 31.1.3.2.4 when placing teams into their bracket. More specifically the bylaw states, "that for championships that do not generate revenue, pairings shall be based primarily on the teams' geographical proximity to one another, regardless of their region, in order to avoid air travel in preliminary rounds whenever possible. Teams' seeding relative to one another may be taken into consideration when establishing pairings if such a pairing does not result in air travel that otherwise could be avoided. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall have the authority to modify its working principles related to the championship site assignment on a case-by-case basis."

(2) Applicability to other sports. During previous meetings, the cabinet has reviewed and considered similar requests from other non-revenue generating championships (women's soccer, women's volleyball, softball, field hockey), and has voted to continue to upheld the principles put forth in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.4 and therefore; chosen not to modify its working principles related to championship site assignments

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. As stated above, the cabinet has chosen not to modify its working principles related to championship site assignments when requested by previous non-revenue generating championship sport committees. Tennis is the first committee to ask for this modification that pays for its own travel to preliminary-round competition. If approved, the cabinet would be setting a new precedent with these types of requests, but one that the tennis committee feels should be considered to maintain the highest level of bracket integrity for the men's and women's team tennis championships.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. Potential opposition could come to the committee from those institutions that would have been assigned to a host site that would have allowed them to drive rather than being required to fly. The committee understands that this adjustment could present a financial hardship on such institutions, but feel that the requested flexibility is a key element to maintaining overall bracket integrity for the team championships.

(5) Student-athlete experience. The committee feels that the overall student-athlete experience would be enhanced, because outstanding season long play would be rewarded with the guarantee of the top sixteen seeds serving as hosts for first- and second-rounds on their home courts.

(6) Fan access/experience. Traditionally, the top seeded teams in tennis have some of the highest attendance throughout the regular season during their dual

matches. By guaranteeing that these institutions serve as first- and second-round championship host sites, the committee would be positioning the team championships for its best opportunity to have strong fan attendance.

5. Adjustment to Bracketing Principles.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010 men's and women's team championships that the subcommittees be permitted to implement bracketing policies which would continue to allow for the four bands of 16 teams, but when assigning teams to first- and second-round sites, teams seeded 1-8 are matched with teams 25-32, and teams seeded 9-16 are matched with teams 17-24. Teams in the third band (33-48) and fourth band (49-64) would continue to be assigned to first- and second-round sites based on the geographic principles referred to in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.4. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) supports this recommendation (Attachment).

b. Rationale. The committee recognizes the increased parity in men's and women's tennis among the top thirty-two teams, along with the desire to have the highest level of integrity possible when placing teams in the championships brackets. Assignment to sites with the blocks of eight teams within the first two bands would still be made according to geographic proximity. For example, if the Number 1 seed is hosting, the subcommittee would assign whichever team in the 25-32 category that made the most sense geographically. In the current structure, the Number 1 seed could be paired with any of the teams in the second band (17-32) for a potential second match that would meet the geographic proximity requirements (e.g. Number 1 seed could be paired with Number 17, and the Number 16 seed could be paired with Number 32).

c. Estimated Budget Impact. The NCAA does not reimburse expenses for teams competing in first- and second-rounds of the men's and women's team tennis championships. Therefore any additional budget impact would not be absorbed by the NCAA, but rather by member institutions that previously could have driven to a host site but would now be required to fly.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes would be competing in a bracket that is more traditional of bracket integrity.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet reviewed but did not approve a similar request during its September 2005 meeting that outlined the use of pods of four teams within each of the first two bands of 16 teams for consideration when developing team brackets. These bracketing policies were last used during the 2001 championships. The September 2005 request appears to be based on the committee's desire at that time to re-establish the use of bracketing principles that were used to improve overall bracket integrity, when the championships switched from separate

individual men's and women's championships formats to a combined men's and women's championships format in 2006. This request would have allowed potential second round matches to be comprised of having teams seeded (1-4) to be matched with teams (29-32), teams seeded (5-8) to be matched with (25-32), teams seeded (9-12) to be matched with (21-24) and teams seeded (13-16) with (17-20).

(2) Applicability to other sports. All selection, seeding and bracketing policies are exactly the same for men's and women's tennis. Most team sports currently seed 25 percent of the bracket, as tennis does. Currently, men's ice hockey uses a banding concept; however, they are a championship that generates revenue. Although men's and women's golf have a similar bracketing approach, they are also different in the fact that both golf championships use predetermined host sites for conducting their regional play, rather than the non-predetermined site selection format currently used in tennis for first- and second-rounds.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. None noted.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. Potential opposition could come to the committee from those institutions that would have been assigned to a host site that would have allowed them to drive rather than being required to fly. The committee understands that this adjustment could present a financial hardship on such institutions, but feel that the requested flexibility is a key element to maintaining overall bracket integrity for the team championships.

Additionally, teams that are placed in the third band (33-48) and the fourth band (49-64) may question why they are not receiving the same bracketing consideration within their respective band as is being recommended for the first band (1-16) and second band (17-32). The committee understands this concern but recognizes that due to the parity in teams (1-32) it seems more appropriate at this time to recommend that the pods of eight teams be considered for the first two bands only, but will look to revisit this concept for the third and fourth bands of teams as the parity continues to grow beyond the top 32 teams.

(5) Student-athlete experience. Maintaining the integrity of the draw when bracketing teams in tennis is a key component for enhancing the championships experience for competing student-athletes. The greater the integrity the more the competing student-athletes feel like they are being rewarded for excellent play achieved throughout the season.

6. Stipend Increase for First- and Second-Round Hosts.

a. Recommendation. That the stipends for the first- and second-round hosts be increased by the amounts indicated below, effective with the 2011 championships.

(1) Single gender sites – from $4,500 to $5,000.

(2) Dual gender sites – from $8,000 to $9,000.

b. Rationale. The current first- and second-round host stipends have been in place since 2004. During the past six years, the expenses incurred by the hosting institutions have increased as expectations have risen to enhance the championships experience for the participating student-athletes. The hosts stipends are intended to be used to off-set expenses incurred for securing the required officials (six chair officials and one head referee) for the competition, NCAA site representative travel expenses, and the hospitality area for coaches and student-athletes. The modest proposed stipend increase seems appropriate given the length of time since the stipend amount was first set, coupled with rising costs to the hosting institutions to provide the basic championships requirements.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $16,000.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The committee believes that the requested increase along with the elimination of the requirement of the hosts to provide a student-athlete banquet and/or reception will help maintain the current experience of the participating student-athletes at first- and second-round sites.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item. The current hosting stipends were approved by the Championships/Competition Cabinet in 2003 and went into effect during the 2004 tennis championships. During the 2007 September cabinet meeting the tennis committee put forward a request to increase the stipend by $3000 per site, for a maximum budget impact of $96,000. The cabinet did not approve the request, thereby; relying on host institutions to continue to absorb any additional costs above the approved stipend.

(2) Applicability to other sports. This financial request is consistent with those asked by other sport committees to help defray the financial impact of hosting NCAA championships by our member institutions.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. The cabinet has traditionally supported modest championships budget increases used to cover the minimum required game management expenses, and to enhance the student-athlete championships experiences.

(4) Operational concerns. The committee has been appreciative of the number of institutions that have historically submitted the necessary bid information in order to be considered as a potential host. In order to help minimize some of the expenditures for the hosts, the committee has removed the student-athlete social as a requirement for first- and second-round sites. The committee feels that by eliminating this requirement, coupled with the proposed stipend increase that hosts will not have to continue to absorb an increasing amount of the financial costs within their own institutional budgets.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not feel that there will be opposition from the membership on this request, but they also noted that the current economic climate may affect the cabinet's decision to support. The committee noted the length of time (six years) since the current stipend had been established, and the committees own decision to try to eliminate some of the financial burden on the hosts by eliminating the student-athlete social requirement for first- and second-rounds.

(6) Student-athlete experience. The committee is concerned that if funding isn't increased that the ever increasing financial burden for hosts may either result in less institutions submitting hosting bids, or the quality of the experience an institution can provide to the participants will be diminished.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Hosting Requirements for First- and Second-Rounds.** The committee reviewed and discussed the current list of additional requirements for hosting first- and second-rounds of the team championships. The committee decided that effective with the 2010 championships, the social event/banquet will no longer be required as part of an institutions first- and second-round hosting responsibilities. The current economic climate and the small host stipend ($4500 single gender sites/$8000 dual gender sites) that is to be used to defray the travel costs and expenses of the six chair umpires, head referee, and NCAA site representative were cited as reasons for the committees decision.

2. **Men's Tennis Subcommittee Chair.** The committee recommended that Beth Goode, senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator, Stanford University, serve as chair of the men's tennis subcommittee, effective September 1, 2009. Sybil Blalock, senior associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Mercer University will continue in her current role as the overall chair of the men's and women's tennis committee during 2009-2010.

3. **Team Lineup Challenge Process.** The committee reviewed the current process and timeline for coaches to have the opportunity to review other teams' lineups and submit any challenges to the NCAA national office. The committee recommended adjusting the

timeline for the challenge process so that coaches who have their lineups challenged will have additional time to respond in writing to the challenge and then make themselves available if needed to discuss the challenge with the committee via teleconference.

Committee Chair: Sybil Blalock, Mercer University
Staff Liaison: Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships
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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Penalty Structure for Late Declarations.

a. Recommendation. That the amount of the administrative fine outlined in Bylaw 31.1.11 be increased to $1,000 in the event of a declaration form submitted after the established late deadline and before the selections process begins in the sports of indoor and outdoor track and field. In addition, that a fine of $2,500 be imposed when an institution does not file an intended declaration form until after the championships performance lists have been published.

b. Rationale. The committee believes the current system of established declarations deadlines is the most effective way to ensure administrative responsibility of participating institutions while maintaining the timeline and, more importantly, the integrity of the championships selections process.

The committee takes proactive measures leading up to selections through emails and phone calls to head coaches with undeclared student-athlete(s) in order to give full consideration to all eligible student-athletes, to avoid administrative fines, and to ensure a timely start to the selections process. However, there are institutions that miss the late deadline or do not notify the committee of an intended declaration until after the event performance lists have been published. In the case of the former, the committee is forced to delay selections in order to have the best information possible before beginning selections. In the case of the latter, a coach has the opportunity for competitive advantage based on viewing a list of already declared participants. In other words, by seeing a list of declared participants, a coach can weigh his/her student-athletes' chances in one event over another by looking at the composition of the fields. This opportunity for gamesmanship is not a desirable outcome in the eyes of the committee or the coaches that adhere to the established declarations framework.

The committee believes that the significant financial penalties as proposed will deter institutions from compromising the administrative procedures in place and, as a result, uphold the timeline and integrity of the championships selections process. The committee also notes that a fine, including the standard late declarations fine of $300, is not imposed unless the student-athlete competes.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. In each of the two most recent outdoor track and field championships, the cabinet has addressed a case in which an institution has failed to file an intended declarations form until after the performance lists were published. In the first instance, a student-athlete was accepted into the national championships meet and the institution was significantly sanctioned by bearing the travel expenses and per diem

for the championships. In the most recent instance, a student-athlete was allowed to compete in his intended event at the regional championships. To date, the institution has been fined the standard $300 administrative fine. It is the committee's request that the fine be extended to $2,500 thereby establishing a standard penalty for filing an intended declaration form after the performance lists have been published.

2. Eagle Eye Video Review.

a. Recommendation. That Eagle Eye Video verification services be implemented for the indoor and outdoor track and field championships, effective with the 2011 championships.

b. Rationale. The Eagle Eye Video equipment will give referees the resources to officiate more effectively in the field events thereby protecting the integrity of the competition for the participants. Video review is permissible per NCAA Track and Field Rules and has already been incorporated into the championships for running events. The committee also looks to the precedent set by the national governing body for the sport, USA Track & Field, which has incorporated Eagle Eye Video equipment into standard meet operations for open athletes, including the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials-Track and Field.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $14,500. This figure is an estimate based on an annual cost of $5,500 for the indoor championships and $9,000 for the outdoor championships.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The Eagle Eye Video review equipment will enhance the championship experience for the student-athletes by enabling referees to make informed officiating decisions.

a. Championship Group Comments. None.

3. Timing Group for Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Rounds.

a. Recommendation. That the timing group be selected by the track and field committee and associated expense be reimbursed to the hosts of the outdoor track and field preliminary rounds.

b. Rationale. The timing group is the foundation of meet operations and serves as the steward of data critical to the conduct of track and field. Furthermore, it is a critical labor-intensive and equipment-intensive component of the meet. The committee believes that a common timing group at the two championship sites will provide the consistency and expertise necessary to conduct an efficient and accurate meet that upholds the integrity of the sport. Currently, the committee leaves the decision of the timing group to the host institutions as the host is responsible for the expense. Not surprisingly, the level of expertise and familiarity with NCAA policies and procedures established by the committee varies widely across the timers hired by the hosts. In addition to establishing consistency across the two championships sites, this proposal offers significant budget relief to the hosts which, in turn, will generate greater hosting interest.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $45,000. This estimate is the combined expense for two preliminary round sites held over the course of three days. The going rate for a timing group at an outdoor track and field meet is approximately $7,500 per day of competition.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The national office will have the opportunity to issue a request for proposal to key timing groups, inclusive of the opportunity to time the national championships meet. As a result, the overall timing expense for the championships is expected to be less than described above.

4. Key Officials for Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Rounds.

a. Recommendation. That four key officials (two starters and two referees) be reimbursed for the outdoor track and field preliminary rounds.

b. Rationale. Currently, host institutions secure officials from a local officials base to serve at the championships (approximately 100 per preliminary round site). Certain officials assume lead roles in the conduct of the meet, most notably the starters who control the start of the races and the referees who bear responsibility for applying the rules of the competition rules book to the conduct of the meet. The committee believes it is important to provide financial assistance to hosts in order to secure first-rate starters and referees for preliminary round competition.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $15,640. This estimate is based on two sites with each of the four key officials receiving:

(1) A fee of $450 ($150 for three days of competition) – $3,600 total.

(2) $225 per diem ($45 for five days) – $1,800 total.

(3) Reimbursement for travel expenses (estimated at $600 for a flight/drive) – $4,800 total.

(4) Reimbursement for lodging (estimated at $170/night for four nights each). This estimate is based on maximum room costs as determined by administrative services – $5,440 total.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. None.

5. Officials for Outdoor Track And Field Championships.

a. Recommendation. To provide lodging (double occupancy) and fees for 110 outdoor track and field officials, beginning with the 2011 championships. This request is in addi-

tion to the 15 key officials who currently receive fees, per diem, transportation and lodging.

b. Rationale. While the track committee designates the 15 key officials for the outdoor championships, the host institution is responsible for securing the remaining officials for the championships. This number represents approximately 110 officials for the outdoor championships. Currently, all of these officials assume the expense of their own transportation, time and lodging to work the championships. Host institutions are encouraged to secure officials from their local association, but the request is made each year to include quality officials from a national perspective as well. In order to secure quality officials and to foster a positive relationship with the officials, some host institutions have absorbed some lodging costs. This is not a requirement of the hosts, but a commitment from the host to ensure quality officials for the championships as well as to make the officials feel that their professionalism and services are respected, appreciated and recognized for the amount of time worked at the championships.

Meals are currently provided at the championships for the officials in lieu of per diem and as a part of the hospitality provided by the host.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $66,550. This estimate is based on maximum room costs as determined by administrative services. (Note: In most cases, the committee believes lodging costs will be significantly less that $170 per night, including in some instances using campus housing of less than $75 per night.)

Outdoor Championships: 110 officials

Lodging (double occupancy)	55 rooms x $170 x 5 nights =	$46,750
Fee	110 officials x $45 x 4 days =	$19,800
Total		$66,550

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee proposed this fee structure in a previous year (September 2007), as have the Division II and Division III track and field committees. The proposals by the DII and DIII committees were approved and have already been instituted according to this payment structure. Having the ability to draw from a larger pool of officials will ensure the highest quality championship experience for both the fans and the student-athletes and coaches. For outdoor track and field, 1,088 student-athletes compete at the national championships. The estimated expenses currently reimbursed for key officials total $34,800 (lodging, per diem, fees and travel). The estimated budget impact of $66,550, along with the estimated expense of $34,800 already covered for key officials, calculates to $93.15 per student-athlete. By way of comparison, for the Division I Softball Championships, eight teams of 20 student-athletes compete at

the finals. For the 2008 championships, the total officials' expenses at the DI softball championships totaled $31,480, which calculates to $196.75 per student-athlete.

6. Officials for Indoor Track And Field Championships.

a. Recommendation. To provide lodging (double occupancy) and fees for 90 indoor track officials, beginning with the 2012 championships. This request is in addition to the 12 key officials who currently receive fees, per diem, transportation and lodging.

b. Rationale. While the track committee designates the 12 key officials for the indoor championships, the host institution is responsible for securing the remaining officials for the championships. This number represents approximately 90 officials for the indoor championships. Currently, all of these officials assume the expense of their own transportation, time and lodging to work the championships. Host institutions are encouraged to secure officials from their local association, but the request is made each year to include quality officials from a national perspective as well. In order to secure quality officials and to foster a positive relationship with the officials, some host institutions have absorbed some lodging costs. This is not a requirement of the hosts, but a commitment from the host to ensure quality officials for the championships as well as to make the officials feel that their professionalism and services are respected, appreciated and recognized for the amount of time worked at the championships.

Meals are currently provided at the championships for the officials in lieu of per diem and as a part of the hospitality provided by the host.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $35,100. This estimate is based on maximum room costs as determined by administrative services. (Note: In most cases, the committee believes lodging costs will be significantly less that $170 per night, including in some instances using campus housing of less than $75 per night.)

Indoor Championships: 90 officials		
Lodging (double occupancy)	45 rooms x $170 x 3 nights =	$22,950
Fee	90 officials x $45 x 3 days =	$12,150
Total		$35,100

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. The committee proposed this fee structure in a previous year (September 2007), as have the Division II and Division III track and field committees. The proposals by the DII and DIII committees were approved and have already been instituted according to this payment structure. Having the ability to draw from a larger pool of officials will ensure the highest quality championship experience for both the fans and the student-athletes and coaches. For indoor track and field, 568 student-athletes compete at the national championships. The estimated expenses current-

ly reimbursed for key officials total $20,880 (lodging, per diem, fees and travel). The estimated budget impact of $35,100, along with the estimated expense of $20,880 already covered for key officials, calculates to $98.56 per student-athlete. By way of comparison, for the Division I Softball Championships, eight teams of 20 student-athletes compete at the finals. For the 2008 championships, the total officials' expenses at the DI softball championships totaled $31,480, which calculates to $196.75 per student-athlete.

7. Cross Country Key Officials.

a. Recommendation. That five additional key officials (one announcer, one head clerk, one finish line judge and two assistant clerks) be reimbursed for the cross country championships.

b. Rationale. The committee believes that hiring five key officials, in addition to the two key officials already assigned for each cross country championship (one referee and one starter) will ensure a level of expertise and experience appropriate for the national championships. These additional key officials represent a small fraction of the necessary officials to conduct a championship and will be selected from a pool of local officials.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $1,150. This estimate is based on each of the five key officials receiving:

(1) A fee of $60 ($30 for each race) – $300 total.

(2) Reimbursement for lodging (estimated at $170/night for one night each). This estimate is based on maximum room costs as determined by administrative services – $850 total.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. These five key positions are already filled for the national championship meets, but are not currently reimbursed. Payment for these individuals will create a better working relationship with key officials and allow the committee increased oversight for these assignments. It will also make the officials feel that their professionalism and services are respected, appreciated and recognized for their work at the championships.

8. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Holly Sheilley, Assistant Athletics Director for Student Development and Olympic Championships, University of Louisville, be named chair, replacing Alecia Shields-Gadson, Coppin State University.

b. Rationale. Ms. Sheilley has completed one year of service on the committee. Her experience with the sport includes the role of meet director for past and future regional cross

country championships as well as the 2009 Mideast Outdoor Track and Field Regional Championships. Ms. Sheilley's nomination was supported by vote of the committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Results Reporting.** The committee, in combination with the Division II and Division III men's and women's track and field committees, is exploring a relationship with the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) and Direct Athletics (an online provider for race entries and results output) to provide a report of regular season results for use in championships selections in the sports of indoor and outdoor track and field. The results report will replace the current proof-of-performance (POP) process thereby minimizing entry errors and alleviating the responsibility of the coaches to submit POP forms on a regular basis throughout the season.

   The results reporting system has additional broader benefits for the sport of track and field, including a centralized database for track and field statistics and a means to enforce valid entries throughout the regular season. The expense related to the results reporting project for championships selection will draw from existing funds supporting the administration of the POP process.

2. **Outdoor Track and Field Championships – Preliminary Rounds.** The committee acknowledges the important discussion that has circulated among the membership in recent months around the topic of cost containment measures and implications for the outdoor track and field preliminary round competition (also referred to as regionals). In addition, the committee has had the opportunity to review and discuss the formal letter sent to the cabinet's attention from the Southeastern Conference proposing the elimination of preliminary round competition. The committee understands that the cabinet has not had the opportunity to address the proposal from the Southeastern Conference and requests that the cabinet refer the topic to the committee before taking formal action.

   The committee anticipates some key issues as part of the cabinet's deliberations, including access to the championships, competitive equity, implications for length of the competition season and the unintended financial consequences of reverting back to the previously established selections process based on season-best descending order lists. The committee believes that reinstituting the descending order lists will renew the emphasis on chasing performance marks throughout the season and create pressure to reestablish final qualifying meets on the last weekend of the qualifying window.

3. **Formation of a Cross Country Committee.** The Divisions I, II and III track and field committees are considering a proposal to change their current sport committee structures with the creation of a separate cross country committee to administer the cross country championships. Currently, the track and field committees oversee cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field and have a joint rules committee. The cross country committee would be comprised of four individuals that would have no responsibility for indoor and outdoor track and field. Two

of the four individuals on the newly created Division I cross country committee would serve as the Division I representatives on the joint rules subcommittee, thus maintaining the current ratio of representation that occurs for all three committees (2:1:1, Division I with the highest proportion of representation). The cross country committee for Division I would continue to represent all nine regions while each member would be onsite for one of the regional competitions in addition to the national championships. With the decrease in committee size, the committee and the championships manager will work to secure individuals to serve as site representatives for the five regions that do not have a committee member present at the regional meet.

Having oversight of three different championships has presented challenges over the years for committee members across all three divisions. All three committees consistently have problems with committee member retention. This is largely due to the time commitment required by committee assignments and attendance at championships throughout the year. Creating a separate cross country committee would significantly ease the workload and time commitment of committee members. Committee members have shared with NCAA staff that coaches and administrators in the membership are hesitant to serve on the committee because of the time commitment. The creation of a new committee would positively address the life work balance for present and future members of sport committees.

In addition to the life work balance, the current committee makeup is comprised mostly of individuals with expertise in the sport of track and field. The creation of a separate cross country committee will provide the attention and interest that is necessary to conduct a cross country specific championships as well as create rules that specifically address the sport.

The committees do not anticipate an increase in the budget as fewer committee members would travel to the cross country championships.

4. **List of financial priorities**. The committee established the following financial priorities for the cabinet's consideration:

a. Fund Eagle Eye video review technology for the indoor and outdoor track and field national championships. (Additional cost - $14,500)

b. Reimburse timing crew for the outdoor track and field preliminary rounds. (Additional cost – $45,000)

c. Reimburse key officials for outdoor track and field preliminary rounds. (Additional cost - $15,640)

d. Increase budget for officials for outdoor track and field national championships. (Additional cost – $66,550)

e. Increase budget for indoor track and field national championships. (Additional cost – $35,100)

f. Increase budget for officials for the cross country national championships. (Additional cost – $1,150)

Committee Chair: Alecia Shields-Gadson, Coppin State University
Staff Liaison(s): Kristen Jacob, Championships
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. 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 2010 championship.

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

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. All are established conferences meet the criteria for receiving an automatic qualification.

2. Selection Criteria.

a. Recommendation. That the selection criteria be modified as follows effective with the 2009-2010 season.

Selection Criteria:

- Won-lost results;
- Head-to-head competition;
- Home and away results;
- **Results versus non-conference opponents;**
- Results against common opponents;
- Results against teams already qualified and other teams under consideration; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

b. Rationale. In the current format, there is only one at-large spot available into the tournament. Typically the committee must evaluate several teams from all three conferences and this piece of information will help in the evaluation process.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments. This added piece of information will be extremely valuable to the committee as they try to evaluate teams from different conferences.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Misconduct. The committee issued a public reprimand and a fine of two days per diem ($240) to the University of California, Irvine, due to comments made by men's volleyball student-athlete Ryan Ammerman during a live, post match television interview on ESPN.

Committee Chair: Brian Summers, Lewis University
Staff Liaison: Russ Yurk, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Score Reporting Institutional Fine/Penalty.

a. Recommendation. That a $250 fine be issued to institutions that are not compliant with the score reporting policy by the first deadline. After the initial $250 fine there will be a $50 fine for each deadline where there is non-compliance.

b. Rationale. With a limited number of at-large qualifiers to the national tournament, accurate and timely information in the score reporting system becomes paramount. These scores affect won-loss record, strength of schedule and RPI which are all key factors in the selection criteria.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Ten or more schools could face a $250 fine; however, there is no impact to the NCAA budget.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championship Group Comments:

(1) Historical treatment.

- There has never been a penalty enforced for women's water polo score reporting.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Other sports already have a penalty structure in place.

2. Automatic Qualification

a. Recommendation. That the following five conferences be recommended for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA), Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SCIAC), and the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA).

b. Rationale. The five conferences meet the requirements to be eligible for automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Andrew Schwartz, Associate Athletic Director at Wagner College serve as the committee chair effective September 1, 2009.

b. Rationale.

(1) Mr. Schwartz is in his third year on the committee and is the longest tenured committee member.

(2) Mr. Schwartz has significant water polo management experience at Wagner College.

(3) The committee believes Mr. Schwartz will do an exemplary job and is veteran administrator.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Officiating. The committee agreed that all NCAA women's water polo referees must complete the NCAA online rules test and receive a passing score of 90 percent in order to officiate at the championship. It was suggested that this score is to be received by the first official game of the women's water polo season to be deemed as certified for the season. However, as long as the score is received before the selection of referees for the championship, then the referee(s) will be declared certified for the entire tournament.

2. Coaches' attire. The committee agreed that the women's water polo coaches are no longer permitted to wear jeans, jean shorts or T-shirts while coaching at the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.

3. Eligibility and Amateurism. The committee is interested in women's water polo being included in Bylaw 14.2.3.2 that is currently applied to tennis and swimming and diving. However, the committee wishes to add the exception that the student-athletes must fulfill an academic semester and not an academic year as stated in Bylaw 14.2.3.2.1.

Committee Chair: Brian Streeter, Pennsylvania State University, Erie, the Behrend College
Staff Liaison(s): Marcus Blossom, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. 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 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

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

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The Big 12 Conference is arguably one of the strongest conferences sponsoring the sport of wrestling. If such a recommendation is not approved, the conference champions in each weight class from this conference would not be guaranteed an automatic berth in the championships field.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item, if any.

(a) Prior consideration. This recommendation has been considered in previous years by the former Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet and has always been approved.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). None.

(c) Ratios. Not applicable.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Other gender sport, if any. Such a recommendation has also been submitted and approved in previous years for the sports of Division I Men's Tennis and Division I Women's Golf.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. If the cabinet were to approve this recommendation, this would be consistent with previous actions taken on this matter.

(4) Operational concerns.

- Efficiency, management, sustainability. There should not be any operational concerns with implementing this recommendation.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. There should not be any anticipated opposition to this recommendation.

(6) Student-athlete experience. Not applicable.

(7) Fan access/experience. Not applicable.

2. Bracketing Exception for the Championships.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, if a replacement is needed for the championships and it involves an unseeded wrestler, that the brackets would not need to be redrawn to avoid a conference/regional match-up that may inadvertently occur in the first round. If the replacement is for a seeded wrestler, then the brackets would still be redrawn to avoid conference/regional match-ups in the first round.

b. Rationale. The wrestling committee would tentatively desire to release the brackets for the championships following the conclusion of the in-person selection meeting, which would be approximately one week prior to the championships. In previous years, the bracket has been released on the Monday evening preceding the championships (three days prior to the event). The main reason the release has taken place on this date has been because the replacement deadline is in the early afternoon on the Monday preceding the championships. The committee would still like to retain this timeframe for the replacement deadline to ensure that any of the qualifiers for the championships has ample time to possibly recover from an injury or illness and still be able to compete in the championships.

In order to enhance the publicity for the championships, the committee is interested in moving the selection release date of all the brackets following the conclusion of the in-person selection meeting (which took place for the first time in March, 2009). There is also some research that is being conducted to determine whether the ESPN family of networks would be interested in producing a wrestling selection show. In addition, such a selection show might also be of interest to NCAA.com. If it comes to fruition, either of these would be good promotional opportunities for the sport of wrestling. The brackets that would be established at the time and released approximately one week prior to the event would be such that conference/regional match-ups in the first round of wrestling in each weight class would be avoided. If a replacement is needed in a given weight class after the brackets have been released (there were two replacements needed for the most recent championships), the replacement would be placed in the bracket in the exact location of the person that he would be replacing. This could result in a first-round match-up involving two wrestlers from the same conference/regional. The only exception would be if the wrestler that needs to be replaced is a seeded wrestler, then the brackets would

still be redrawn to avoid conference/regional match-ups in the first round. This will protect the integrity of the bracket involving seeded wrestlers.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This recommendation could result in an occasional first-round match-up involving two wrestlers from the same conference/regional.

e. Championship Group Comments.

(1) This recommendation has never been considered.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Other gender sport, if any. Such a recommendation would be contrary to the current policy in all other sports that conference match-ups would be avoided in the first-round. Although these match-ups would most likely be avoided in Division I wrestling, there is the chance that there could be a match-up involving two wrestlers from the same conference/regional if a replacement is needed in a given weight class. Please note in the sports of Division I Men's and Women's Tennis, there is also a limited exception in which a replacement could be inserted into the bracket and be paired against another conference opponent in the first round.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. If the cabinet were to approve this recommendation, this would be a deviation from current policy.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. There may be anticipated opposition to this recommendation, as this would be an exception to the current policy.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- **Strategic Plan Update**. Please review the attached strategic plan update from the NCAA Wrestling Committee (Attachment A).

Committee Chair: Brad Traviolia, Big Ten Conference
Championship Manager(s): Randy L. Buhr, Championships
Marcus Blossom, Championships

The National Collegiate Athletic Association
August 10, 2009 RLB/MB:aaf

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(August 18, 2009 Teleconference)

Legislative Information Items

During its August 18 teleconference, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee discussed legislative proposals in the 2009-10 legislative cycle sponsored by cabinets and conferences assigned to the committee for review and comment. The committee also discussed other proposals that may have a significant impact on the sport of men's basketball. The chart below sets forth the committee's position and comments regarding the proposals. Please note that a position of support with no additional comment reflects that the committee supported the rationale provided by the sponsor of the proposal.

NCAA Division I Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2009-12	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT-ASSISTANT COACH	To permit a student-athlete to serve as an undergraduate student-assistant coach at the institution at which the student-athlete most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete is currently enrolled at the institution as a full-time undergraduate student and he or she renounces any remaining eligibility in the sport; further, to specify that the limit of undergraduate student-assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit of countable coaches permitted in the sport.	Oppose as Written • Expressed strong concerns regarding the ethical dilemmas that may confront some coaches who may feel pressure to encourage a student-athlete to renounce eligibility for recruiting purposes. • Expressed concerns regarding ethical dilemmas facing student-athletes who may feel pressure to "take one for the team" or risk nonrenewal of financial aid. • Note the potential additional costs absorbed by the athletics department associated with funding up to 17 scholarships [13 counters and four undergraduate coaches who were former players]. • Noted potential negative NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate ramifications if student-athletes electing to renounce eligibility are performing well in the classroom. (Continued on next page.)

NCAA Division I Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
			• Expressed concerns that some student-athletes may have a change in mind about their playing career and transfer to another institution in another division. • Noted support for the proposal if it is modified by the sponsors to eliminate the option for current student-athletes to renounce eligibility. The committee supports allowing former student-athletes who have exhausted their five-year period of eligibility to return to the institution and serve as student-assistant coaches while pursuing a degree.
Proposal No. 2009-14	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- MANAGER	To establish criteria by which an individual may serve as a manager, as specified.	Support • Establishes reasonable conditions consistent with the intent of a legitimate manager position.
Proposal No. 2009-15	PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- NONCOACHING ACTIVITIES -- NONCOACHING ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBER WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES	To permit noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities to participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition).	Support • Potential professional growth opportunities in the coaching profession without significant competitive equity concerns. • Opportunities associated with the position may encourage institutions to employ individuals who truly desire to pursue a legitimate coaching career as opposed to creating positions for individuals associated with prospective student-athletes as a recruiting incentive.

NCAA Division I Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
Proposal No. 2009-30	RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS -- NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS WITH SPORT-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to specify that a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities shall not attend an off-campus athletics event involving prospective student-athletes (e.g., high-school contest, sports camp) unless the staff member is an immediate family member or legal guardian of one of the participants in the activity; further, to establish conditions by which a staff member who is an immediate family member or legal guardian of a participant may attend such an event, as specified.	Support
Proposal No. 2009-51	RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS – INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCATION – MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.	Support
Proposal No. 2009-56	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION	To establish additional criteria that must be satisfied in order for an institution to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, as specified.	Support

NCAA Division I Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
Proposal No. 2009-76	PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 A.M.	To specify that countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m., except for during participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship, in any competition that begins prior to midnight and concludes after midnight, or a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).	Support • Noted that the proposal originated from a student-athlete advisory group as a result of student-athlete well-being concerns and the punitive nature of these activities. The committee expressed concern that coaches would actually engage in such activities or directors of athletics would allow such activities to be conducted at this hour of the night.
Proposal No. 2009-87	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- NO INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE FOREIGN TOURS	To specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour.	Oppose • Educational and cultural opportunities outweigh concerns related to costs. The proposal is permissive in nature and institutions should retain the autonomy to determine the potential economic impact and whether it is appropriate for teams to participate. • Many institution's teams self-generate funds through fundraising activities to cover expenses for foreign tours. • Current legislation related to the timing and frequency of foreign tours provides adequate safeguards against recruiting and competitive equity concerns.

NCAA Division I Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
Proposal No. 2009-88	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES – INCOMING STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- BASKETBALL	In basketball, to permit an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, provided: (1) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and (2) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; further, to specify that a basketball student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour.	Support • Acknowledged that there may be some logistical issues related to the timing of a tour and an institution's summer term, but believe that entering student-athletes should have the opportunity to participate on a foreign tour with their new teammates.

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

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. **Legislative Items.**

   a. **Administrative Regulations -- Summer Basketball Event Certification—Women's Basketball – Geographic Requirement.**

      (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor emergency legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 30.16, to specify that each prospect participating on a nonscholastic team in a certified women's basketball event must be a legal resident of the same state in which the team is located or a legal resident of a geographically adjoining state; further, to specify that not more than three prospects from adjoining states may participate on a nonscholastic team.

      (2) Rationale. Currently, there are no restrictions on where participants on a women's nonscholastic basketball team must reside. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of elite prospects who participate on nonscholastic teams located several states away from their legal residence. This proposal creates an "adjoining state" rule that discourages the "rental" of elite prospects by teams across the country, while providing prospects who reside in geographically remote areas the opportunity to participate on a nonscholastic team. The same provision has been in place for men's basketball since the summer of 2003. Based on information provided by the NCAA basketball event certification staff, in the summer of 2009, there were 189 teams of 3,050 that would have been in violation of the adjoining state rule if it had been in place for women's basketball. Ninety-nine teams had players from states that did not adjoin at all and 90 teams that had more than three players from adjoining states. It is recommended that this proposal be adopted as emergency so it can be effective for the summer of 2010 and to provide ample time to notify the event operators and coaches of this change.

      (3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

      (4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

      (5) Effective Date. Immediately.

b. **NCAA Proposal No. 2009-30 Recruiting – Permissible Recruiters – Noncoaching Staff Members With Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Men's Basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet modify Proposal No. 2009-30 Recruiting – Permissible Recruiters – Noncoaching Staff Members With Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Men's Basketball, which it previously sponsored, to also include women's basketball. The proposal would, in men's basketball, specify that a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities shall not attend an off-campus athletics event involving prospective student-athletes (e.g., high-school contest, sports camp) unless the staff member is an immediate family member or legal guardian of one of the participants in the activity; further, to establish conditions by which a staff member who is an immediate family member or legal guardian of a participant may attend such an event, as specified.

(2) Rationale. Currently, an official interpretation (October 11, 2000, Item No. 1) permits noncoaching athletics department staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to attend an off-campus athletics competition that involves prospective student-athletes if the competition is in the locale of the institution. Although the intent of the interpretation is to establish restrictions to avoid potential recruiting advantages, there is a concern in the basketball community that the mere presence of these individuals at such events is providing their institutions with such advantages. Multiple noncoaching athletics department staff members, clothed in institutional apparel, are attending men's basketball games featuring high-profile prospective student-athletes. The issue is magnified in major metropolitan areas that include a significant number of high-profile prospective student-athletes. It is difficult to enforce the interpretation as there may be no real evidence that the staff member has been specifically directed to attend the contest. Proposal No. 2009-30, which currently applies only to men's basketball, intends to address the concerns with these types of recruiting advantages by preventing the presence of noncoaching athletics department personnel at such competitions without causing any hardship on the staff since the staff member would be permitted to attend for the legitimate reason of watching an immediate family member participate. The issues identified in this proposal exist in women's basketball as well as men's. Therefore, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee believes women's basketball should be included in this proposal.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

(5) Effective Date. Immediately.

c. **Proposal No. 2009-15 Personnel – Limitations on The Number and Duties of Coaches – Noncoaching Activities – Noncoaching Athletics Staff Member With Sport-Specific Responsibilities.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the Championship/Sports Management Cabinet modify Proposal No. 2009-51, which it previously sponsored, to also include women's basketball. The proposal would, in men's basketball, specify that an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

(2) Rationale. Current legislation does not place any restrictions on the location of institutional camps or clinics in sports other than football. The trend of hosting institutional camps or clinics in different regions of the country is an unwanted development in the men's and women's basketball recruiting culture. Camps or clinics should not be conducted primarily for recruiting purposes. Requiring institutions to conduct their men's and women's basketball camps or clinics on campus or a reasonable distance from campus will reduce institutional expenses and will reduce burdens on institutional personnel. 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.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings for institutions that have conducted camps or clinics beyond the proposed distance restriction. Potential for lost revenue from such camps.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

(5) Effective Date. Immediately; a contract signed before September 17, 2008, may be honored.

2. **Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Committee Chair.**

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommended that Janet Cone, director of athletics at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, serve as chair effective September 1, 2009.

(2) Rationale. Ms. Cone is entering her fourth year on the committee and has the support of the entire committee. The committee members believe that she will provide outstanding leadership and direction in her service as chair.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

The women's basketball issues committee offers the following comments and recommendations regarding select legislative proposals pending in the 2009-10 Division I legislative cycle:

NOTE: As the Women's Basketball Issues Committee considered the select legislative proposals listed below, they also reviewed the results of a Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) survey of Division I head coaches and the comments and positions of the Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee, as appropriate, regarding legislation in the 2009-10 legislative cycle.

1. **Proposal No. 2009-12 Personnel – Definitions and Applications – Undergraduate Student-Assistant Coach.** The committee took no position on this proposal, which would permit a student-athlete to serve as an undergraduate student-assistant coach at the institution at which the student-athlete most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student-athlete is currently enrolled at the institution as a full-time undergraduate student and he or she renounces any remaining eligibility in the sport; further, to specify that the limit of undergraduate student-assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit of countable coaches permitted in the sport. Although the committee took no position, it supported the concept of expanding opportunities for student-athletes to gain coaching experience while enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student. The committee expressed its concern with the requirement that student-athletes renounce their eligibility. The committee noted that student-athletes may be pressured to renounce eligibility or risk nonrenewal of financial aid. The committee also noted that the sponsors should consider adding language relating to the types of athletic activities for which an undergraduate student-assistant coach may be involved similar to what is noted in Proposal No. 2009-14 due to the potential abuse of placing males in this position mainly to serve as practice players.

2. **Proposal No. 2009-14 Personnel – Definitions and Applications – Manager.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2009-14, which would establish criteria by which an individual may serve as a manager, as specified. The committee agrees with the sponsor's rationale and noted that this legislation would clarify the role of a manager consistent with the intent of such a position and alleviate concerns related to managers engaging in activities of a countable coach.

3. **Proposal No. 2009-15 Personnel – Limitations on The Number and Duties of Coaches – Noncoaching Activities – Noncoaching Athletics Staff Member With Sport-Specific Responsibilities.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2009-15, which would permit noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities to participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). The committee agrees with the sponsor's rationale and noted that the parameters of the proposal would provide for professional growth opportunities without significant competitive equity concerns.

4. **Proposal No. 2009-20 Personnel – Limitations on The Number of Off-Campus Recruiters – On-Campus Events – Women's Basketball.** The committee recommends that the Championship/Sports Management Cabinet support Proposal No. 2009-20, which, in women's basketball, would specify that a coaching staff member who attends an athletics event on the institution's campus that involves women's basketball prospective student-athletes is considered an off-campus recruiter. The committee noted that this legislation would further level the playing field by eliminating recruiting advantages for those institutions that host on-campus events in which prospects participate.

5. **Proposal No. 2009-32 Recruiting – Telephone Calls – Time Period for Telephone Calls – Exception – Unlimited during Contact Period.** The committee opposes Proposal No. 2009-32, which would specify that during a contact period, telephone contact may be made at the institution's discretion. The committee expressed concern that this legislation would cause telephone calls to become more intrusive on prospective student-athletes and have a negative impact on the work/life balance of coaches due to the increase in the number of telephone calls they feel they must make during contact periods.

6. **Proposal No. 2009-36 Recruiting – Evaluations – Nonscholastic Evaluations During Academic Year – National Standardized Testing Weekends – Women's Basketball.** The committee continues to support Proposal No. 2009-36, which, in women's basketball, would specify that evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur on any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered.

7. **Proposal No. 2009-56 Recruiting – Use of Recruiting Funds – Recruiting or Scouting Services – Criteria for Subscription.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2009-56, which would establish additional criteria that must be satisfied in order for an institution to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, as specified. The committee agrees with the sponsor's rationale and noted that this legislation would assist in reinforcing the original intent of the legislation by requiring that recruiting or scouting services actually provide information that would assist in the evaluation of talent. The committee also noted that the legislation acknowledges the overall value of recruiting services and would protect the integrity of the recruiting process.

8. **Proposal No. 2009-77 Playing and Practice Seasons – Women's Basketball – Preseason Practice – On-Court Practice – 30 Practices Within 40 Days Prior To First Contest.** The committee took no position on Proposal No. 2009-77, which, in women's basketball, would specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of practice prior to its first regular-season contest. The committee cited the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group (BAEG) regarding a staggered schedule for the start of team practice and noted that such a model may also be appropriate for women's basketball. It was noted that it agrees conceptually with the flexibility that Proposal No. 2009-77 and the BAEG recommendation offers to institutions and that both concepts should be reviewed and considered by the membership.

9. **Proposal No. 2009-78 Playing and Practice Seasons – Women's Basketball – Number of Contests – Maximum Limitations.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2009-78, which would specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition to 26 contests and one qualifying multiple team event or 28 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple team event. The committee noted that this legislation may address some concerns regarding academic issues related to missed class time, but it also may raise concerns regarding possible financial implications relative to guarantee games. Further, the committee noted that the same concept is a recommendation of the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group for men's basketball.

10. **Proposal No. 2009-87 Administrative Regulations -- Foreign Tours and Competition – No Institutional or Conference Foreign Tours.** The committee took no position on Proposal No. 2009-87, which would specify that an institution or conference shall not sponsor or participate in a foreign tour. The committee noted that the current legislation is permissive in nature and institutions should have the autonomy to determine if a foreign tour is appropriate for a team. The committee also recognized that in the current financial climate and due to the diversity of institutions in Division I, there are many programs that

do not have the funds to send their teams on a foreign tour, which may cause competitive equity concerns.

11. **Proposal No. 2009-88 Administrative Regulations – Foreign Tours and Competition – Eligibility of Student-Athletes – Incoming-Student Participation – Basketball.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2009-88, which, in basketball, would permit an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution, provided: (a) he or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit during the summer term at the certifying institution; and (b) he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; further, to specify that a basketball student-athlete shall not participate in more than one institutional foreign tour. The committee agrees with the sponsor's rationale and believes that entering student-athletes should have the opportunity to participate in a foreign tour with their team.

NONLEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Academic and Athletic Development Model.** The committee noted that recent data has shown that the eligibility rates in baseball and men's basketball have increased substantially, while the same rate in women's basketball has declined. In addition, data indicates a sharp decrease in the number of baseball and men's basketball student-athletes who left institutions academically ineligible and did not return in the subsequent term (i.e., "0/2"). At the same time, there has been an increase in the number of "0/2s" in women's basketball. Further, the committee reviewed a summary outlining the number of student-athlete transfers into Division I institutions, particularly noting the increase in the number of 2-4 transfers in women's basketball, while the overall number of these transfers has decreased. The committee discussed at length potential solutions that would begin to curb these academic declines and improve women's basketball graduation rates. The committee continued its previous discussions of an academic preparation, enhancement and summer development model involving both summer school attendance and athletics activities for women's basketball student-athletes. The academic-development concepts were discussed for both incoming (i.e., freshmen, transfers) and continuing student-athletes and are summarized below:

   a. Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athletes.

      (1) Summer School Attendance. All incoming freshman and transfer Division I women's basketball student-athletes, who have signed financial aid agreements to receive athletically related financial aid for the ensuing regular academic year, shall be required to attend the institution's summer term prior to initial

full-time enrollment. Such student-athletes shall be provided financial aid and enroll in a minimum of six credit hours and satisfactorily complete a minimum of three hours of acceptable academic degree credit as a prerequisite for eligibility in the fall term.

(2) Athletics Activities. Such student-athletes would be permitted to engage in one hour of countable athletically related activities per week, up to a maximum of 10 total hours, during the time the student-athletes are enrolled in the summer term.

- Consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.9, such student-athletes may continue to engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by the institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis).

(3) Study Skills/Life Skills Requirement. Institutions must provide such student-athletes study skills/life skills education during the summer session.

b. Continuing Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athletes.

- Summer School Attendance and Athletics Activities. The current legislation relating to summer school attendance (i.e., financial aid, credit-hour requirement) for continuing student-athletes would remain the same. Consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.9, such student-athletes may continue to engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by the institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis).

c. Exceptions and Waivers. The committee agreed that there should be exceptions and waivers available to incoming student-athletes.

(1) An exception would be provided to those institutions that do not offer summer courses to the general student body. However, such institutions would not be permitted to participate in the summer countable athletically related activities component of these models. Further, institutions that offer summer courses, but do not offer athletically related financial aid (e.g., award only need-based aid), would have two options:

(a) To use the previously noted exception applicable to institutions that do not offer summer courses to the general student body. Institutions electing to use this option would not be required to award summer financial aid, but

also would be prohibited from participation in summer countable athletically related activities.

(b) Institutions electing to participate in the athletics activities portion of the model would be subject to the mandatory summer aid requirement for those student-athletes who qualify for nonathletically related financial aid to attend the summer session. The summer countable athletically related activities provisions of this model would be applicable to those student-athletes enrolled in the requisite minimum number of hours of acceptable degree credit who are receiving nonathletically related financial assistance covering their own cost of summer school.

(2) A wavier from the application of the mandatory attendance requirements for incoming student-athletes would be available when unique circumstances preclude an incoming student-athlete from attending summer school. A student-athlete receiving a waiver of the mandatory attendance requirement would not be permitted to engage in summer countable athletically related activities.

Over the course of the late summer and fall 2009, the committee will continue its work on the development of a series of recommendations regarding an Academic and Athletic Development Model. As part of its ongoing work, the committee will spend additional time examining the impact of the current playing and practice season model on the academic performance of women's basketball student-athletes. Additionally, the committee will further explore the impact of the act of transferring on the academic performance of women's basketball student-athletes and engage in a dialogue with the NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet, which is the group within the governance structure charged with reviewing the broad array of issues related to the act of transferring.

Given the important place women's basketball holds in the overall landscape of Division I and the developing concern about the academic performance of women's basketball student-athletes, the committee believes it is imperative to ultimately solicit feedback and comments from the Division I membership regarding its recommendations. Accordingly, once the committee develops its complete set of recommendations, it plans to develop an explanatory White Paper to share with the membership as early as the winter of 2010. Based on feedback and comments received from the membership, the committee will then seek to finalize its recommendations in the spring of 2010 and plan to ask the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to sponsor proposed legislative changes for the 2010-11 legislative cycle.

2. **Youth Basketball Initiative.** The committee received an update on iHoops, the official Youth Basketball Initiative of the NCAA and the NBA. The committee expressed its concern regarding the lack of women's basketball representation on the iHoops Board and noted that it plans to address the issue as iHoops begins its initial phase of operations.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Postseason Football Bowl Licensing Procedures. The NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee has developed new policies for the licensing process for postseason bowls, commencing with the 2010-11 bowls. These policies have been adopted in an effort to provide clarity and direction for all involved parties when negotiating bowl agreements.

1. **Multi-Year Bowl Licenses.** Commencing with the review of applications during the April 2010 meeting of the NCAA Postseason Licensing Subcommittee applications that are approved by the subcommittee will be for a four-year period. It is the subcommittee's position that the multi-year bowl license will (1) help provide stability within the postseason bowl structure, (2) be consistent with relationships within the bowl system and (3) allow bowl organizations to enhance the bowl experience for the involved teams knowing they have a bowl license beyond the current football season. It should be noted that inherent with the granting of the multi-year license conditions of performance must be met to ensure the bowl is meeting expectations and would be reviewed annually by the licensing subcommittee.

2. **Licensing Criteria.** In addition to the established licensing criteria, the Postseason Licensing Subcommittee shall review each bowl application to determine if the primary agreements with Division I conferences are feasible based on historical data. If the subcommittee determines that the primary agreements are not historically supported, then a secondary agreement or agreements must be submitted that will ensure the bowl will have eligible participating teams. When negotiating a bowl agreement, conferences and bowl organizations shall review the historical data to determine if a secondary agreement should be included in the bowl application.

   The historical data to be reviewed for primary and secondary agreements will be the number of teams with bowl-eligible records from each conference, including teams with 6-6 records. However, it should be noted that if 6-6 teams are included in secondary agreements, these agreements would not be valid until all winning teams from the at-large pool have been selected for postseason competition (consistent with NCAA Bylaw 30.9.2.1).

   It should be noted that in addition to the historical data regarding teams with winning and 6-6 records, the subcommittee will also take into consideration the number of times a conference has not fulfilled its bowl commitments.

3. **Historical Data.** Attached please find the historical data that should be reviewed by the conferences and sponsoring agencies for postseason bowls when negotiating their agreements. It should be noted that information from the 2009-10 bowl season will be included in the data that will be reviewed by the licensing subcommittee next April.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA SOFTBALL RULES COMMITTEE JULY 7-10, 2009

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Enhanced Softball Bat Compliance Testing.

1. Recommendation. The Softball Rules Committee recommends that the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet take action to support enhancement of the softball bat-compliance testing and approve future funding of additional testing.

2. Rationale. Securing bats from teams as they are eliminated from any round of 2010 postseason competition creates a wider base for post-competition compliance testing. Addition of barrel-compression testing before the 2010 postseason competition, and the continuation of post-competition lab tests, will provide assurance that barrel compression testing is valid and will lead to compliance efforts in the regular season beginning in 2011. After applicable notification to the membership in general, and further notification specifically to teams that had bats that exceeded the standard in the first three years of testing, implementation of penalties for noncompliance will help ensure competitive equity and student-athlete safety and welfare.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. $81,250. Current budget of $30,000 would be reallocated to cover any possible increased expanded testing costs before the next budget cycle in 2010-11.

    a. $45,000 to test 60 additional bats ($500-$750 each), which would include a bat from half of all teams across all three divisions in postseason competition.

    b. $2,250 for shipping expenses.

    c. $9,000 to purchase 12 barrel compression testing machines.

    d. $20,000 additional travel expenses.

    e. $5,000 Equipment Consultant stipend effective September 2011.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes who personally own a bat secured for lab testing would receive a replacement bat or reimbursement following compliant test results. If the results showed the bat exceeds the standard, the bat may not be returned, replaced or reimbursed.

5. Championship Group Comments. This proposal is strongly supported by the Softball Rules Committee and the three softball championship committees. It is anticipated

that the Playing Rules Oversight Panel will show strong support for the proposal on its August 20 conference call. Additional support of the concept has been expressed by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

a. Historical treatment of the item.

(1) Prior consideration. The cabinet approved $30,000 for initial bat compliance testing to begin in 2007, which included post-competition testing on two bats from each of the final two teams in Division II and Division III, and the eight teams in the Women's College World Series. Three years of lab tests reveal that 24 bats across all three divisions (30 percent of bats tested) have exceeded the standard, including six bats from championship teams.

(2) The NCAA requires that bats used in competition must have the permanent Amateur Softball Association (ASA) bat certification seal.

(3) After the first year of NCAA post-competition bat compliance testing, ASA legal counsel communicated that they would not use the NCAA test data as a strike in their certification process that allowed three strikes before including the bat on non-approved bat list, even though it may have a 2004 certification seal.

(4) In fall 2008, the NCAA Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Committee funded purchase of 20 off-the-shelf bats and lab testing to determine if fastpitch softball bats are compliant with the ASA performance limit for bats most commonly used in the collegiate game. The study showed one bat that exceeded the standard, which was expected since most bats tested were composite bats that were not broken in.

(5) In fall 2008, ASA required bat manufacturers to meet the standard for the life of the bat, but kept the identical certification seal. Bats that were certified under the previous ASA contract are still available, and it is possible that some are being provided to program schools.

b. Applicability to other sports. Most sports have equipment standards for the overall integrity of the sport and some (e.g., baseball, lacrosse) conduct standards testing. Rules are modified in an attempt to help ensure competitive equity and outcomes based on talent rather than advantages attributed to technology.

c. Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. The Cabinet regularly supports competitive equity, integrity of the game, and student-athlete safety and welfare.

d. Operational concerns.

(1) Lab tests show that bats are being used that exceed the standard. Teams have not been given notification, and they have not been held accountable for bats that exceed the standard.

(2) General notification will be sent to the membership in fall 2009 including information on the expansion of compliance testing and explanation of penalties that could be imposed after the 2010 championships.

(3) Additional notification will be sent only to those schools that had a bat that exceeded the standard any of those first three years of compliance testing.

(4) A championship misconduct penalty should be imposed on any school found to have used a bat that exceeds the standard after the 2010 championships. In 2011 and beyond, a bat found to exceed the barrel-compression standard during in season testing may not be returned, replaced or reimbursed, and penalties may be imposed.

(5) When notification is given to a program school that a bat exceeded the standard and penalties are imposed, the program school may challenge the bat manufacturer over responsibility for the bats that were provided.

(6) When notification is given to the school that a bat purchased by a student-athlete exceeded the standard and penalties are imposed, the school will held responsible even though the school did not purchase the bat.

(7) Summary of likely opposition to the proposal. A player or team that loses a bat because it exceeds the standard. Coaches will be accountable for all equipment used by the team.

(8) Student-athlete experience. Student-athletes want competitive equity and to have the integrity of the game maintained. Their talent should provide the excitement rather than bat technology.

(9) Fan access/experience. The fan experience should not be affected.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Banned Drug-Class Educational Handout Revised.** The committee approved the new educational document, attached, emphasizing the drug classes, providing the nutritional supplement warning, minimizing examples and referring to the Resource Exchange Center (REC). The purpose for doing so is to discourage student-athletes from using supplements and from relying on their own review of any supplement product, and to encourage student-athletes to check in with athletics department staff.

2. **NCAA Drug-Testing Notification**. Staff will prepare a best practices document to identify those aspects of NCAA drug testing that increase deterrence, and to provide strategies to better prepare for NCAA drug testing and shorter notice to the institution.

3. **NCAA Drug Testing at Championships**. As NCAA championships staff consider additional consequences to championship outcomes in which a participating student-athlete is subsequently declared ineligible from a positive drug test conducted at a championship event, the committee recommends communications to championship staff to clarify the following aspects of championship drug testing: that positive results may be confirmed in early rounds, that championship testing includes testing for street drugs, and that student-athletes may be selected for testing even if they are not actively competing in any championship game.

4. **Drug Testing Frequency.** The committee recommended the following points in response to a question posed by the Executive Committee "Do we test enough?":

   a. Drug testing is a part of a comprehensive approach to deter drug use, including strong written policy and effective education conducted at both the national and local level;

   b. The NCAA drug-testing program strengths are its strict protocol, serious penalties, short notice year-round testing, and increased repeat testing;

   c. Frequency of testing events provides more of a deterrent effect than does increasing the number of tests at a testing event, and therefore deterrence can be increased through more year-round repeat testing and increased summer testing events; and

d. The committee charges NCAA staff to provide a report at the December 2009 CSMAS meeting regarding the best allocation of current resources for deterrence of drug use.

***LEGISLATIVE ITEMS*.**

Action Items.

1. **Institutional responsibility for drug use deterrence.**

a. Recommendation. The committee recommends amending NCAA Bylaws 11.1.2 and 30.5, to hold athletics staff to the same level of accountability to which student-athletes are held pertaining to knowledge of NCAA banned substances, as follows:

(1) 11.1.2.2 Involvement for approving the use of a banned substance. All athletics staff who have regular interaction with student-athletes should be made aware that the NCAA has a banned substances list, that any nutritional supplement use may present risks to student-athlete health and eligibility, and that student-athletes with questions about nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics resource person or persons as noted in 30.5.1.

(2) 30.5.1 Responsibility of Institution. **Institutions must designate, educate and identify a person or persons to serve as the athletics resource for student-athletes' nutritional supplement questions or review. In addition, e**ach member institution is responsible for ensuring compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug Testing Program [remainder of 30.5.1 unchanged]:…

b. Rationale. In drug-test appeal cases heard by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), student-athletes have been provided approval by athletics department staff to use a supplement product or medication that contained NCAA banned substances. NCAA policy provides that student-athletes must be educated about NCAA banned substances and the products that may contain them, holds student-athletes responsible for anything they ingest, and advises student-athletes to check with appropriate athletics staff prior to ingesting any supplement or medication. The committee position is that staff be held to the same level of accountability to which student-athletes are held and that athletics departments provide an educated resource person or persons so that student-athletes are not ill-advised and suffer a penalty for using a banned substance while the athletics staff bear no responsibility.

CSMAS initially recommended legislation requiring that all staff be educated about NCAA drug policies, banned substances and the products that may contain them. The Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet felt the recommendation was too broad in its inclusion of all athletics staff and encouraged the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to discuss limiting the scope of the recommendation to include only athletics staff that interacts daily with student-athletes on such issues (e.g., coaches, sports medicine staff). Based on the cabinet's feedback, the committee revised the recommendation to specify that staff who have regular interaction with student-athletes should be made aware that the NCAA has a banned substances list, that any nutritional supplement use may present risks to student-athlete health and eligibility, and that student-athletes with questions about nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution's designated athletics resource person or persons. In addition, the revised recommendation requires that the institution designate at least one individual to serve as a resource for student-athletes who have questions about banned drug policies. All institutions will continue to receive information about NCAA banned drugs and contact information for the REC, an authoritative resource for staff and student-athletes to inquire about medications and supplement products and whether they contain banned substances on the ingredients label.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athlete health, safety and eligibility will be better protected when athletics staff is held accountable for following NCAA drug policies, banned substances and the products that may contain them, and are held accountable for compliance with the NCAA drug testing program.

e. Effective Date. August 1, 2011.

2. Strength and Conditioning Staff.

a. Recommendation. The committee suggests that the standard in NCAA Bylaw 17.11.6.1 be extended to all sports where student-athletes participate in voluntary conditioning programs designed and conducted by strength and conditioning staff.

All strength and conditioning coaches conducting non-mandatory weight-training or conditioning activities shall be required to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid certification. The sports medicine staff must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deem appropriate.

b. Rationale. The committee noted that since this legislation was added for football other sports have added summer workout opportunities for all sports but have not adopted similar legislation pertaining to strength and conditioning coaches. The committee believes similar standards should be in place for all sports. However, the committee noted that the sentence, "In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all non-mandatory conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach" only pertains to football. Football has been shown to have the largest squad sizes, greater risk for sudden collapse with recent fatalities during conditioning sessions during the summer period and thus a need for sports medicine professionals to be on the sidelines. At the time of this original legislation, only football was allowed conditioning sessions during the summer months but subsequently other sports have added the same conditioning session exposures for student-athletes in other sports. The reason to require sports medicine professionals for football and not other sports is based on the fact that over the last 10 years, football has had 21 student-athlete sudden deaths (the majority during conditioning sessions) while the other 38 sports have recorded a total of 19 student-athlete sudden deaths (4 during conditioning). This legislation does not preclude member institutions from implementing similar standards for other conditioning workouts however the committee believes that requiring the strength and conditioning professionals to be CPR and First Aid certified provides an appropriate baseline for emergency response. The intent is to provide the same standard for other sports as afforded to football student-athletes.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athlete health and safety would be enhanced.

e. Effective Date. June 1, 2011.

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Dear Joni:

The Southeastern Conference has recently engaged in a review of issues related to certain NCAA Championship events. In light of the current financial climate and following consultation with our coaches groups, we offer the following concepts for consideration by the Division I Championships Cabinet:

Eliminate Track and Field Regional Qualifying

The members of the Southeastern Conference believe the current approach to establishing national championship participants through a regional qualifying structure results in significant unnecessary cost to participating institutions. Given the fiscal challenges facing many athletics departments, we believe the regional qualifying format can be eliminated immediately. We ask the Cabinet act quickly to eliminate regional qualifying and that a qualifying standard be implemented for determining those who will qualify to participate in the national championship event.

Modify the Women's Soccer Tournament Format

Currently, the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Tournament is played using a format that requires the successful team play two games during the opening weekend of the tournament, one game during the second weekend of the tournament, one game during the third weekend of the tournament, followed by two games during the College Cup weekend.

In reviewing this format, we suggest consideration be given to a format as follows:

- First Round played at 32 sites during the tournament's first weekend.
- Second and Third Rounds played during the tournament's second weekend, with the number of sites determined by the Women's Soccer Committee and Championships Cabinet. It appears the use of eight four-team sites would be appropriate for this round of competition.

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- Quarterfinals played during the tournament's third weekend at four sites.

- College Cup played during the tournament's fourth weekend using the current format.

The SEC's women's soccer coaches have expressed concern related to the physical demands associated with competing in a conference tournament, followed the next week by two more physically challenging games during the NCAA tournament's opening rounds. Our coaches believe adopting the suggested format provides the following benefits:

- The physical demands on student-athletes are better managed by requiring successful teams only play one contest during the NCAA tournament's first weekend.
- Using 32 home sites during the first round increases the opportunity to build interest around the country.
- Currently, 16 teams compete at home during the first round while 48 teams are required to travel for the first and second round competition. The suggested format reduces the number of teams traveling to participate in the first round, which is expected to reduce travel costs and missed class time for student-athletes.
- It is anticipated there will be a reduced need for lengthy travel for teams participating in first round contests. Since additional host sites are included in the suggest first round format, it is expected the Women's Soccer Committee will be able to establish appropriate regional matchups while maintaining the integrity of Championship competition.
- The suggested tournament format does not lengthen the season or the time required to play the NCAA tournament.

We appreciate your consideration of these suggestions and the work of the Championships Cabinet to fully evaluate our ideas.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

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BYLAW 17 AND 31 REVIEWS
AREAS FOR POTENTIAL COST REDUCTIONS

1. Bylaw 17.

a. Pull all Bylaw 17 legislative changes from the last five years (maybe 10) to review which ones indicated or would have resulted in increase costs. Connected to that, we suggest that cost information submitted with legislative proposals include actual costs in the future. The only cost information included are potential general areas that could be increased but nobody puts dollars to it and that is important in considering the actual impact.

b. The Division I National SAAC discussed cost savings initiatives at its July meeting and determined of most importance to student-athletes regarding budget were; maintaining contests/competition (i.e., not eliminating games).

c. Review/revise length of playing seasons in all sports.

d. Reduce maximum number of preseason practice units allowed for teams returning to campus prior to the first day of classes. At many institutions, athletic departments incur sizeable costs for student-athletes' housing and meals during preseason practice periods prior to the start of classes. Possible actions the cabinet could explore follow:

(1) Reducing preseason practice seasons by one or two days, which would result in lower costs while still allowing student-athletes and coaches ample time to prepare for their upcoming seasons.

(2) Modifying the women's volleyball schedule to align this sport with other team sports conducting preseason practice prior to the start of classes (e.g., field hockey and soccer).

e. Reduce the length of the season in some sports (e.g., go back to the women's soccer contest start date that was in effect last year).

- Every time we allow pre-season practice to begin earlier, it costs institutions more money to have those student-athletes on campus for those extra days. Women's soccer may not have increased the number of contests with their new start date but it did increase the number of days that women's soccer student-athletes are on campus by one week, which means one more week of food and housing if schools need to pay for that, etc. Ice hockey is a season that could be reduced on the front end. Instead of allowing practice to begin on the first day of classes, ice hockey could start practice more in line with other winter sports around October 15. The outdoor track and field national championships meet could be moved up a week so student-athletes are not staying on campus so late and costing us more money.

f. Reduce contests in some sports (e.g., ice hockey, where many conferences want fewer but can't make themselves do it alone and baseball).

g. Reduction/elimination of competitions during non-championship segments.

h. We could recommend a cut of 10 percent in all competitions other than basketball and football--traditionally revenue generating sports--similar to what was proposed in scholarships years ago in an attempt to better meet equity.

i. Evaluate the number of contests for each sport while protecting the ability for sports to participate during the traditional and the nontraditional seasons.

j. Push the fall season starting dates out to the first week of September to cut back on August preseason expenses, i.e., food and lodging.

k. Look to move women's volleyball national championship from the week before Christmas to one week earlier-may need to reduce number of contests by two.

l. Conclude Men's Golf Championships by May 31.

m. Eliminate track and field regionals.

n. Consider reduction/elimination in participation opportunities in regional qualifiers.

o. Reduce number of off-season contests from five to two and prohibit overnight travel for those contests.

p. Consider eliminating non-traditional seasons in all sports.

q. Remove Bylaw 17.02.11.1. By removing the bylaw, Sundays would count toward the practice units but remain optional as a day off from practice. Bylaw 17.1.6.3.4 does not require any time off in the preseason. Net result is a savings of one or two days of preseason nationally.

r. For sports that have a non-championship segment, examine the costs and benefits of competition outside the championship segment, to include from staff a review of the legislative intent for such competition.

s. Eliminate nontraditional season in all sports with divided segments. In other words, no soccer and volleyball spring competitions or baseball and softball fall ball. I think practice could be acceptable, but the competition leads to travel costs, etc.

t. If we do not eliminate non-traditional contests, then limit the number of contests to three.

u. Count any games during nontraditional seasons toward championship segment total.

v. Reduce maximum number of dates of competition permitted during non-championship segments in field hockey, women's lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Teams are allowed a specified number of dates of competition during the non-championship segment.

(1) While this competition has no impact on a team's win-loss record or consideration for post-season play, it does result in operating costs for participating institutions (e.g., travel, meals, game officials, facility and event management staff, etc.).

(2) Consider decreasing the number of non-championship dates of competition by a specified amount (e.g., 10 percent, 25 percent, etc.)

(3) Consider including competition during non-championship segment in the maximum number of contests or dates of competition allowed.

w. Limit to two weeks, the amount of time a fall sport team can return to campus prior to their first competition.

x. Reduce preseason practice one to three days.

y. Reduce the permissible preseason practice dates. (If this is not already included if you reduce the length of the playing season.)

z. Prohibit institutions from providing any support of student-athletes during the summer other than medical/academic (e.g., no workouts with strength coach, no individual workouts with coaches in individual sports, no laundry, no paying expenses for voluntary workouts).

aa. Eliminate Foreign Tours.

bb. Reassess all contest limits to include a historical overview of the rationale for existing limits.

cc. Re-evaluate golf and tennis competitions. Do we need the length both fall and spring?

dd. Apply the 36 and 48 hour departure requirements to vacation periods and NCAA championships.

ee. Put a limit on the number of days a football team can leave campus and arrive at the site for a Bowl game.

Note: Attached is the report of the NCAA Division II Championships Committee and Legislation Committee June 24, 2009, joint meeting and their recommendations regarding NCAA Bylaw 17.

2. Bylaw 31.

a. Consider squad size and staff travel party reductions.

b. Reduce number of permissible assistant coaches/administrative support in select sports.

c. Regulate the squad size that you can send to a championship.

d. Reduce travel parties to NCAA post-season.

e. 31.4.6: per diem expenses. Could set a lower number here than in past years, or could reduce travel party.

f. Decrease per diem amounts for NCAA committee travel and for NCAA championship team travel (I am sure somebody at the NCAA office could put a pencil to that to see if the bottom line is sufficient enough to merit consideration).

g. Increase travel policy mileage limitation threshold from 350 to 400 for Division I Basketball.

h. Evaluate actual costs of reimbursement to institutions for NCAA travel and the gap between that and what is being provided to institutions. Although not a cost cutting measure for the organization, it would give more money back to the institutions.

i. Not covering the cost of ground transportation to airports (again, it would be good to have a fairly solid figure before pursuing this option).

j. No international travel or a moratorium on international travel.

k. Eliminate overnight lodging for home games.

l. Eliminate practice of permitting teams to use local lodging the evening prior to home football games.

m. Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1: can you put any criteria in the site determination section that consider costs of accommodations or transportation?

n. Reduce amounts for participation and championship awards.

o. Reduce production of NCAA Public Service Announcements for television use.

p. Elimination of printed media guides and potentially all printed recruiting materials.

q. NCAA eliminates production of glossy, four-color brochures. Make all appropriate information available electronically.

r. Reduce number of in-person committee meetings (substitute webinar or teleconference).

s. Evaluate meeting sites for NCAA committees; evaluate conference call opportunities.

t. Extend the permissible mileage figure needed to trigger airfare instead of bus travel.

u. Make all media meals at NCAA championships pay-as-you-go rather than complimentary.

v. Alcohol sponsorships: not cost cutting, but allowing them could increase revenues. Not sure that would ever fly though.

w. Minimize operational costs associated with NCAA post-season championships – i.e., media set-up, ticket stock, backstage setup, etc.

x. Send institutions to local sites for championships.

y. Utilize championship sites that would not run high in operating costs.

z. Increase bid amounts for championship events (more of a revenue generating as opposed to cost saving approach).

aa. Evaluate the number of tickets allowed student-athletes at championships. There were recent increases but given the economy this is an area where we could spread the pain a bit. This is a huge budget item when institutions attend multiple championships. The minimum is the maximum on this one.

TRAVEL EXPENSE SYSTEM- MEETINGS USER GUIDE

(https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login)

We are pleased to introduce the NCAA's new online meeting reimbursement system. The Travel Expense System (TES) will allow committee members and other travelers to file their requests for per diem and travel expense reimbursement electronically. TES will replace the Statement of Expense forms used previously, and by streamlining the reimbursement process, will allow the NCAA travel and finance staffs to reduce the time it takes to process reimbursements by approximately 75%. This user guide is meant to assist the traveler in filing their expense reimbursement request.

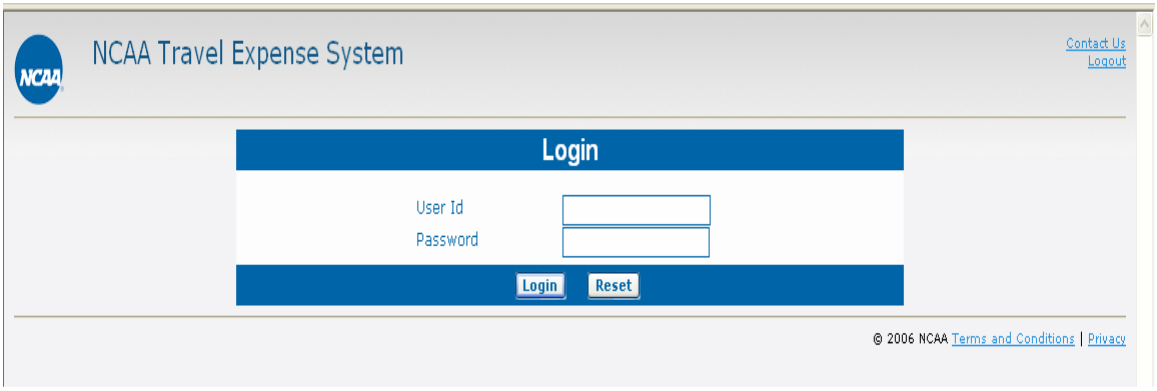
There are three types of travelers that will use TES to submit reimbursement requests:

1. Per Diem recipients. This type of traveler will include most committee members and program participants who receive per diem as part of their expense reimbursement.
2. Honorarium recipients. Travelers who receive honorariums and/or some travel expense for their service instead of per diem.
3. Actual expense travelers. These travelers do not receive per diem or an honorarium but are reimbursed for their travel expenses upon approval by their staff liaison.

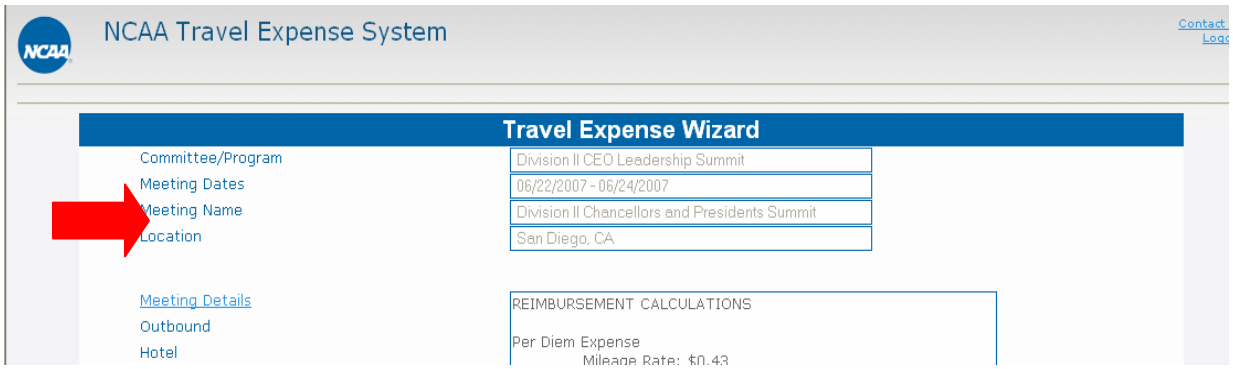
Following the meeting, your liaison will authorize you to file a reimbursement request. Once that authorization has been entered, you will receive an email from travel@ncaa.org. This email contains the one time user name and password for one particular meeting; which you will need in order to file your expense report.

FILING YOUR EXPENSE REQUEST

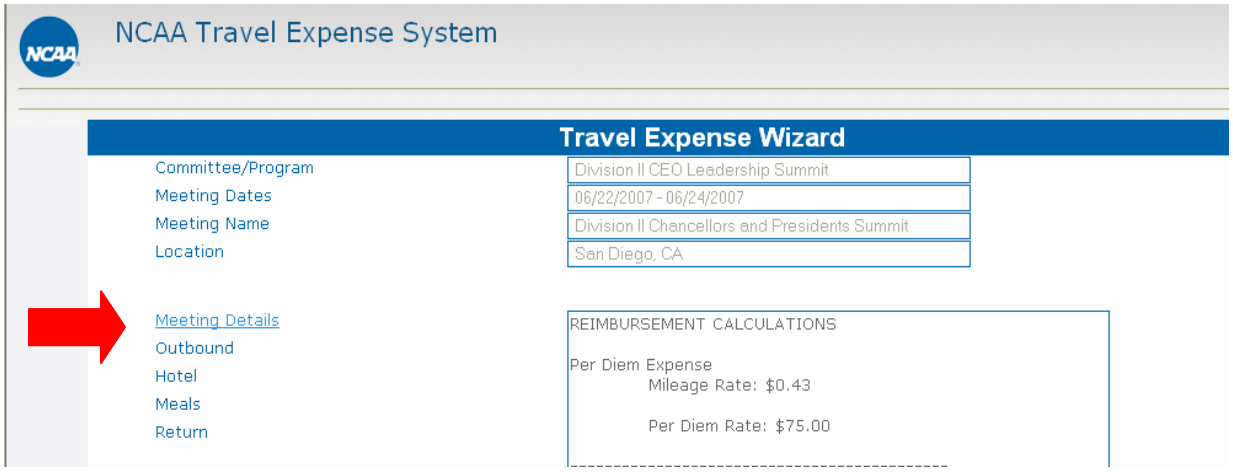
1. Once you receive an email from travel@ncaa.org use the user name and password created specifically for you and this particular meeting and click login. Remember that once you submit expenses with this username and password the username and password will become inactive.



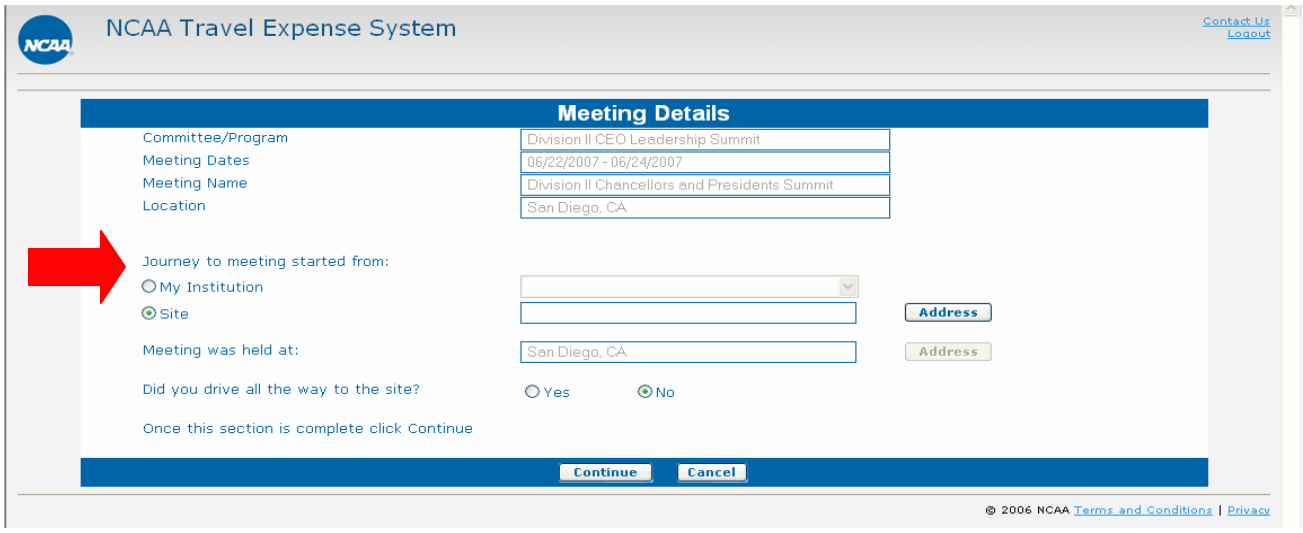
2. Once logged into the system verify the pre-populated fields: Committee/Program, Meeting Dates, Meeting Name and location.



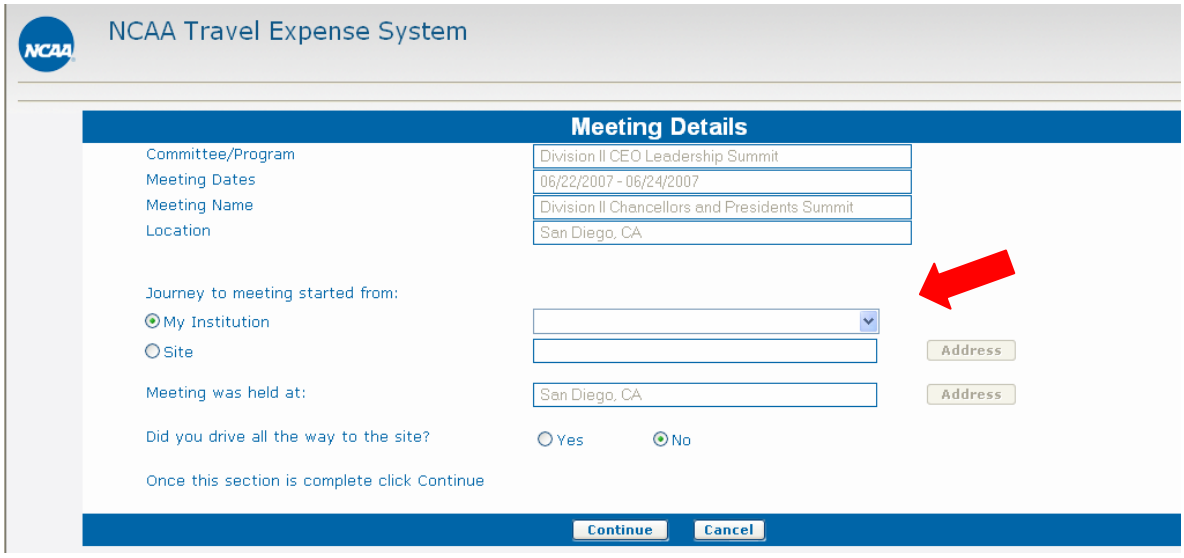
3. Once you confirm you are filing an expense form for the correct meeting, select Meeting Details.



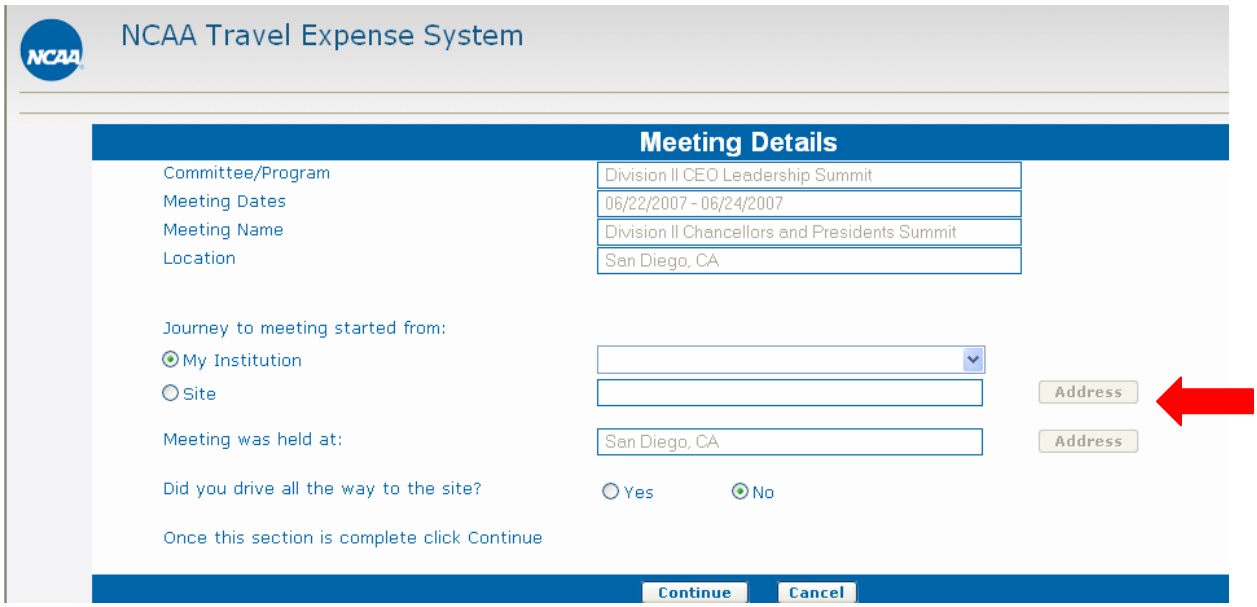
4. Select where your trip started from located under, Journey to meeting started from. If you started from your institution, click My Institution. If you left from your home, select Site.

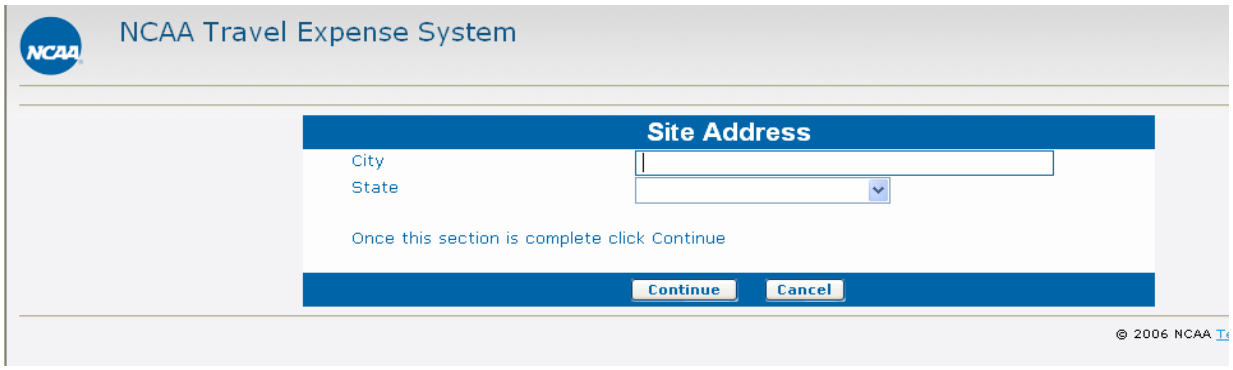


5. If you select My Institution you will need to select your institution from the dropdown menu.

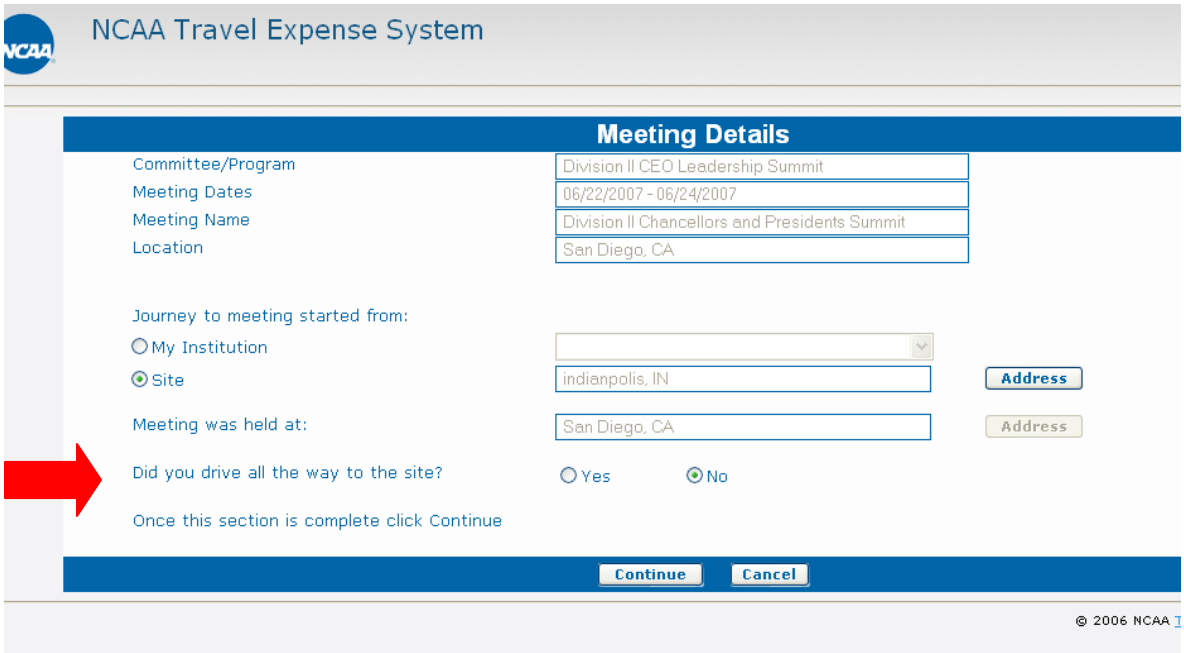


6. If you select Site, you will need to select Address. The Address button will take you to a screen that asks you to enter the city and state where your trip began. Once completed, click Continue.

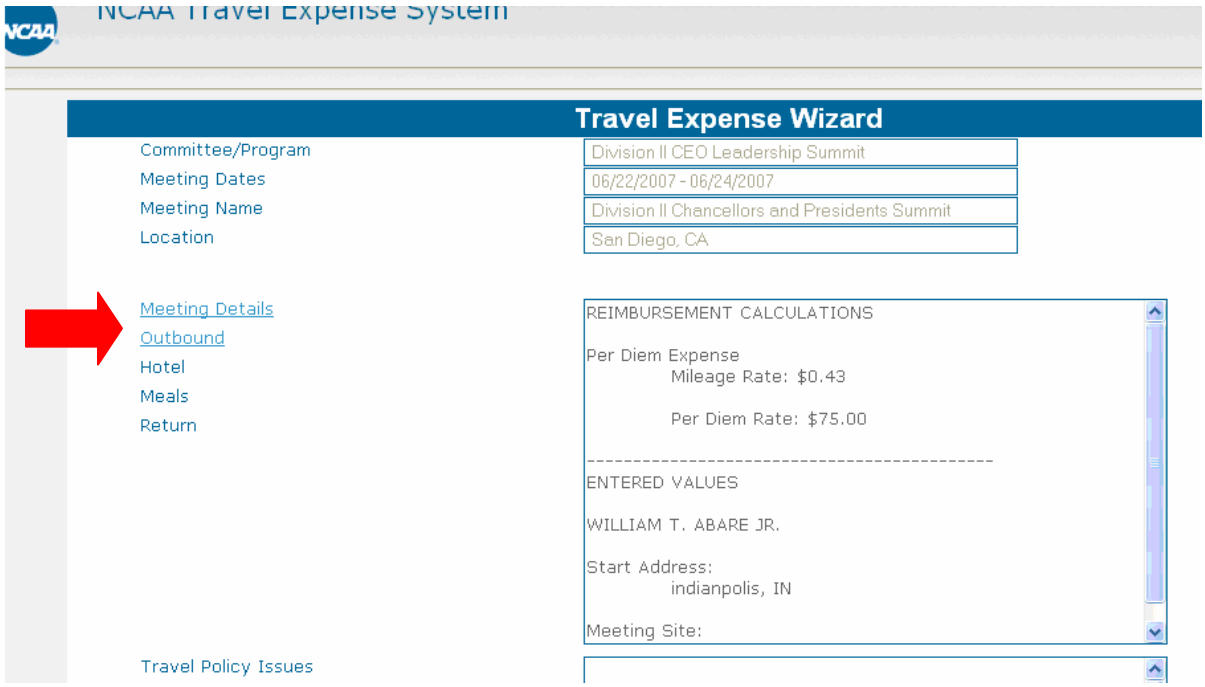




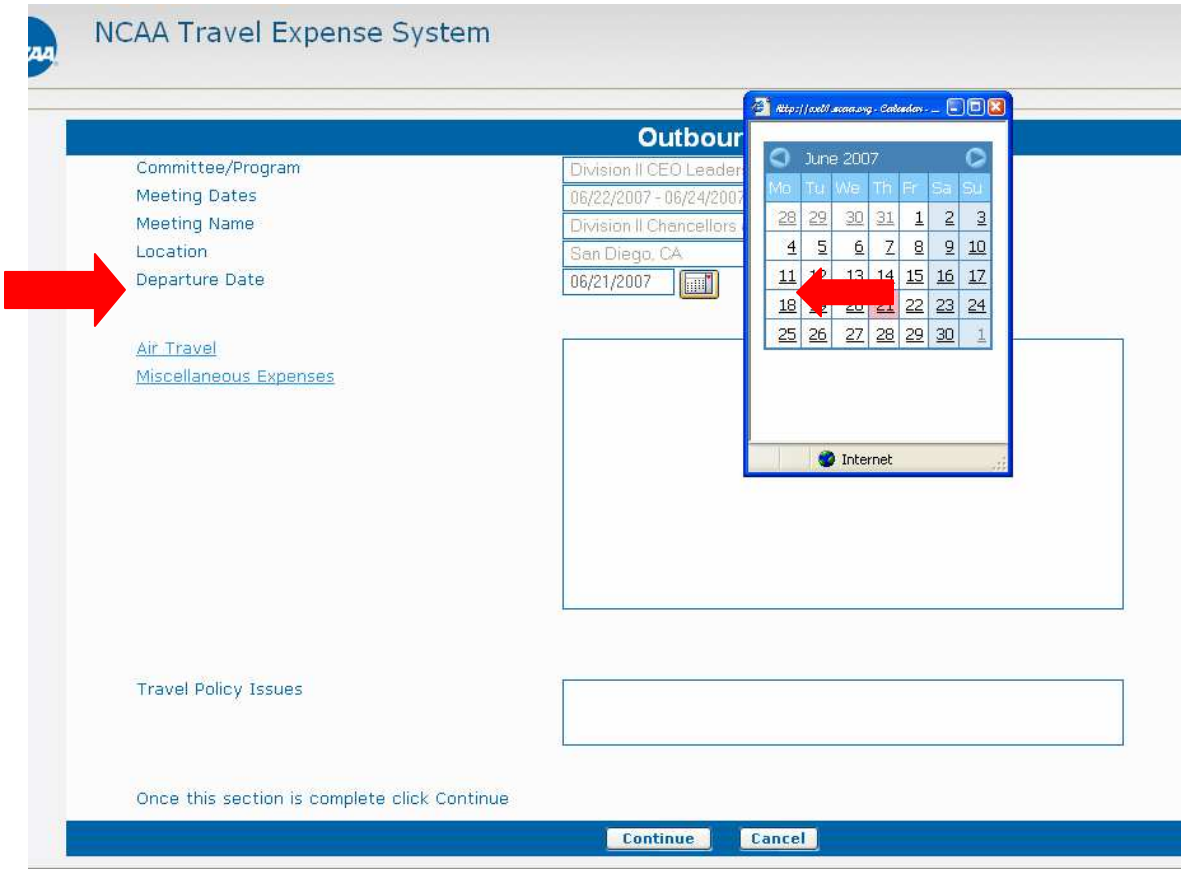
7. After selecting your institution or completing the address screen and being directed back to the Meeting Details page, you will need to answer the next question Did you drive all the way to the site? Choose the answer that applies. Once completed, click Continue. You will then be taken to the main page.



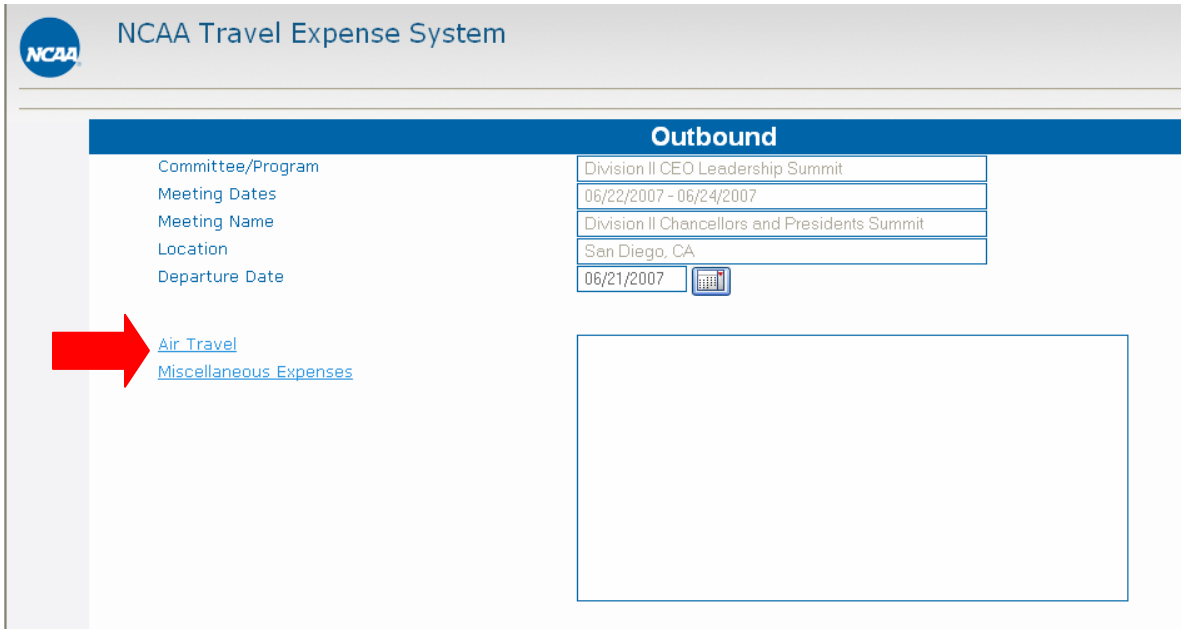
8. The next step is to enter your travel details. Click Outbound to enter your departure information.



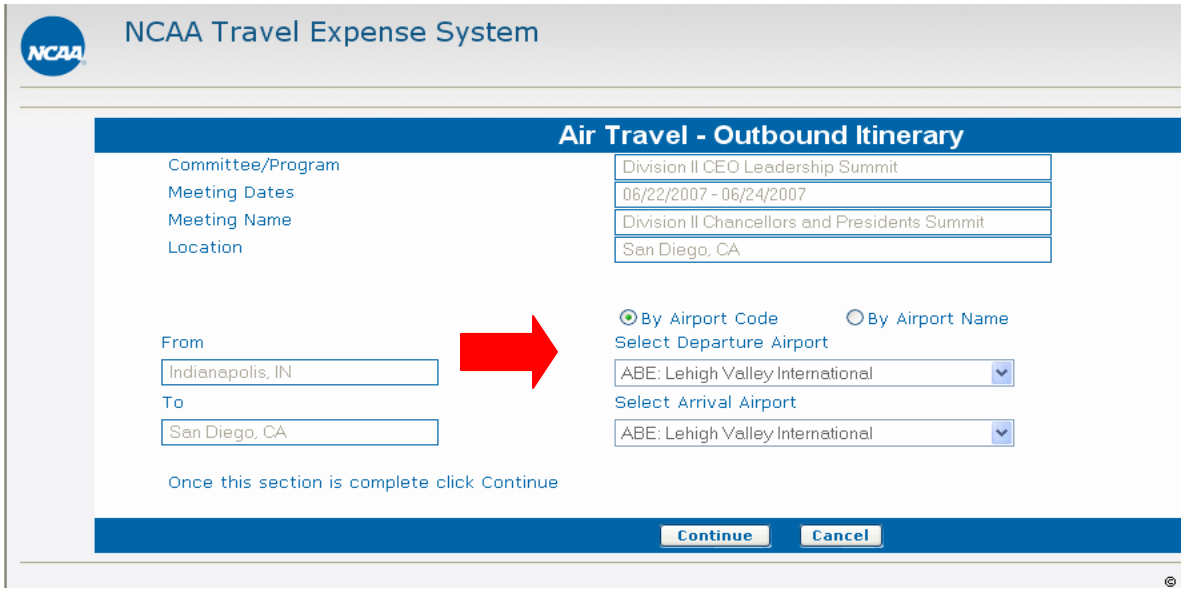
9. Once in the Outbound screen select departure date by clicking on the calendar and then select the day you departed for your meeting.



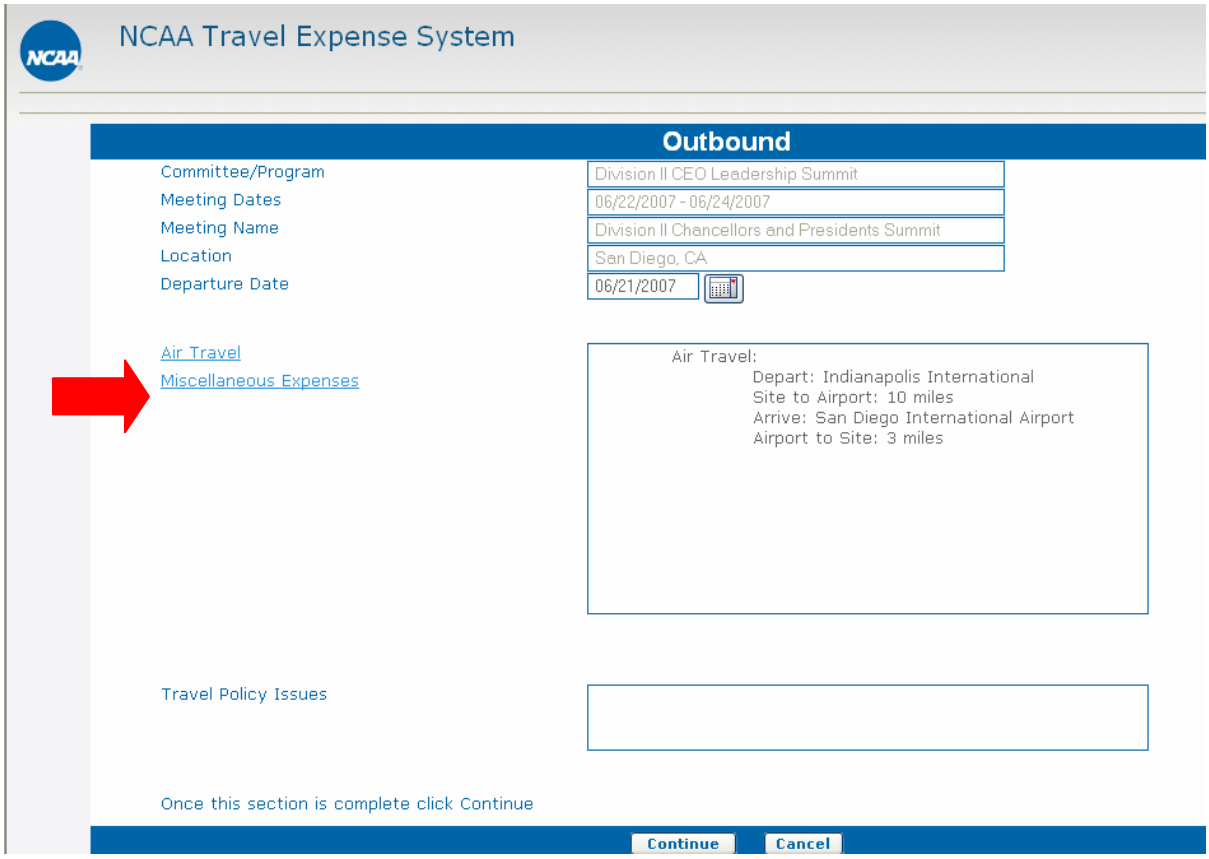
10. If you flew, a link for Air Travel will be present. You will need to click on this link to select your departure and arrival airport. If you drove, you will proceed to the Miscellaneous Expenses page.



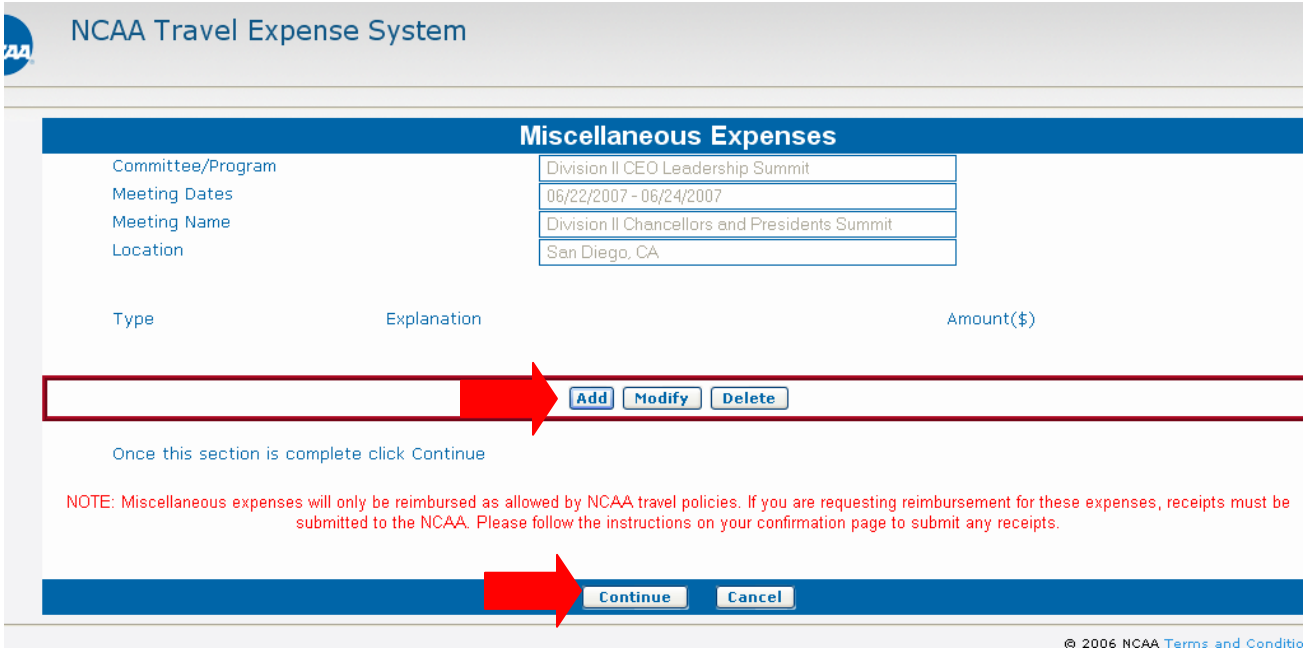
11. On the Air Travel - Outbound Itinerary screen you can select your departure and arrival airport by clicking the drop down arrow and selecting the airport. You have the choice of choosing your airport by the three letter airport code, or by airport name. Once you have completed this page click Continue.



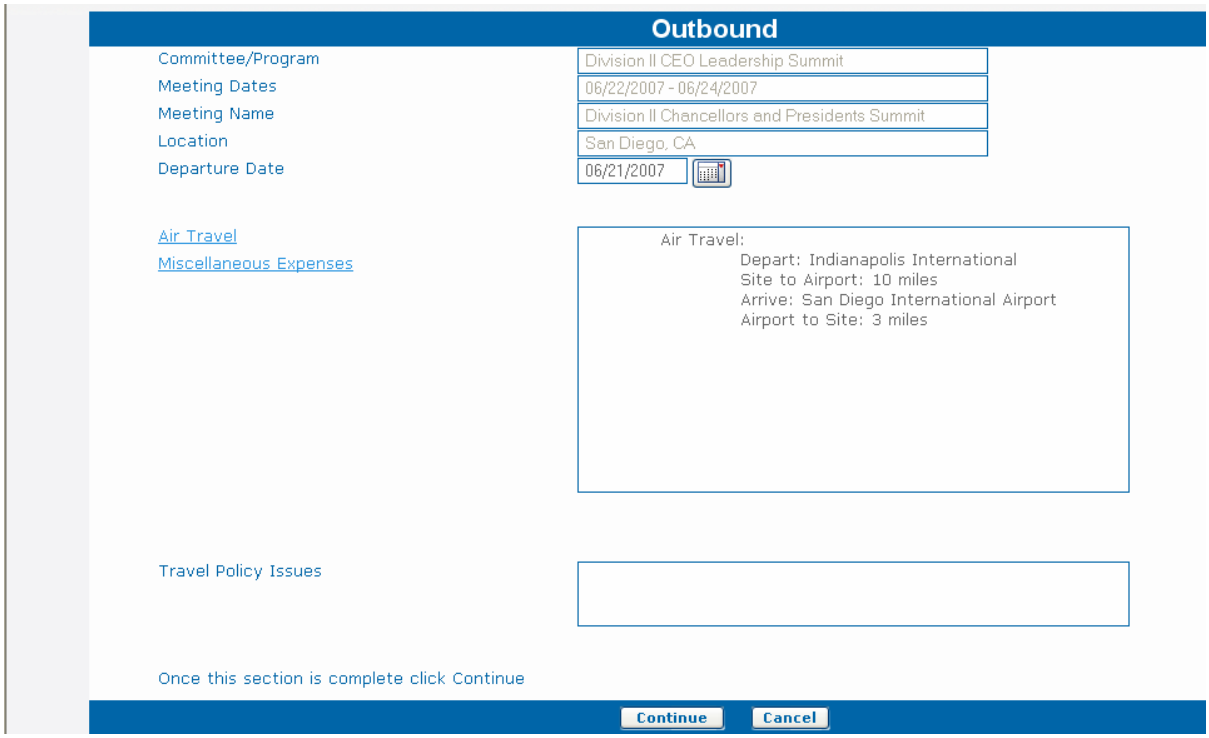
12. If you have any miscellaneous expenses, such as airline change fees or airfare costs not directly billed to the NCAA, click Miscellaneous Expenses to enter the details. Please note anything you claim here will be reviewed by NCAA travel staff and will need to be accompanied by receipts. Most committee members will not use this function.



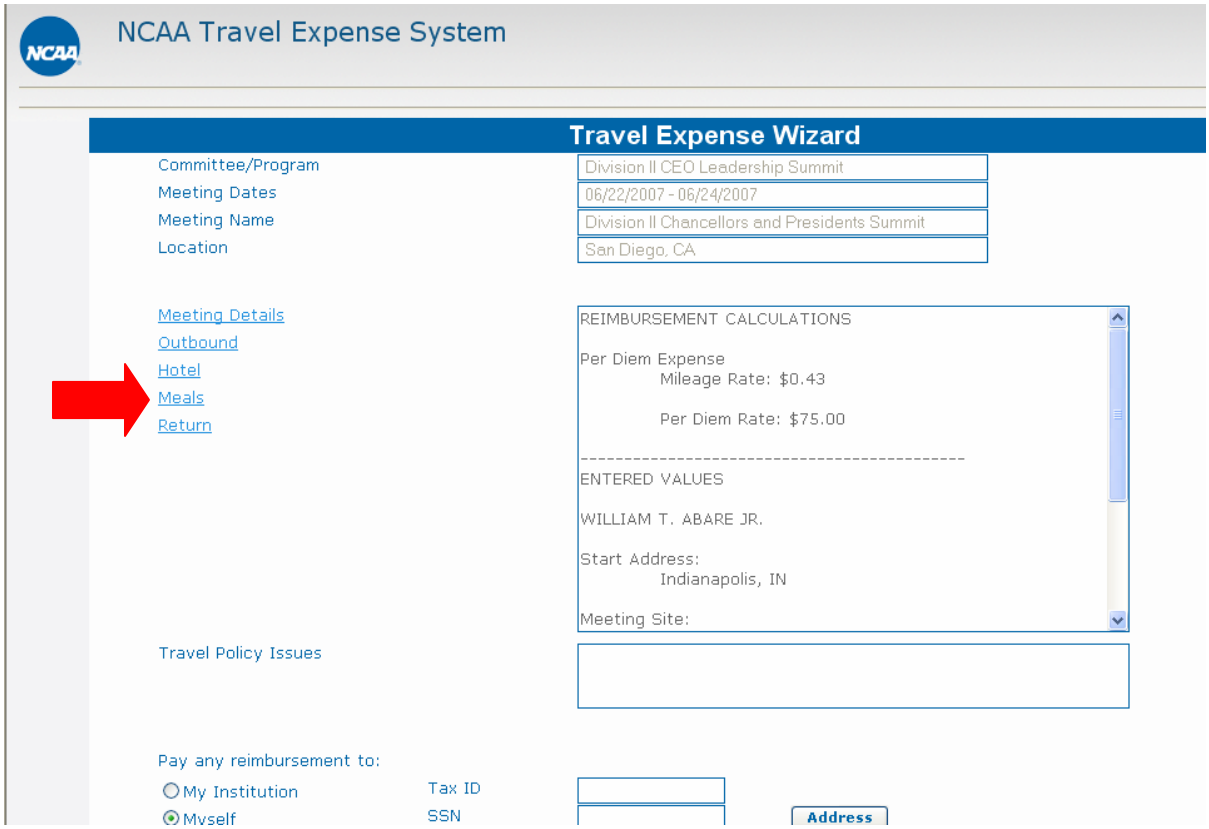
13. If you have Miscellaneous Expenses, click Add, choose the type of expense you are claiming, give the justification or explanation of the expense and the amount. This page will allow you to add as many expenses here as you need. Once you have finished entering your expenses click Continue at the bottom of the page. You will then be directed back to the Outbound page.



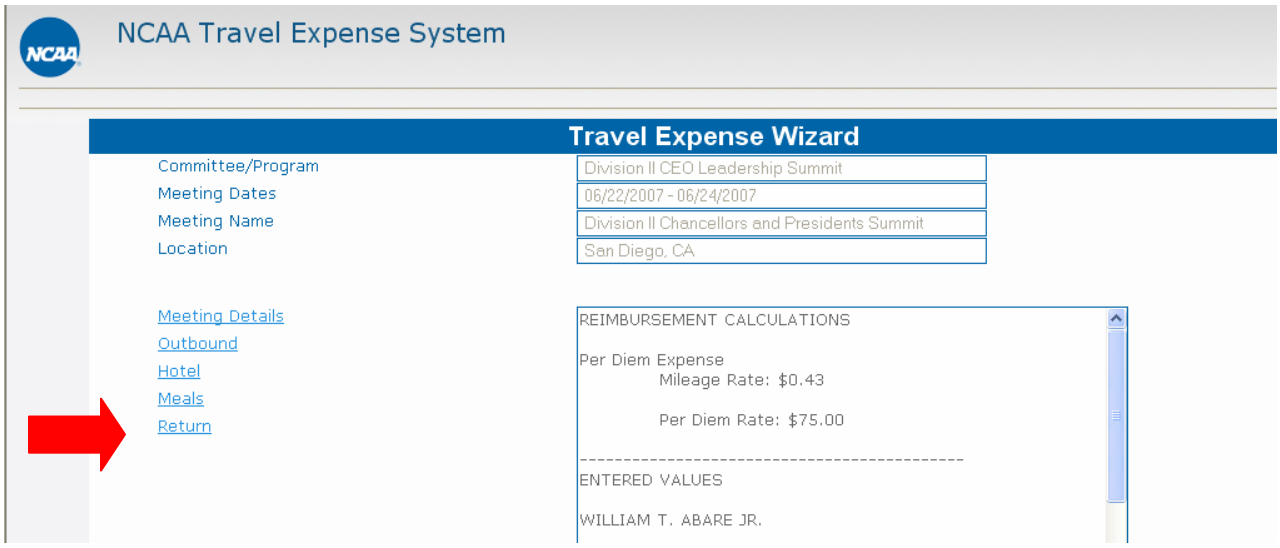
14. The details of your trip, including airports, and any miscellaneous expenses will be listed here. If you need to edit any of the information, click the appropriate link and follow the steps outlined above to make modifications. Once your information is correct, click Continue again to be directed back to the Main page.



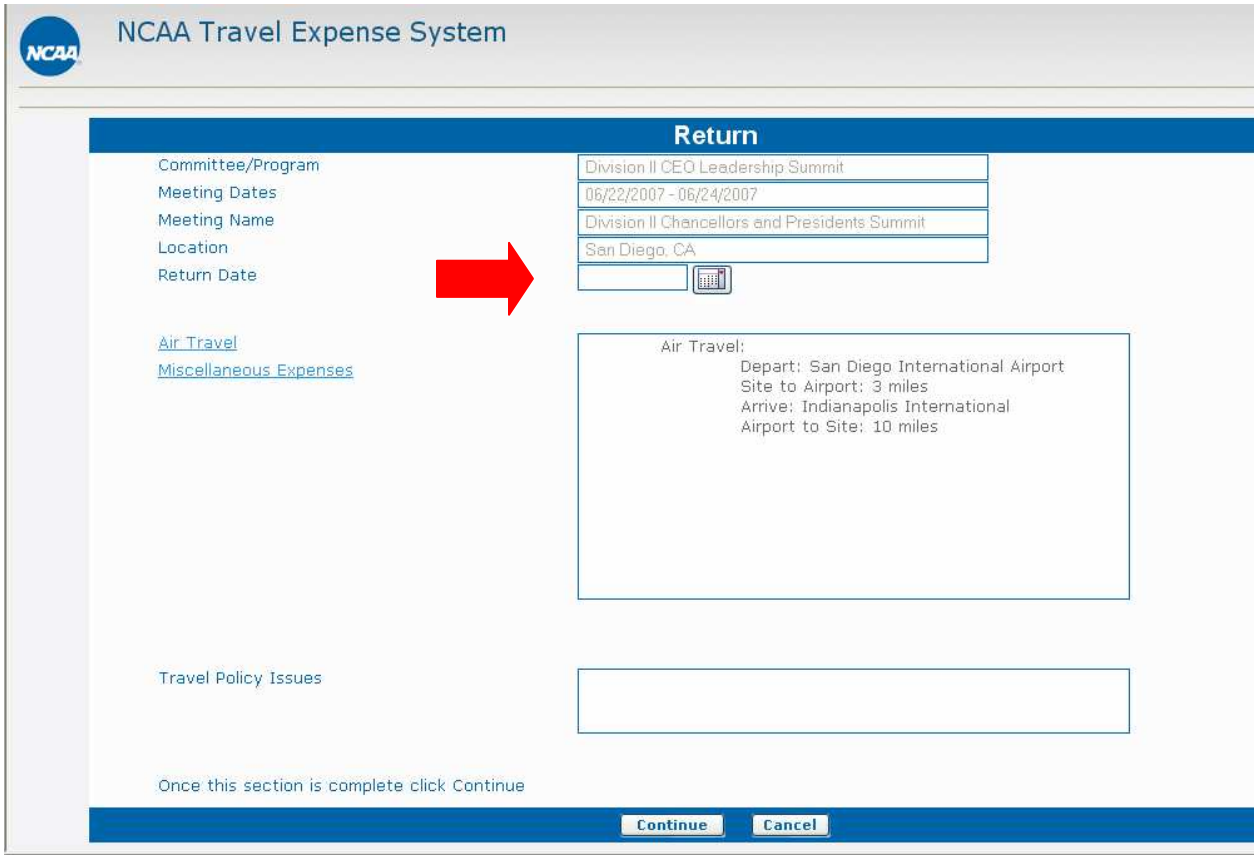
15. Once back on the Main or Travel Expense Wizard screen you have the option of adding Hotel and Meal expenses. These screens will operate just as the Miscellaneous Expense screen did. Most committee members will not use these functions as hotels are directly billed to the NCAA and meals are either provided or covered by per diem. However if you had to pay out of pocket for your hotel, this is where you would claim reimbursement. Some Honorarium recipients or actual expense travelers may also use this section. As with Miscellaneous expenses, travelers claiming reimbursement for these items will need to provide receipts and the reimbursement request will be reviewed by the NCAA travel staff.



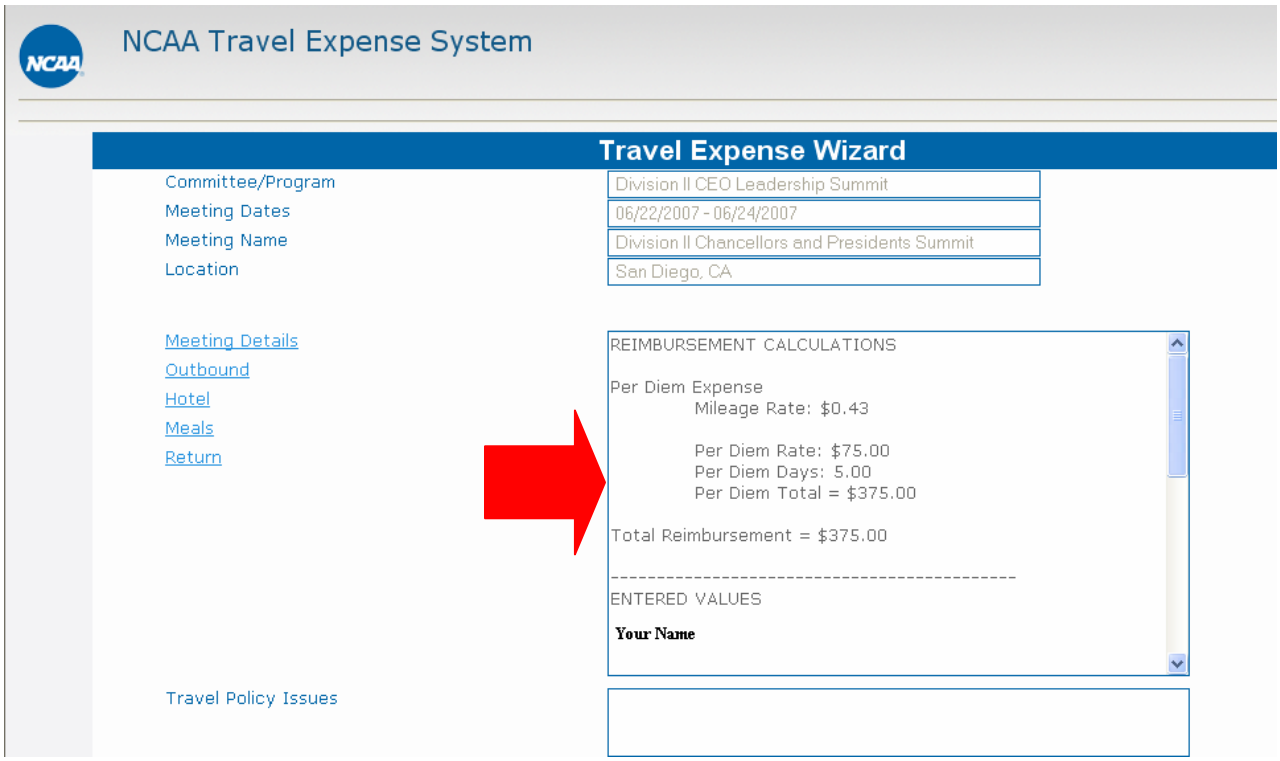
16. The next step will be to provide your return trip details, similar to how you provided your outbound details, by clicking Return.



17. Once on the Return screen again, select the Return Date from the calendar. See steps 10 through 14. Once the information is complete, click Continue to return to the main page.

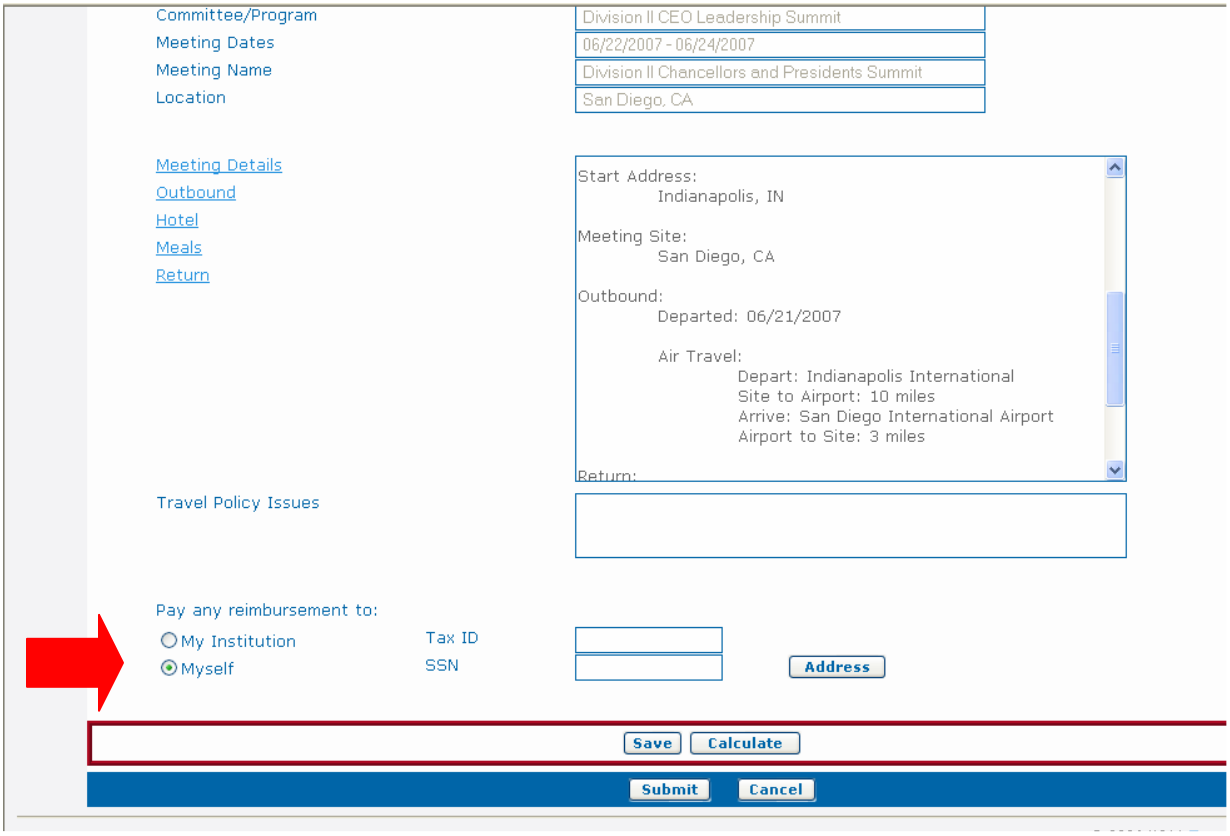


18. The main or Travel Expense Wizard page will contain all the detail you have entered as well as the calculation of expenses to be reimbursed. If any of the information is incorrect, repeat the appropriate step above to make modifications and return to the main page.



19. The final step is to specify who is to be paid. Just as with the current paper forms, you may choose reimbursement to be made to you or to your institution by selecting the appropriate option. If the reimbursement is to be paid to you, you will need to enter your social security number as well as your reimbursement address. If your institution is to be reimbursed, fill in the Tax ID number.

    Just as with the current forms, items submitted for reimbursement and made payable to an individual, are considered taxable by the NCAA. This includes fees, honorariums, per diems and allowances. If your annual taxable income from the NCAA exceeds $600, a 1099-MISC will be issued to you. This amount should be included on your annual income tax return. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep track of un-reimbursed expenses incurred that could potentially reduce the tax liability. For reimbursement requiring receipts, it is recommended that the recipient retain actual receipts and submit copies of the receipts required for reimbursement.



20. Once this is complete click Submit to complete your request. A confirmation page will appear for your records. A confirmation e-mail will also be sent to the e-mail address used to send you your username and password. Requests that do not include miscellaneous, hotel or meal expenses will be automatically processed, approved and sent to the payables system to have the funds dispersed. Once expenses are approved and sent to the payables system, you will receive another confirmation e-mail. We anticipate payment to be made no more than 3 business days after final approval of an expense request is complete.

If you are claiming miscellaneous, hotel and/or meal expenses, you will need to fax a copy of your receipts, along with your confirmation page to the travel staff at the fax number provided on the confirmation. Once receipts are received, the NCAA travel staff will review them and approve for payment as appropriate per the NCAA expense guidelines. Again, once expenses are approved and sent to the payables system, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

21. This site has implemented reasonable technical and organizational measures designed to protect the security, integrity, completeness, accuracy and privacy of the personal information that we may collect. We have put into place reasonable precautions to protect such information from unauthorized access, loss, misuse and alteration.

22. If you have any questions or encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the NCAA travel department at 317/917-6757 or by e-mail at travel@ncaa.org.