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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

February 16-17, 2010

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

2. Review of minutes of September 15-16, 2009, Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet meeting. [Minutes were sent previously to all cabinet members.] [**Action anticipated**.]

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

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

   Background: *No Appendixes have been added or deleted, but they have been updated with the latest information available.*

5. Report from Division I Leadership Council, Division I Board of Directors and Executive Committee October 2009 and January 2010 meetings. (Dave Berst or Jackie Campbell) [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. NCAA financial update. (Keith Martin) [No Action anticipated.]

Background: *Keith Martin will provide a financial update on the status of the NCAA and where we are in the biennial budget cycle process.*

9. Legislative update. [Supplement No. 4 to be distributed prior to the meeting.] (Brad Hostetter) [No action anticipated.]

   Background: *The cabinet will be provided an update on the Legislative Council actions from January.*

10. Recommendations from Bylaws 17 and 31 reviews. [Supplement No. 5] (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. The cabinet will review the concepts, take formal positions and prioritize those initiatives that receive cabinet support. The Division II document on this topic is attached for reference.*

11. 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. 6] (Bruce Rasmussen) [No action anticipated.]

       Background: *The cabinet will be provided informational items from the November meeting of the Division I Baseball Committee.*

    b. Division I Women's Basketball Committee. [Supplement No. 7] (Judy Rose) [**Action anticipated**.]

       Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a new committee chair.*

    c. Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. [Supplement No. 8] (Patrick Lyons) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to sponsor a change to the committee composition effective in 2010-11 and beyond based on the reduction of one AQ conference.*

d. Division I Women's Rowing Committee. [Supplement No. 9] (Rose Shea) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to allow the rowing committee to retain individual boat awards for the NCAA Championships. Also, the cabinet will be asked to approve a play-in when the number of AQ-eligible conferences are more than 50 percent of the bracket.*

e. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Supplement No. 10] (Brad Walker) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a change to the format for the outdoor track and field championships which will allow a standard maximum field size of 24 in all events, including relays.*

12. Review of automatic qualification (AQ) process. [Supplement No. 11] (Steve Mallonee) [No Action anticipated.]

Background: Steve Mallonee *will lead a discussion and provide the history behind how the membership arrived at the current AQ process. Also, he will explain the intent of the various waivers that are in place for AQs. Additionally, he will provide the cabinet with an update on the development of the new Division I membership criteria.*

13. Report of Football Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 12] (Keith Tribble) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *An informational item regarding postseason football eligibility has been provided to the cabinet.*

14. Report of Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 13] (Connie Dillon) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *The cabinet is being provided informational items only.*

15. Report of the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [Supplement No. 14] (Chris Hoyles) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *Several informational items will be provided to the cabinet.*

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

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

17. Committee on Athletic Certification (CAC). (Abbie Renaker) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: The *CAC liaisons are soliciting new peer reviewers for the athletic certification process.*

18. Strengths, Limitations, Opportunities and Threats (SLOT) Analysis. [Supplement No. 15] (Steve Brown) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: The *cabinet will be provided a preliminary report with respect to information received from members of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet with respect to the strengths, limitations, opportunities and threats for NCAA championships. General observations will be reported, with a more detailed analysis and recommendation as to future topics for cabinet review and discussion, to be presented at the meeting in June 2010.*

19. Championships Travel. (Brown) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *An update will be provided regarding the number of flights (by sport) experienced through the fall 2009 championships. The focus is intended to provide a comparative look at trends over the last five years. Actual financial data is expected to be limited or incomplete at the time of the meeting, but relevant available information will be included as well. Capacity concerns, if any, and charter flight information also will be provided.*

20. Expense reports. [Supplement No. 16] (Kenny Sprague) [No action anticipated.]

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

21. Election of chair and vice chair. (Judy Rose)

Background: *Due to the resignation of Jeff Schemmel, the cabinet will need to elect a chair and vice chair. Both of these appointments will be two-year terms.*

22. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. June 15-16, 2010; The Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    b. September 14-15, 2010; NCAA national office, Indianapolis.

    c. February 15-16, 2011; NCAA national office, Indianapolis.

    d. June 15, 2011; teleconference.

    e. September 13-14, 2011; NCAA national office, Indianapolis.

23. Other business.

    a. Arbiter update. (Sharon Cessna)

    b. Rowing AQ and Play-in conference comments. (Attachment)

    Background: *The cabinet is being provided information regarding adding additional sports.*

24. Adjournment.

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Schedule for February 16-17, 2010, Meeting of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Monday, February 15		**Meeting Room**
Administrative Committee (Dinner provided)	6 to 8 p.m.	James Frank
Tuesday, February 16		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Dempsey
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m. to noon	Dempsey
Lunch	Noon to 1 p.m.	Dempsey
Cabinet meeting	1 to 5:30 p.m.	Dempsey
Wednesday, February 17		
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Dempsey
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m.to noon	Dempsey

NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Policies and Operating Procedures

[Effective January 13, 2010]

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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) Act on behalf of the cabinet on issues in which a student-athlete's eligibility has been jeopardized and championships competition is pending.

(4) Act on behalf of the cabinet for media issues that normally fall under its purview and require immediate attention to ensure that it responds to NCAA media partners in a nimble and efficient manner. The full cabinet will be consulted whenever feasible. It is noted that the sport committees remain subject matter experts and, therefore, will continue to be key players in relevant discussions.

(5) Organize and structure meeting agendas; and

(6) 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.

- Division I Women's Basketball Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 7 of cabinet agenda.]
  -committee chair

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

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Legislative Council Action
2009-75-A	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST	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).	Defeated.
2009-75-B	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- SICKLE CELL SOLUBILITY TEST -- DOCUMENTED RESULTS OF PRIOR TEST	NCAA Division I Legislative Council	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), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution.	Forwarded for membership review and comment.
2009-76	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5 A.M.	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 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).	Adopted.
2009-77	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON	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	Forwarded for membership review and

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Legislative Council Action
	PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 DAYS OF COUNTABLE ACTIVITIES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST			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 countable athletically related activities prior to its first regular-season contest.	comment.
2009-78	PLAYING AND PRACTICES SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS	Atlantic Coast Conference	August 1, 2011	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.	Forwarded for membership review and comment. Approved an amendment to delay the effective date to August 1, 2011.
2009-79-A	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, soccer, softball and women's volleyball, to specify that team travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation.	Forwarded for membership review and comment.
2009-79-B	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS	NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet	August 1, 2010	In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, soccer, softball and women's volleyball, to specify that team travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to	Forwarded for membership review and comment.

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Legislative Council Action
	COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- EXCEPTION -- 400-MILE RADIUS			ground transportation, unless there are no other Division I institutions located within 400 miles of the institution.	
2009-79-C	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- HAWAII EXCEPTION	Western Athletic Conference	August 1, 2010	In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, soccer, softball and women's volleyball, to specify that an institution located in Hawaii may travel by air for nonchampionship segment competition; further, to specify that an institution located outside Hawaii may travel by air for nonchampionship segment competition in Hawaii against a Division I institution located in Hawaii.	Forwarded for membership review and comment.
2009-79-D	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NO OUTSIDE COMPETITION DURING THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND MEN'S WATER POLO	Big Ten Conference	August 1, 2010	In cross country, field hockey, soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo, to eliminate outside competition during the nonchampionship segment of the playing season.	Not moved.
2009-80	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- 14 WEEKS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1	Conference USA	Immediate	In bowl subdivision 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.	Defeated.
2009-81	PLAYING AND PRACTICE	Mountain West	Immediate	In football, to permit an institution to designate	FBS: Adopted.

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Legislative Council Action
	SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SUMMER CONDITIONING PERIOD	Conference		nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period.	FCS: Adopted.
2009-82	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM -- VACATION PERIOD EXCEPTION AND OUTSIDE TEAM TOURS -- WOMEN'S ROWING	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 the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official academic year 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 four.	Adopted.
2009-83	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REGULATIONS FOR PLAYING SEASON AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S SAND VOLLEYBALL	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.	Forwarded for membership review and comment.
2009-84	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- WOMEN'S SOCCER	Southeastern Conference	August 1, 2010	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.	Defeated.

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Legislative Council Action
2009-85	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOFTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST DATE -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	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.	Adopted.
2009-88	ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES -- INCOMING-STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- BASKETBALL	Atlantic 10 Conference	August 1, 2010	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 and participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour, 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 foreign tour for a particular institution.	Initially agreed to forward for membership review and comment. On reconsideration, forwarded for membership review and comment.

Bylaw 17 and 31 Review – Responsible Expense Reduction at the Institutional Level

Context. At the direction of the Division I Board of Directors, the Division I Championships/Sport Management Cabinet engaged in a review of Bylaws 17 and 31 and identified areas for possible cost reduction. Broad areas identified for further discussion included length of season, number of contests, travel costs, preseason expenses, student-athlete benefits, national offices expenses and officials fees. In addition, the cabinet reviewed specific proposals developed by Division II and the Ivy Group. The cabinet agreed to take formal positions on specific concepts at the cabinet's February 2010 meeting.

Further Development of the Identified Concepts. For each concept, NCAA staff will define the concept, identify necessary legislative changes (if any), develop an estimated cost savings, and summarize the anticipated impact on institutions and student-athletes. This information will be provided to the cabinet for review at its February 2010 meeting.

Cabinet Action. Working toward an implementation goal of fall 2010, the cabinet will identify and prioritize the concepts to be forwarded to the relevant governance entities (Leadership Council, Legislative Council, Board of Directors). Once a list of recommended concepts has been identified, the cabinet will develop a recommended implementation plan.

Cabinet members will share the above lists with their conferences and, based on membership feedback, the cabinet will finalize the recommendations during its June 2010 meeting. It may be necessary for the cabinet to conduct an in-person meeting in June rather than its usual conference call.

Guiding Principles. Although the current economic climate encourages swift action, the recommendations identified by the cabinet should be implemented with controlled urgency and only after appropriate discussion by the membership. In addition, all changes should be managed so as to minimize any negative impact on student-athlete welfare and the competitive experience.

NCAA Championships/Sports Management Cabinet
Review of Bylaws 17 and 31
September 15-16, 2009, Meeting

Length of Season and Number of Contests.

1. Reduce contests in all nonchampionship segments.

2. In men's and women's ice hockey, consider reducing the length of the season and number of contests.

3. Establish one number for total competitions (including traditional and nonchampionship segments).

Travel Costs.

1. No overnight travel, no missed class time for nonchampionship segments.

2. Evaluate actual versus reimbursed expenses (e.g., per diem).

3. Increase travel mileage to 400 for all sports, but with some common sense exceptions (e.g., 422 miles).

4. Review per diems (make consistent with IRS standards).

Preseason.

1. Reduce volleyball to 21 preseason practice opportunities.

2. Have CSMAS tell us what the reasonable time is to prepare for each sport.

3. Count preseason Sundays when calculating preseason practice opportunities.

4. Reduce to 18 the number of practice opportunities in all sports.

5. Consider eliminating travel to preseason practice.

6. Consider eliminating travel for practice during break.

Student-Athletes' Welfare.

1. Prohibit hotel accommodations on the night before home contests.

2. Evaluate the number of complimentary tickets student-athletes are permitted to receive for NCAA championships.

3. Eliminate all exceptions to the 48/36 hour rule.

Revenue Generation.

1. Evaluate criteria for determining sites, not just reduce flights but weigh that against possibility of generating revenue.

2. Consider bracket expansion for men's basketball (to generate more money).

Reduce National Office Cost.

1. NCAA, reduce hard copy printing (e.g., brochures).

2. Evaluate food provided to media at NCAA events.

3. Look at impact of reducing committee member per diem.

4. Evaluate the cost of "back of room operations" (e.g., cookies and drinks at NCAA events).

Officials' Fees.

- Review officials' fees and do not rely too heavily on market value. There is inherent value in officiating NCAA championships.

Principles to Consider.

1. Consider input from coaches.

2. Be cautious in reducing in-person meetings.

3. Do not reduce student-athlete opportunities (travel party).

4. If we re-visit alcohol ads, do so responsibly (include CSMAS).

Ivy League Preseason Practice Regulations.

1. Ivy Fall Pre-season Practice Regulations – Field Hockey, Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Men's Water Polo

   a. The first permissible practice date is 14 days prior to the first permissible contest date. Within the 14 days there must be 2 days off (one per week) that include no athletically related activity that is required or expected or supervised by a coach. The 12 practice days include 6 days during which there is a limit of 5 hours of practice per day, and 6 days during which there is a limit of 3 hours of practice per day.

   b. Practice hour limitations do not include team meetings or strength training.

2. Ivy Fall Pre-Season Practice Regulations – Football

   a. In football, practice may begin on the date allowing for 35 practice units as determined by the provisions of B.17.02.11. Only 29 actual practices may be held prior to the first contest.

   b. In accordance with 17.11.2.4, the first five days of football practice will serve as an acclimatization period. See NCAA 17.11.2.4 for limits on activities and equipment during this period.

3. Ivy Nontraditional Practice and Contests

   a. Fall team sports are allowed 12 practice opportunities with coaches during the spring that must be declared as part of the NCAA playing and practice season. Teams are limited to a maximum of three, two-hour sessions per week.

   b. Fall team sports may use a maximum of two non-traditional practice opportunities as competition dates provided those dates involve no missed class time and no overnight travel.

Please see the Attachment for proposals from Division II.

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **College World Series of Omaha, Inc.** College World Series of Omaha, Inc. presented the committee with the proposed team hotels for the 2010 Men's College World Series, which were subsequently approved. All current Rosenblatt Stadium maintenance projects were reviewed. City of Omaha representatives updated the committee on the construction of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, as well as an update on premium seat sales.

2. **American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA).** Dave Keilitz, Executive Director of the ABCA, provided a report to the committee regarding the ABCA Convention that will be conducted in Dallas, Texas, in January. Mr. Keilitz also asked the committee to evaluate different RPI formula models.

3. **NCAA Umpiring Program.** The committee received an update from Gene McArtor, national coordinator for baseball umpires, regarding plans for the 2010 season. Mr. McArtor also discussed the transition of NCAA baseball umpiring information to the Arbiter Sports Web site starting in January 2010.

4. **Committee Member Responsibilities.** The committee reviewed and approved their subcommittee assignments and regional advisory committee appointments. The committee will seek replacements to its regional advisory committees.

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 ITEM.

Committee Chair.

1. Recommendation. That Marilyn McNeil, director of athletics at Monmouth University, serve as chair effective September 1, 2010.

2. Rationale. Ms. McNeil is entering her fourth year on the committee and has extensive knowledge and experience in administrative oversight and event operations. The committee members believe that she will provide outstanding leadership and direction in her service as chair.

3. Budget Impact. None.

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

Committee Chair: Jane Meyer, University of Iowa
Staff Liaison(s): Sue Donohoe, Division I Women's Basketball
Michelle Perry, Division I Women's Basketball

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

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Committee Membership for 2010-11 and Beyond.

1. Recommendation. That effective with the 2010-11 academic year, the cabinet support an amendment to the current bylaw (21.7.5.5.5.3.15) that the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee consist of one representative from each conference that is eligible for and applies for an automatic qualification (AQ) for participation in the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

2. 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 believes 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. Rather than specify a particular number of conferences, this change is designed to account for additional conference chances without the need to modify the legislation.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

5. Championship Group Comments.

   a. Historical treatment of the item. Currently there is similar legislation for the Football Championship Committee. This allows for the possibility of additional committee members should a conference choose to add the sponsorship of Division I Men's Ice Hockey.

   b. 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.

   c. 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. The committee feels that having equal representation by the conferences on the sport committee is beneficial for the championship.

Committee Chair: Bill Bellerose, College of the Holy Cross
Staff Liaisons: Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships
Donnie Wagner, Championships

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REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Response to Automatic Qualification Play-In Scenarios.

a. Recommendation. That a play-in be held when the number of AQ-eligible conferences are more than 50 percent of the bracket (2012 would be the earliest). The play-in should be conducted at the Championship finals site on Wednesday, two days prior to the start of championship competition. Further, the committee recommends a policy be established that for a conference to be considered to have conducted conference competition and therefore be eligible for an AQ, that the minimum of six conference schools have at least the three boats (I Eight, II Eight, Four) necessary to compete at the NCAA Championships compete at its conference championships.

b. Rationale. At its September 2009 meeting, the cabinet approved automatic qualification for rowing effective with the 2011 championship. At that time there will be seven conferences eligible to receive automatic qualification in the 16-team field. However, four additional conferences have expressed interest in starting conference competition in 2010, meaning there will potentially be 11 conferences eligible for AQ in 2012. Therefore, more than half the field would not be able to be held for at-large selections without a play-in scenario. The Wednesday play-in allows for the winner to have a rest day prior to the start of competition for the national championship and enables that team to be on more of an equal playing field with the teams that do not have to participate in the play-in. The committee would rank the institutions that qualify for the conference AQ based on the selection criteria, and the eighth-ranked team would have to row off against the teams ranked higher (potentially 9, 10, 11) to determine which team advanced to the championship. The play-in would consist of three races (one race for each boat category), and the point system used during the NCAA Championships would be applied to determine which team would advance.

The committee discussed numerous options and provided an opportunity for any conference to offer input into the situation on a teleconference prior to coming to its decision. The committee feels this is the best option available.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. Potentially $120,500 (Attachment). The rowing committee is aware of the challenging financial times that the majority of institutions are facing. Therefore, the committee understands the potential for money not to be allocated for play-ins for the 2011-12 budget cycle; however, the rowing committee still wants the ability to offer AQ and provide a play-in opportunity at the institution's expense. The committee feels that providing the opportunity is imperative to help with the continued growth of the sport.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. A play-in would allow the student-athletes a chance to compete for the right to be in the championship, as opposed to having a committee select which teams deserve the right to compete.

e. Championships Group Comments.

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

(a) Prior consideration. For the September 2008 cabinet meeting, the committee forwarded a request asking for feedback from the cabinet with regards to how the committee should handle automatic qualification anticipating the possibility that requests from conferences at some point would exceed 50 percent of the field. The response by the cabinet to the rowing committee was: "Although the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet understands the Women's Rowing Committee's desire to explore implementation of the automatic qualification process for rowing, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet recommended that it would be best for the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to delay these discussions until there were more conferences eligible for automatic qualification. In light of this recommendation, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet did not discuss the various models of granting access to eligible conferences." Therefore, the committee discussed automatic qualification at length and forwarded a recommendation for AQ that was approved by the cabinet at its September 2009 meeting. As a result of AQ approval, it is timely that the play-in information is now being provided for the cabinet's review and consideration.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). Rowing was a team sport for the first time in the 2009 championship, and Automatic Qualification was first approved at the September 2009 cabinet meeting.

(2) Applicability to other sports. This will ensure consistency with every other team sport. Every other team sport has automatic qualification and the only two sports (field hockey and women's lacrosse) where AQ conferences qualify for more than 50 percent of the bracket they are provided play-ins at NCAA expense. The cabinet initially did not provide funding for travel and per diem for play-ins for the sports of field hockey and women's lacrosse. However, after several years both sport committees were able to gain cabinet approval to allow for the payment of both travel and per diem.

Football had a legislative exception to not grant every conference an AQ, but with the expansion of the field, all eligible conferences will have one starting in 2010. In addition, the rowing committee does not feel that asking for a legislative exception to the AQ principle is appropriate, as they feel the exception defeats the purpose of providing AQs in the sport of rowing.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. See above (applicability to other sports) with regards to funding.

(4) Operational concerns. The committee acknowledges that the potential cost of a play-in is extensive but feels strongly about providing access to everyone. The cost of additional operational expenses would be minimal as the championship venue is open to everyone on Wednesday and therefore officials, medical, etc. are already on site.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. Most of the opposition to any play-in scenarios comes from members of conferences that do not need an AQ to qualify for the championship. The addition of AQs limits the amount of spots for at-large selection and therefore the potential for some conferences to get more than three or four teams into the championship.

In addition, some membership has expressed opposition to the start date of the AQs which will be 2011. That portion of the membership feels that since AQs were just voted on at the September 2009 cabinet meeting, for conferences that will have their first competition this season (2010), they will be unable to meet the AQ criteria in order to be eligible in 2011. Therefore, the opposition requested that the committee delay the start of the AQ application until 2012. The committee discussed this point at length, but felt the conferences that have been supporting the sport for a long period of time should not be penalized.

The other possible opposition is from the institutions that would potentially have to pay for their participation in the play-in, if the cabinet doesn't allocate funding. However, the committee also discussed this situation and felt that although having the situation of institutions paying for the play-in is not ideal, it is a lot more palatable than the alternative of not having access.

(6) Student-athlete experience. Last year there were institutions from only four conferences represented within the 16 team-field at the national championship. Play-ins would increase the opportunity of advancing to the championship for a tremendous number of student-athletes.

2. Individual Boat Awards.

a. Recommendation. To allow the rowing committee to retain individual boat awards for the NCAA Championships.

b. Rationale. In September, the committee asked the cabinet to eliminate individual boat awards for the championship with the advent of rowing's move from an individual/team sport to a team sport. However, since that time the committee has re-evaluated its original position in conjunction with the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. It has been

determined that rowing is the only team sport that has individual events and therefore there should be individual awards.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. $3,500 due to reinstating individual awards that were eliminated during September 2009 cabinet meeting.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This would enhance the experience because it would give more student-athletes the opportunity for awards.

e. Championships Group Comments.

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

(a) Prior Consideration. Rowing has always had awards for individual boats, even this past year when rowing was first recognized as a team sport.

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

(c) Ratios. Awards would be provided to the first three boats in the three boat categories.

(2) Applicability to other sports. Rowing is the only team sport that has individual events and therefore it merits being the only team sport that has individual awards.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. Rowing is the only team sport that has ever raised this issue.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. No opposition is anticipated as the coaches overwhelmingly support individual boats awards, which is something the rowing championship has had since its inception.

(5) Student-athlete experience. Keeping individual boat awards would allow the committee to continue to recognize outstanding performance by individuals as part of a team's overall performance.

Committee Chair: Marshall Foley, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison: Mark Bedics, Championships

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

ACTION ITEM.

Outdoor Track and Field – Participant Cap in New Qualifying Format.

1. Recommendation. That the format for the outdoor track and field championships allow for a standard maximum field size of 24 in all events, including relays. The recommendation would eliminate the participant cap of 1088 (544 per gender) as a driver of field size.

2. Rationale. As the men's and women's track and field committee finalized all fundamentals for the first two-site preliminary round and national championships for 2010, it became problematic that the relay events will follow an advancement procedure that differs from the individual events. Specifically, the relay events are guaranteed a minimum field size of 16 while all individual events have a guaranteed field size of 24. The relay restriction limits the available relay opportunities for championship participation and scoring. Competitive relay opportunities are important to participating institutions as they are scored the same as individual events (1st through 8th place finishes earn points).

   The original format proposal approved by the cabinet (September 2008) articulated that additional relays will be added to the field if the participant cap of 544 per gender allows after filling the fields in all of the individual events to a maximum of 24. However, after further study and research, the committee notes that it is highly improbable to reach the NCAA combined participant cap of 1088 when guaranteeing a minimum field size of 24 in all events. Estimates based on participation from past championships suggest that, on average, the number of female competitors will be 510 while the number of male competitors will be 544 (the current single gender participant cap) if all events are filled to 24. In other words, it is possible that one or both of the genders will fall short of the existing cap in any given year depending on the number of student-athletes qualifying in more than one event at the final site (commonly known as "doubling").

3. Effective Date. Immediately.

4. Estimated Budget Impact. If the existing participant caps for men and women are combined for consideration of this proposal, it is highly improbable that there would be a budget impact – an impact would be generated only with a drastic change in the number of female competitors doubling in events (i.e. fewer "doublers"). On the other hand, if men and women are weighed independently, it is probable, based on the average statistics noted above, that there could be more male competitors than the allowable 544. These additional male participants would generate a variable budget impact based on the number of individuals over 544.

5. Student-Athlete Impact. A standardized field size of 24 will place equal emphasis on the participation and scoring opportunities on the relay events. The advancement procedure will be clear to the participating student-athletes. Specifically, they will not have to wait until the day

after preliminary-round competition to find out if their relay team(s) will advance to the final championships site pending the evaluation of the cap.

6. Championships Group Comments.

(a) Applicability to other sports. The committee likens the request to the standard field sizes for the singles and doubles draws for the men's and women's tennis championships (64 singles participants and 32 doubles teams).

(b) Operational concerns. The committee argues that this proposal improves the efficiency and management of the championship with standard field sizes that the participants along with the spectators can understand. Standard field sizes will eliminate the guesswork related to advancement procedures and allow for a competition schedule that is consistent across all events.

(c) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee does not believe the proposal will elicit any opposition, particularly since it will bring the advancement process of relay events in line with those of the individual events.

(d) Fan access/experience. As referenced above, spectators and fans will better understand the championships format if all events have a standard field size.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Misconduct. The committee reviewed one instance of coach misconduct that occurred during one of the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Regional Championships. The committee found the head coach to be in breach of NCAA Bylaw 31.02.3 and issued a private letter of reprimand to the individual.

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31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sport committee shall forward annually to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet those conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams or individual student-athletes into NCAA championships. Prior to forwarding the list of conferences to receive automatic qualification, a governing sport committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.7. A member conference may appeal to the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet the automatic-qualification review of the sport committee and the committee's decision to find, or not find, a conference qualified for automatic-qualification status. The decision of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet on such appeals will be final. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/27/00,11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.3.4.1 Requirements—Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in a Division Championship, a member conference must meet the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Conference competition must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application. If a conference's competition to determine its automatic qualifier is unexpectedly terminated (e.g., due to inclement weather), the conference may designate its qualifier, provided it has established objective criteria for making that designation and has communicated that information to the appropriate sports committee by a specified deadline. *(Revised: 8/13/93)*

(b) In the event of a tie for the conference championship, the conference shall have the responsibility of determining which team or individual shall represent the conference in NCAA competition. If a play-off is held, such competition shall be considered conference competition, not NCAA competition.

(c) In sports other than championship subdivision football, a conference may establish subdivisions and conduct competition within each subdivision to determine a conference champion, as long as each subdivision consists of at least four members. Conferences with subdivisions of four members must conduct double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament, to determine their champion. Conferences with subdivisions of five or more members may conduct either single or double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament to determine their champion. (Note: This regulation does not apply to Division I men's or women's basketball. In those sports, a conference may conduct either double round-robin, in-season competition, or a minimum of 14 conference games in order to determine its champion.) *(Revised: 12/9/91, 10/18/95, 10/27/98, 12/15/06)*

(d) In championship subdivision football, football-playing conferences that subdivide into five or more teams are required to conduct a single round-robin competition within each division and develop a formula for determination of the conference champion, which must be approved by the Football Championship Committee prior to the start of the season. A postseason championship game is not required. *(Adopted:10/27/98, Revised: 12/15/06)*

(e) The conference must maintain and actively enforce compliance with eligibility rules at least as stringent as those in Bylaw 14 applicable to its members. The use of an ineligible student-athlete by a team in a conference that has been granted automatic qualification may result in the involved team being denied the right to be the automatic entry in the NCAA championship. The governing sports committee may recommend loss of the automatic-qualification privilege for the conference during the season in which the violation occurred or for a future championship.

(f) All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship. If a conference champion is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or

cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. Automatic qualification for a conference shall not be withdrawn if a conference champion declines to compete in an NCAA championship for reasons related to written religious policies against competition on certain days. Under such circumstances, the conference's second-place team (as determined by the conference), shall receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championship. *(Revised:4/20/99)*

(g) All institutions may hold membership in only that conference in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought and may participate in only that conference's process to determine the automatic qualifier. *(Adopted: 12/5/94)*

31.3.4.2 Requirements—National Collegiate Championship. [#] To be eligible for automatic qualification in National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Have at least six active members that sponsor the applicable sport in any division (note: a provisional member in the process of becoming an NCAA member cannot be used to meet the requisite number);

(b) The six active members must have conducted conference competition together for the preceding two years in the applicable sport;

(c) There shall be no waivers of the two-year waiting period; and

(d) Any new member added to a conference that is eligible for an automatic bid shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier.

31.3.4.3 Notification—Automatic Qualification in Jeopardy. A governing sports committee must issue a written warning one year in advance to a conference that is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification. (Note: This regulation does not apply to the following championships in which a play-in system has been established: baseball, women's softball, women's volleyball and men's soccer.) *(Adopted: 10/3/06)*

31.3.4.4 Additional Requirements, Sports Other Than Men's Basketball.

31.3.4.4.1 Multi-Sport Conference. To be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a multi-sport conference must include six core institutions that satisfy continuity-of-membership. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity-of-membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding two years in the applicable sport. There shall be no exceptions to the two-year period. Any new member added to a conference that satisfies the continuity of membership requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier. *(Revised: 4/27/00, 10/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/5/04)*

31.3.4.4.1.1 Exception. A multi-sport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference includes at least six active Division I institutions that have conducted conference competition together at the Division I level in the sport the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

31.3.4.4.2 Single Sport Conference. To be considered for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a single sport member conference for a sport sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership must include six institutions that have conducted

conference competition together the preceding two years in the sport in question at the Division I level. *(Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

31.3.4.4.3 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six institutions, or below six members with continuity of membership, provided the conference maintains at least five Division I members. *(Adopted: 8/5/04)*

31.3.4.4.4 Exception—2002-03 Academic Year. After September 1, 2003, a member conference that met the requirements for automatic qualification during the 2002-03 academic year may continue to receive automatic qualification provided the conference composition does not change (unless the change results in the addition of a core member). *(Adopted: 4/24/03)*

31.3.4.5 Additional Requirements, Men's Basketball. The member conference must include seven core institutions. For the purposes of this legislation, core refers to an institution that has been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. Further, the continuity-of-membership requirement shall be met only if a minimum of six core institutions have conducted conference competition together in Division I the preceding five years in men's basketball. There shall be no exception to the five-year waiting period. Any new member added to a member conference that satisfies these requirements shall be immediately eligible to represent the conference as the automatic qualifier. *(Revised: 8/14/90, 12/3/90, 4/27/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

31.3.4.5.1 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for two years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below seven institutions, or below six members with continuity of membership, provided the conference maintains at least six Division I members. *(Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

31.3.4.5.2 Exceptions.

(a) Prior to September 1, 2003, the eight-year core principle does not apply to an institution that was a Division I active member, provisional member or a member in the process of reclassifying to Division I as of April 27, 2000. Such an institution would be subject to the provisions in effect on April 27, 2000. The institution may continue to be considered a core institution after September 1, 2003, even if the institution has not been an active member of Division I the eight preceding years. *(Revised: 11/01/01)*

(b) Men's Basketball. After September 1, 2003, a member conference as of September 1, 1999, may continue to apply the automatic qualification requirements in effect September 1, 1999, until any change (e.g., adding or losing any member) in its men's basketball membership occurs. Thereafter, the automatic qualification regulations in effect September 1, 2003, shall be applicable.

31.3.4.6 Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows:

(a) **Team sports**—baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo. In this category, subject to the approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, a sport committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement for sports that are sponsored by less than 30 percent of the

membership, provided the conference previously included six teams that sponsored the sport; *(Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

(b) **Timed individual sports**—indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and swimming; and

(c) **Other individual sports**—cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, tennis and wrestling. In this category, a sports committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement, subject to the approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.3.4.7 Limitations on Automatic-Qualifying Positions.

31.3.4.7.1 Team Sports Other Than Men's Basketball. In team sports, per Bylaw 31.3.4.6-(a), excluding the sport of football and any team sport in which automatic qualification is not offered, a sports committee must award, when a sufficient number of applications for automatic qualification exist, at least 50 percent of the championship field to conferences that meet automatic-qualification criteria and provide a play-in criteria. The remaining 50 percent of the championship field shall be reserved for at-large teams. It will be the responsibility of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to determine if conference play-ins to a championship field are to be administered by the NCAA championships staff or by the member conferences. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.3.4.7.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, subject to the championships-access guarantee afforded to the subdivisions as set forth in Constitution 4.01.2.3.1 (e.g., all contests that are part of the championship shall be administered and funded by the NCAA and broadcast on television and any team that participates in the championship shall be awarded at least one financial unit), there shall be a limit minimum of 32 at-large selections and the remainder of the championship field automatic qualifying positions. All competition in the championship is to be administered by the NCAA championships staff. *(Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 12/15/06)*

31.3.5 Selection of Balance of Championship Field. Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall consider objectively and without prejudice the competitive records of all other eligible student-athletes and teams (including representatives of the other members of the conferences receiving automatic qualification). To the best of its ability, the committee shall select the most highly qualified individuals and teams to complete the championship field in accordance with the regional structure, if any, approved for the particular championship.

31.3.6 Institution Trademarks. Participation in a national collegiate championship constitutes acquiescence by the member institution that the Association may use the institution's name, mascot and other identifying marks in championship-related activities, including television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs incident to the championship. Revenues derived from such activities, less expenses, will be remitted to the member institution. *(Revised: 11/3/93)*

See Attachments A and B for information on multisport conference standards and a set of recommended membership standards for aspiring members of Division I.

REPORT OF THE NCAA FOOTBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Deserving Team – Postseason Bowl Games. The Big 12 Conference is currently sponsoring legislative proposal 2009-103, which would specify that for the purpose of postseason bowl eligibility, a "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses.

Current legislation states that in order to participate in a postseason bowl game an institution must be a deserving "winning" team. A deserving winning team is defined as a team that has won a minimum of six games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents and that has more wins than losses. During a 12 game season Bylaw 30.9.2.1 currently creates an exception that allows an institution with a record of six wins and six losses to participate in a postseason bowl game as long as the institution and or conference has a primary contractual affiliation with the bowl or all contractual affiliations have been fulfilled and all institutions with winning records have received bowl invitations.

The Football Issues Committee is in support of this proposed legislation. In its support, the committee agrees that this proposal would simplify the conditions that make a team bowl-eligible and reflect the sometimes negligible difference between, for example, a team with a 6-6 record and a team with a 7-5 record.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORT (CSMAS)

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Student-Athletes Treated for Gender Identity Disorder.** Treatment for student-athletes with Gender Identity Disorder and transitioning from female-to-male gender, includes prescribed testosterone on an ongoing basis. Testosterone is an NCAA banned anabolic agent, for which the NCAA provides a medical exception review to seek approval for use prior to competition. CSMAS is the appropriate committee to request a review for pre-approval for testosterone treatment. In addition, CSMAS is a resource to those committees and membership bodies who will be called upon to make participation decisions for transgender student-athletes.

2. **Automatic Vacation of Team Award per Bylaw 31.2.2.3.** CSMAS determined it would support a recommendation by the Committee on Infractions to amend Bylaw 31.2.2.3, to provide for an automatic vacation of a student-athlete's performance records and awards, and vacation of the team award impacted by the individual performance, in the event the student-athlete is found in violation of NCAA drug-testing policy during participation in an individual championships event.

3. **Sport Playing Rule. Concussions.** As part of the committee's on-going evaluation of concussions in NCAA sports, the committee has determined that a common playing rule is necessary to provide an emphasis on the significance of head injuries, their prevalence, and the importance to refer for appropriate medical care. This action is also accompanied by a Concussion in Collegiate Sports Summit in 2010 to review policies for medical management of concussions and prevention strategies appropriate to the collegiate environment. In addition, the committee will lead a collaborative educational initiative for coaches, officials, and student-athletes.

   The committee will recommend that the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) consider a common sport playing rule for concussion management in all NCAA sports for which the NCAA writes rules as well as adopt a modification to playing rules not governed by the NCAA. The intent of the rule is similar to the rules pertaining to blood across sports and charges the official to remove a student-athlete if they see a noticeable sign of a possible head injury. The medical care and return to play decisions are an institutional responsibility as with other medical conditions. Specifically, the committee recommends the adoption of a rule that states:

   a. **"An athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as unconsciousness, amnesia, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems), either at rest or exertion, shall be immediately removed from practice or**

competition and shall not return to play until cleared by a physician or her/his designee."

b. **"Athletes who are rendered unconscious or have amnesia or persistent confusion shall not be permitted to continue for the remainder of the day. These athletes shall not return to any participation until cleared by a physician."**

4. Sport Playing Rule. Soccer. In addition to the common concussion rule, the committee will recommend that the NCAA soccer rules committee consider a new rule that allows (a) a student-athlete to leave the game for evaluation of an apparent head injury in the first half, (b) a substitute to replace that injured athlete while they are being evaluated, and (c) the injured athlete to return if medically cleared. The concept would be part of the current stoppage of play rules for substitution and restart (i.e., goal kicks and throw-ins). The committee also believes a mechanism should be in place that allows the sideline to communicate to the head referee about the need to remove an injured player (i.e., designated flag at the center table.)

5. Sport Playing Rule. Wrestling. The committee will recommend that the NCAA wrestling rules committee modify a current rule pertaining to the unconscious contestant. Due to recent trends in concussion management, competition time constraints and a limited injury evaluation period, the committee will recommend either the adoption of the newly proposed concussion rule or an edit of the current rule language.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

1. Action Items.

a. Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1.1. Permissible Callers. Exceptions - Prior to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.

(1) Recommendation. To amend NCAA Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1.1. Permissible Caller Exceptions – Prior to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment, to add sports medicine staff (team physician and his or her designee) to the list of exceptions of personnel permitted to return calls to prospective student-athletes regarding medical conditions, effective immediately.

(2) Rationale. Sports medicine staff is often asked, by prospects and family members, to recommend a course of action regarding a medical issue the prospect is experiencing. Sports medicine is a critical component of student-athlete well-being, and has a legitimate role to play in providing helpful information to prospects. This recommendation would allow sports medicine staff (team physician and his or her designee) to only return calls initiated by the prospect or his or her family. This service can contribute to more positive outcomes for student-athlete well-being, without contributing to recruitment pressures.

(a) Statement of current rule. All telephone calls made to and received from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made and received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4.

(b) Summary of how rule will be beneficial. Prospects would receive valuable sports medicine advice contributing to long-term positive outcomes for student-athlete health and safety.

(c) Note likely opposition, if any, and note committee's response to the likely opposition. No anticipated opposition.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Items.

None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

Division I only.

1. Review of relevant 2009-10 legislative proposals. The committee reviewed but took no action on the following NCAA proposals: Proposal No. 2009-19 (personnel – limitations on number of coaches and off-campus recruiters – women's sand volleyball); Proposal No. 2009-22 (amateurism and eligibility – involvement with professional teams – exception – prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment – delayed enrollment – seasons of competition); Proposal No. 2009-23 (amateurism and awards, benefits and expenses – exception to amateurism rule – benefits, gifts and services – insurance against disabling-injury or illness); Proposal No. 2009-24 (amateurism – involvement with professional teams – tryouts – men's ice hockey); Proposal No. 2009-39 (recruiting – limitations on number of evaluations – evaluation days – women's sand volleyball); Proposal No. 2009-70 (financial aid – maximum institutional grant-in-aid limitations by sport – women's sand volleyball) and Proposal No. 2009-83 (playing and practice seasons and division membership – regulations for playing seasons and minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship – women's sand volleyball).

2. Review of 2009-10 OSLC-initiated legislative proposals. The committee reviewed the two items of legislation – proposals No. 2009-61 and No. 2009-62 (14.1.8.1.6-(a) Eligibility—Practice Requirement—Minimum Full-Time Enrollment Waiver; and 14.1.8.1.6-(g) Eligibility—Practice Requirement—Minimum Full-Time Enrollment Waiver) – it submitted to the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet for the 2009-10 legislative cycle and will develop a corresponding question and answer document in order to facilitate discussion among the membership.

Association Wide.

3. **Strategic plan.** The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC) reviewed its strategic plan and noted that it continues to act on several items including increasing the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the national governing bodies' knowledge and understanding of NCAA rules and regulations and continuing to enhance the relationships between the NCAA and the USOC and national governing bodies by meeting with representatives of various national governing bodies.

4. **Handbook for national governing bodies.** The committee reviewed the updated online version of the handbook for national governing bodies. Highlights included relevant new legislation and the extensive section devoted to frequently asked questions. In its correspondence to the national governing bodies following the meeting, the OSLC will reference the link to the handbook to remind national governing bodies of the resource.

5. **Strategic sport initiatives.** The committee reviewed a report of the January 2009 gymnastics summit which brought together key stakeholders within the sport. Initiatied by the OSLC and with execution from USA Gymnastics, the summit was an opportunity to discuss significant issues related to the sport, including USA Gymnastics development programs, the landscape of NCAA sponsorship, relevant NCAA bylaws, and dialogue around promotion and awareness for the sport. A similar summit is planned for the sport of track and field in November 2009.

6. **Meeting with representatives from the USOC and national governing bodies**. The USOC was represented by Kelly Skinner and Dale Neuburger. The committee met with representatives of the following national governing bodies: Richard Bender, USA Wrestling; Ron Galimore, USA Gymnastics; Doug Beal, USA Volleyball; Chris Ramsey, USA Water Polo; David Ogrean and Jim Johannson, USA Hockey; and Sheila Walker, USA Field Hockey. The USOC and national governing body representatives and the OSLC discussed the following initiatives:

   a. 2005 NCAA/USOC Task Force report. The committee and the USOC's national governing body council agreed to revisit the report of the 2005 NCAA/USOC Joint Task Force in order to resurface constructive recommendations that came out of the work of the group as well as to demonstrate progress that has been made since the report was published. In addition, the committee agreed that a review of the report has the potential to generate content for the 2010 NCAA Convention session concerning endangered sports.

b. Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6 Waiver – U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body. The committee clarified that national governing bodies bear the responsibility for creating objective standards by which student-athletes are granted waivers of the full-time enrollment requirement when training during an Olympic year. In turn, the standards should be communicated to the relevant sport coaching community and to the conference offices which grant the waivers.

c. Bylaw 16.8.1.3(c) Other Competition. Representatives from the USOC and national governing bodies revisited a proposal to recommend that, in sports that have multiple rounds of qualifying events for non-NCAA, international competition (e.g. Olympics, Pan American, World Youth Championships, World Cup, etc.), institutions be allowed to provide expenses for more than one tryout event. The committee reiterated that, in order for it to evaluate the proposal with all Olympic sports in mind, the USOC should provide a comprehensive list of applicable sports with corresponding descriptions of the qualifying processes. In addition, the committee also suggested that each applicable national governing body prioritize the various competitions depending on the year (e.g. Olympic Games in an Olympic year, etc.).

d. Eight national governing bodies have expressed interest in participating in the following two collaborative programs with the NCAA Eligibility Center:

(1) Delivery of academic information to seventh and eighth grade students who may wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics after completion of high school. Member athletes of national governing bodies will receive the "2009-2010 NCAA Guide to the College-Bound Student-Athlete" in electronic format, thus facilitating communication and education to them as well as to their coaches and their parents. The USOC and national governing bodies hope the effort will clearly establish the importance of young athletes taking responsibility for good academic decisions.

(2) Determination of foreign athlete eligibility under current NCAA amateurism legislation. Leadership of national governing bodies pledged their support in helping the Eligibility Center staff in its efforts to provide accurate amateurism certifications.

e. Regional or national training centers. Representatives of the national governing bodies, particularly USA Field Hockey, elicited discussion around enabling national governing body regional or national training centers to be placed in university settings without upsetting NCAA competitive balance. While noting possible concerns around the issue of recruiting athletes of prospect age, the committee supported the concept of establishing training centers and encouraged national governing bodies to negotiate arrangements with institutions on an individual basis.

7. **Sport specific issues**. The committee discussed the September 2009 recommendation relative to automatic qualification made by the Division I Women's Rowing Committee to the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. However, the committee did not take a position on the issue, but noted that, as an NCAA committee that is interested in further developing Olympic sports, the committee encourages the Cabinet to consider the growth and development of the sport as part of its discussion.

In addition, the committee discussed the proposal regarding Bylaw 16.8.1.3(c) submitted by the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Committee to the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. The committee noted that several other national governing bodies (e.g., volleyball and wrestling) had requested special consideration to those sports regarding the application of this bylaw. As a result, the committee requested that the cabinet refer the fencing proposal to the committee so that the committee might consider this request at the same time that it considers similar requests from other sports.

The committee also turned its attention to sand volleyball and its status as an emerging sport. With an override vote possible for the sand volleyball proposal at the Division I level, the committee will encourage dialogue between stakeholders in the sport, specifically integrating USA Volleyball, so that key unanswered questions concerning the sport can be addressed before discussion among the membership.

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SUPPLEMENT NO. 15
DI Champs/Sports Mgmt Cabinet 2/10

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

September 25, 2009

TO: NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

FROM: Jeff Schemmel, chair
NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

SUBJECT: Analysis of Championships – Priorities and Improvements.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your contribution to the productive Championships/Sports Management Cabinet meeting last week. From budgeting considerations to by-law reviews to other legislative matters, you completed some very important work.

I want to follow through on our discussion and plan to engage you and the conferences you represent in asking for input regarding priorities and improvements for Division I championships. You have listened to reports concerning initiatives which have been undertaken for the ongoing improvement of each of our championships. It is important that we get your feedback, so that we can go forward with the understanding that our goals and objectives are appropriately targeted and consistent with a shared vision for sustainable championships that deliver the best possible student-athlete experience.

Therefore, I am asking for your help in completing the "SLOT analysis" (Strengths-Limitations-Opportunities-Threats) which Joni Comstock discussed with you last week. A revised form is attached listing eight key categories (with definitions for each category), which are essentially the same key components measured annually through the Championships Performance Standards Survey.

The input we are seeking involves three basic steps: a ranking of the "Priorities" for a championship, a ranking of areas you believe may need "Improvement," and then a discussion (in your own words) of your SLOT analysis.

Please complete this work representing your conference in the way you deem best. It may be useful to share the form with your conference members, seeking consensus from them, or you may feel that you are sufficiently prepared to respond on behalf of your conference at this time. We trust your judgment on how to approach the project.

When you have completed your analysis, please return the form electronically to Steve Brown (smbrown@ncaa.org) for compilation. We plan to review the results at the February 16-17, 2010, meeting, **so please provide your responses to Steve by December 10, 2009.**

If you have any questions regarding the process or the form, please contact Steve at 317-917-6618.

Thank you in advance for your work in providing this very important and meaningful feedback.

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Attachments

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.

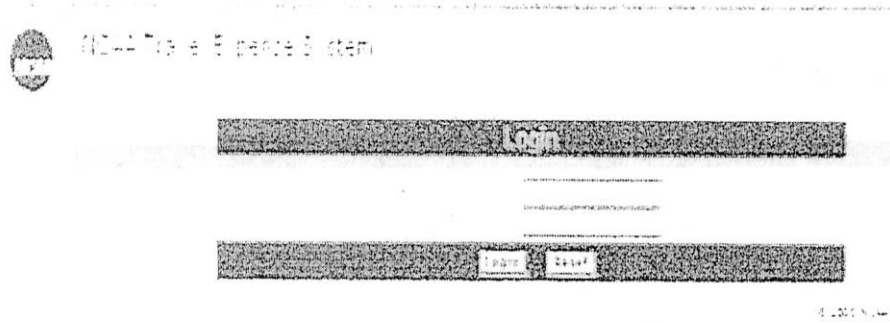
There are three types of travelers that will use TES to submit reimbursement requests:

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.

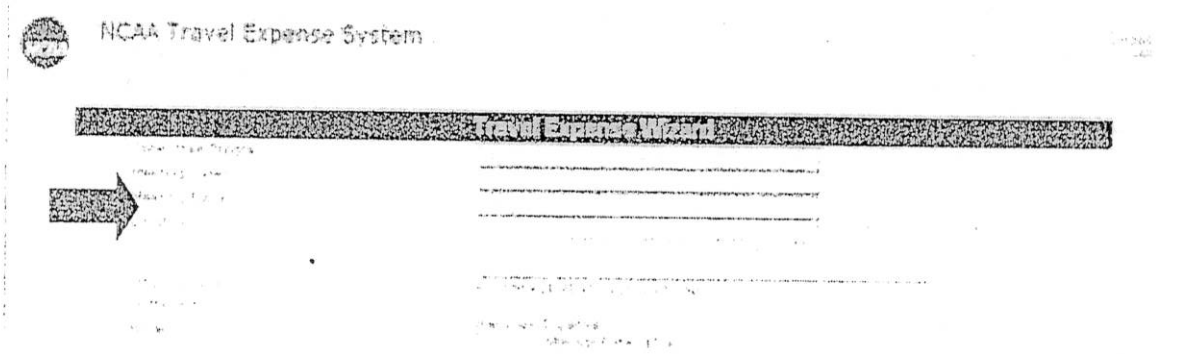
Following the meeting, your liaison will authorize you to file a reimbursement request. Once that authorization has been entered, you will receive an email from travel@ncaa.org. This email contains the one time user name and password for one particular meeting; which you will need in order to file your expense report.

FILING YOUR EXPENSE REQUEST

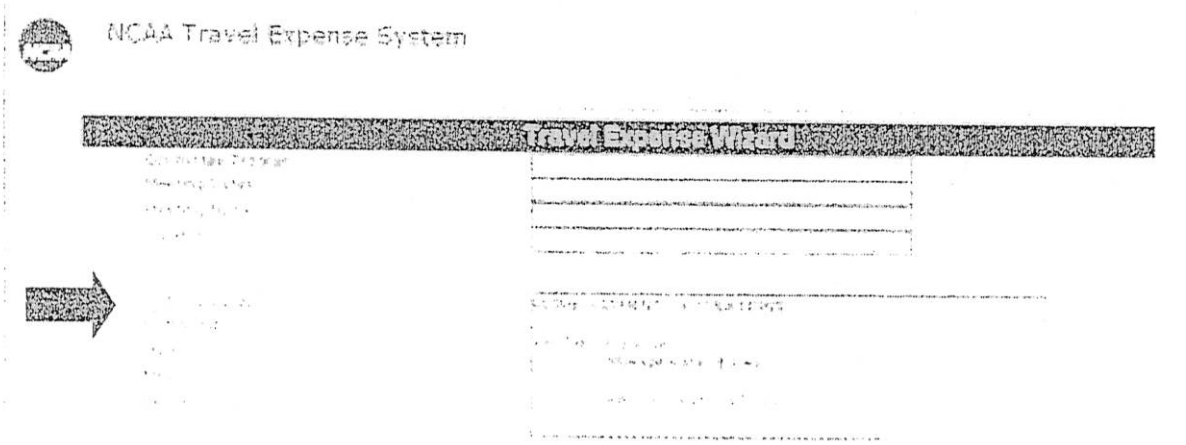
1. Once you receive an email from travel@ncaa.org use the user name and password created specifically for you and this particular meeting and click login. Remember that once you submit expenses with this username and password the username and password will become inactive.



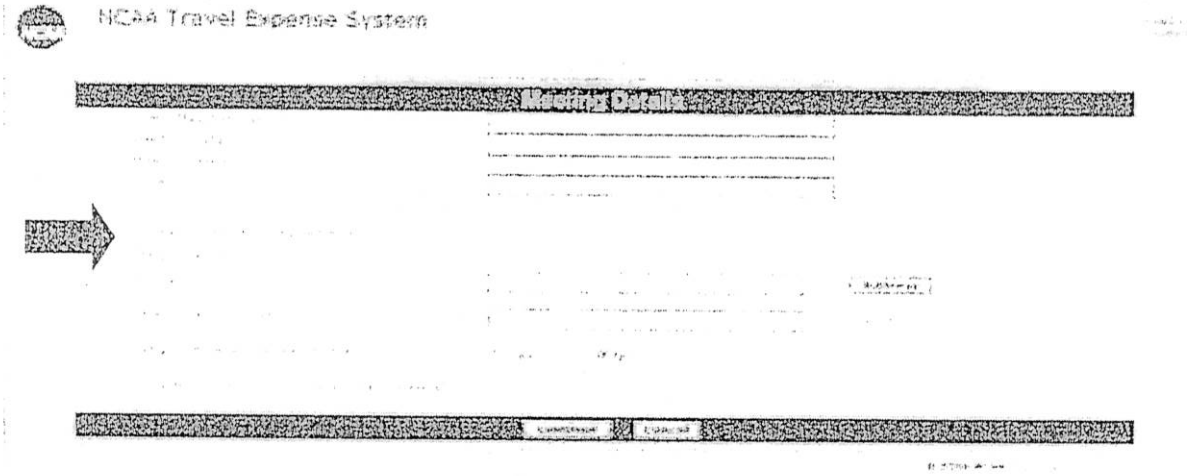
2. Once logged into the system verify the pre-populated fields: Committee/Program, Meeting Dates, Meeting Name and location.



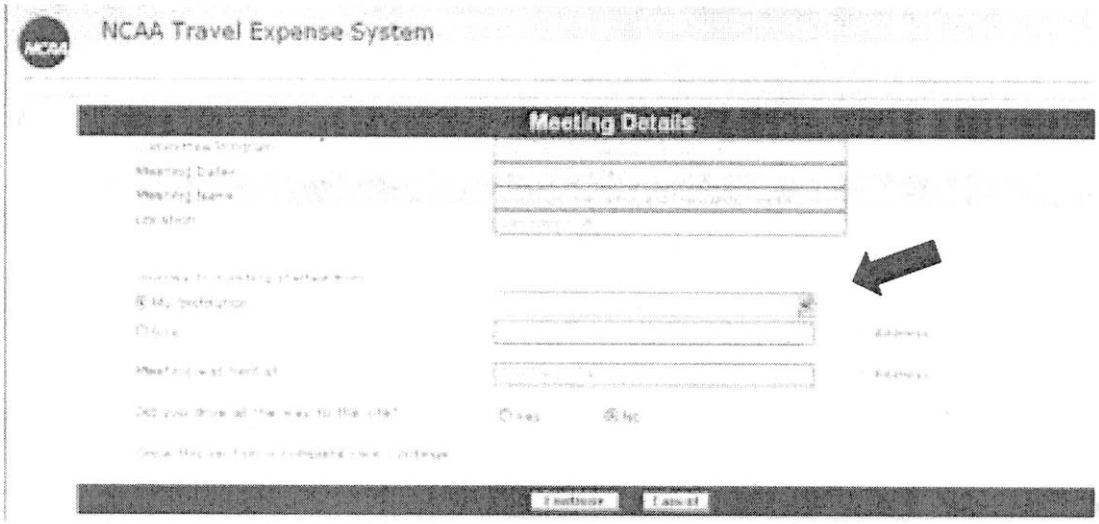
3. Once you confirm you are filing an expense form for the correct meeting, select Meeting Details.



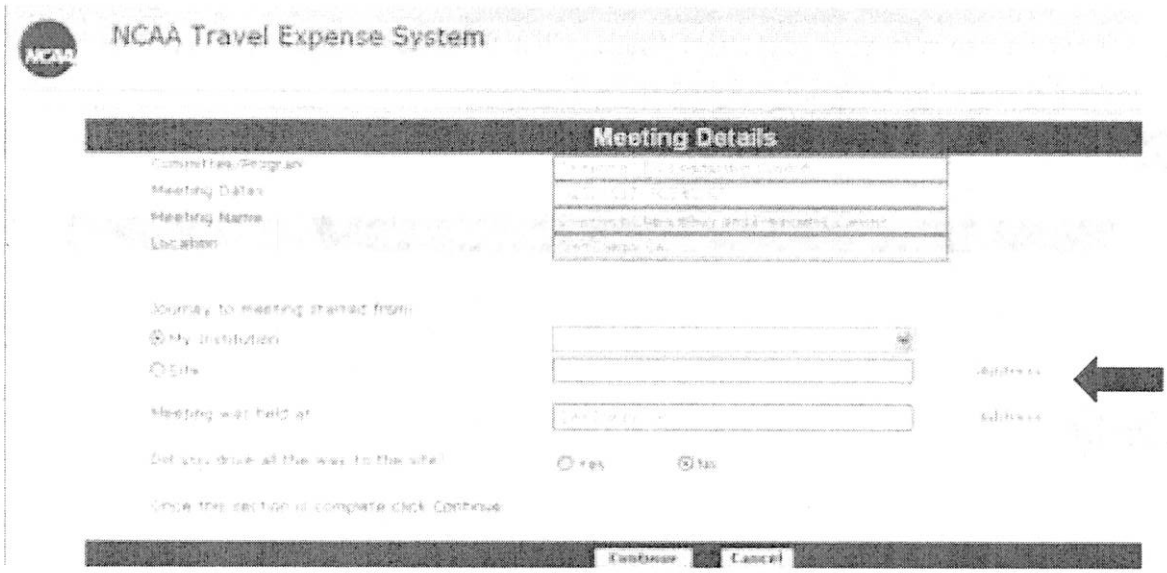
4. Select where your trip started from located under, Journey to meeting started from. If you started from your institution, click My Institution. If you left from your home, select Site.

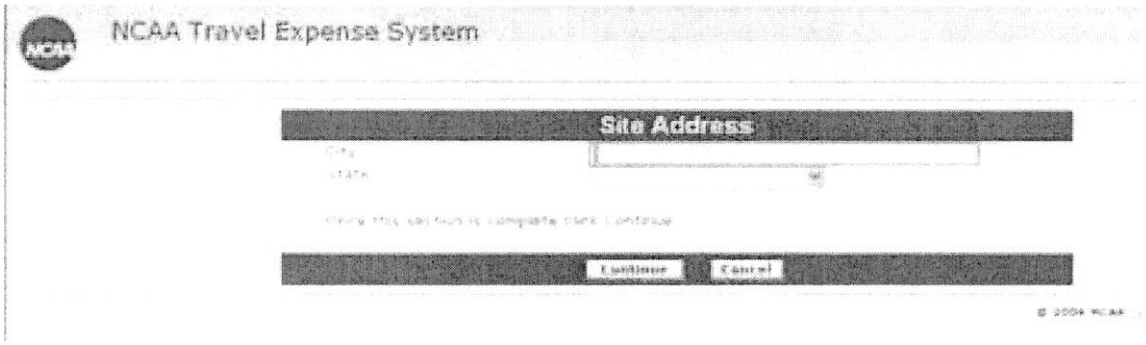


5. If you select My Institution you will need to select your institution from the dropdown menu.

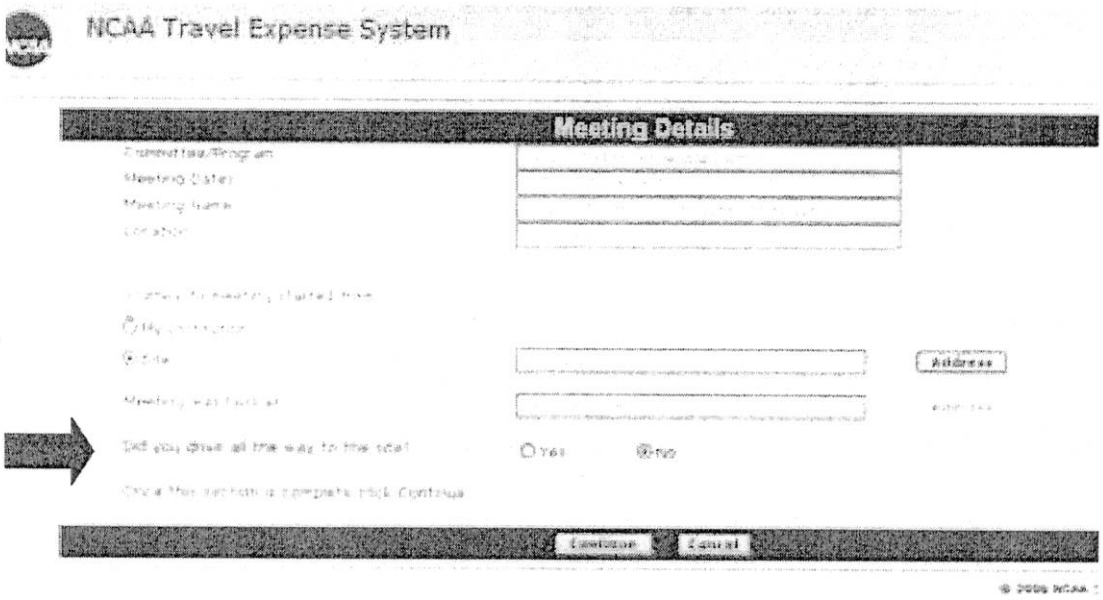


6. If you select Site, you will need to select Address. The Address button will take you to a screen that asks you to enter the city and state where your trip began. Once completed, click Continue.

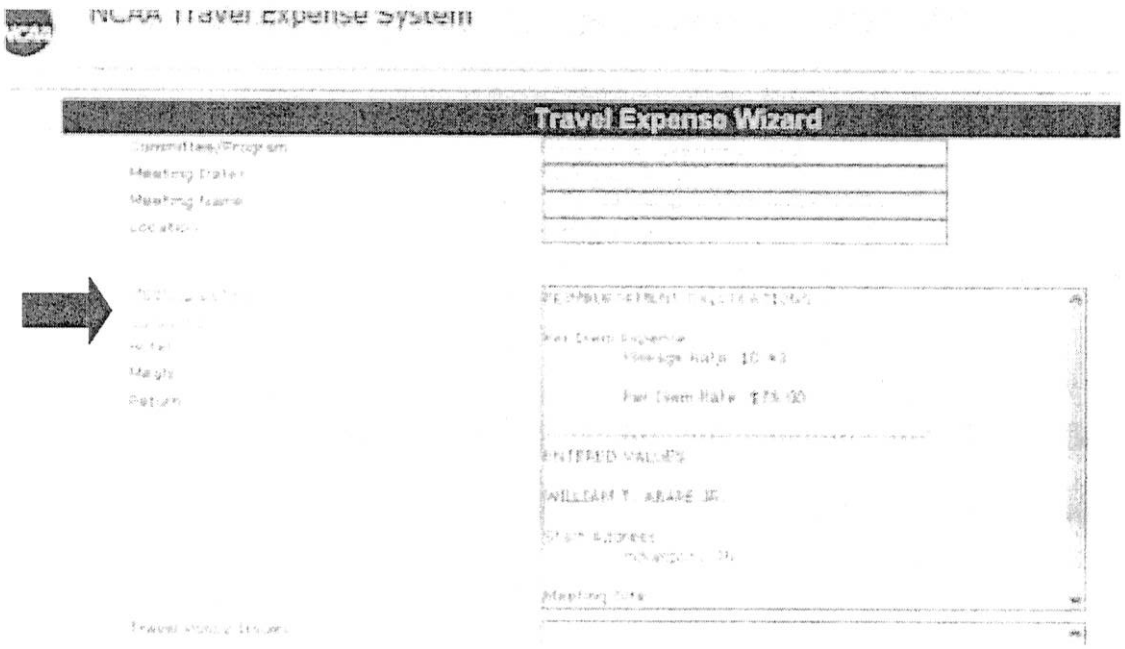




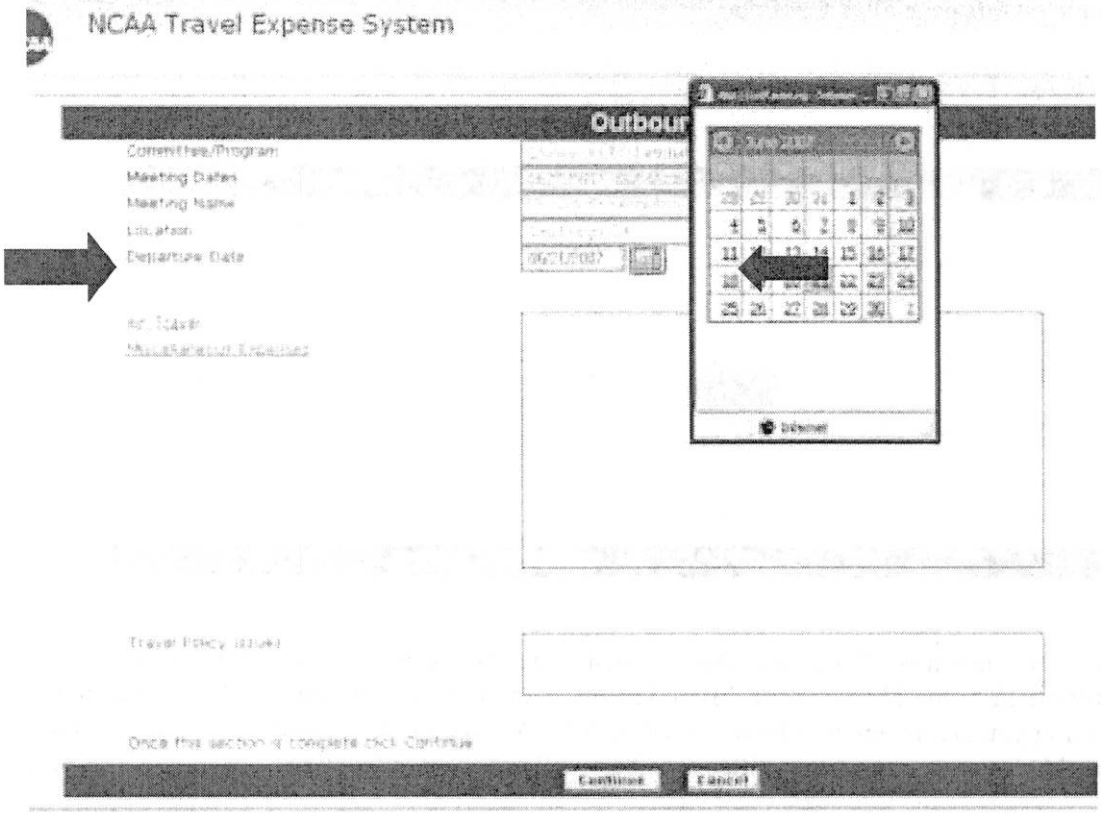
7. After selecting your institution or completing the address screen and being directed back to the Meeting Details page, you will need to answer the next question Did you drive all the way to the site? Choose the answer that applies. Once completed, click Continue. You will then be taken to the main page.



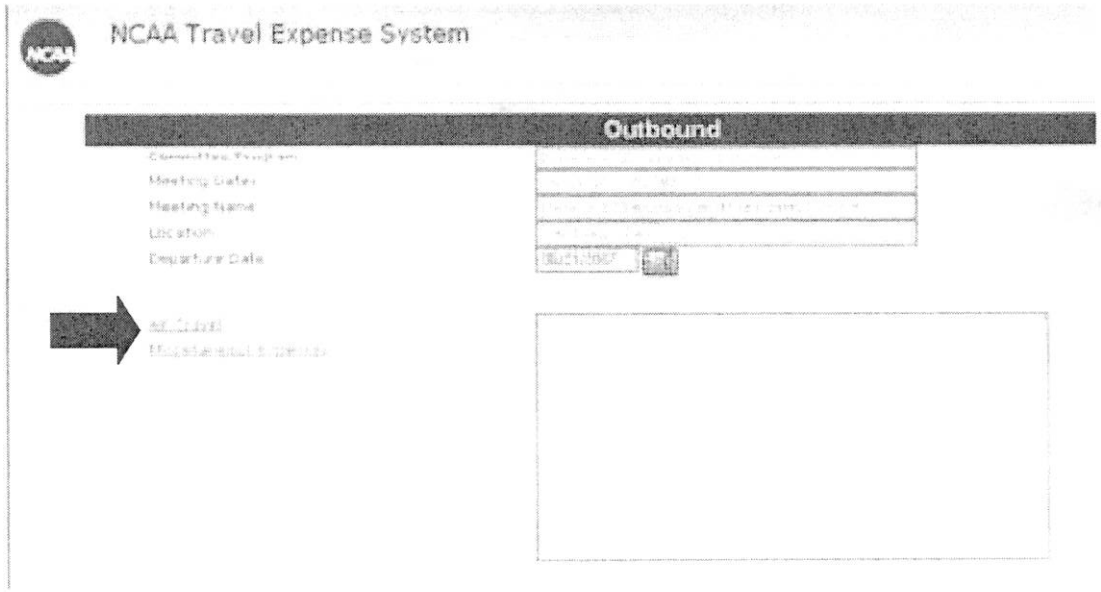
8. The next step is to enter your travel details. Click Outbound to enter your departure information.



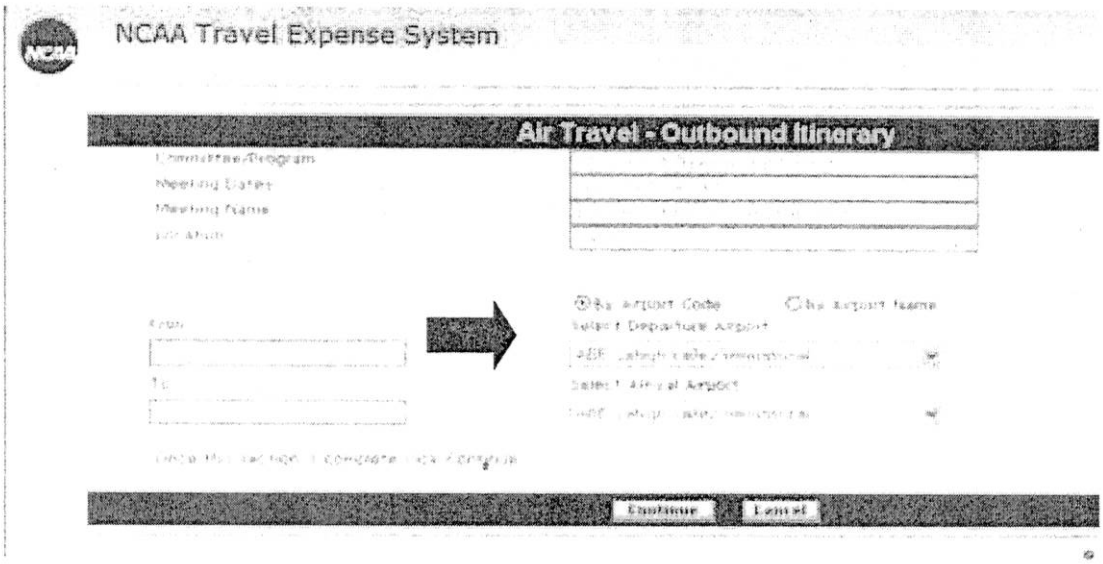
9. Once in the Outbound screen select departure date by clicking on the calendar and then select the day you departed for your meeting.



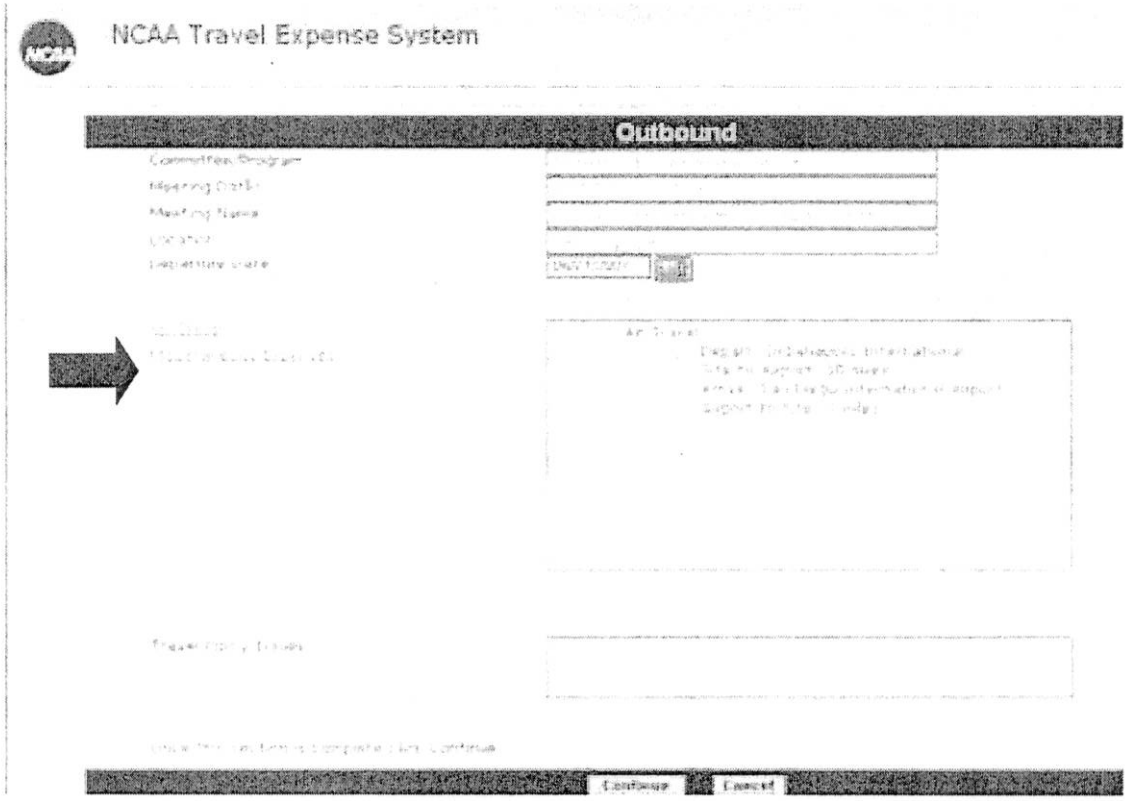
10. If you flew, a link for Air Travel will be present. You will need to click on this link to select your departure and arrival airport. If you drove, you will proceed to the Miscellaneous Expenses page.



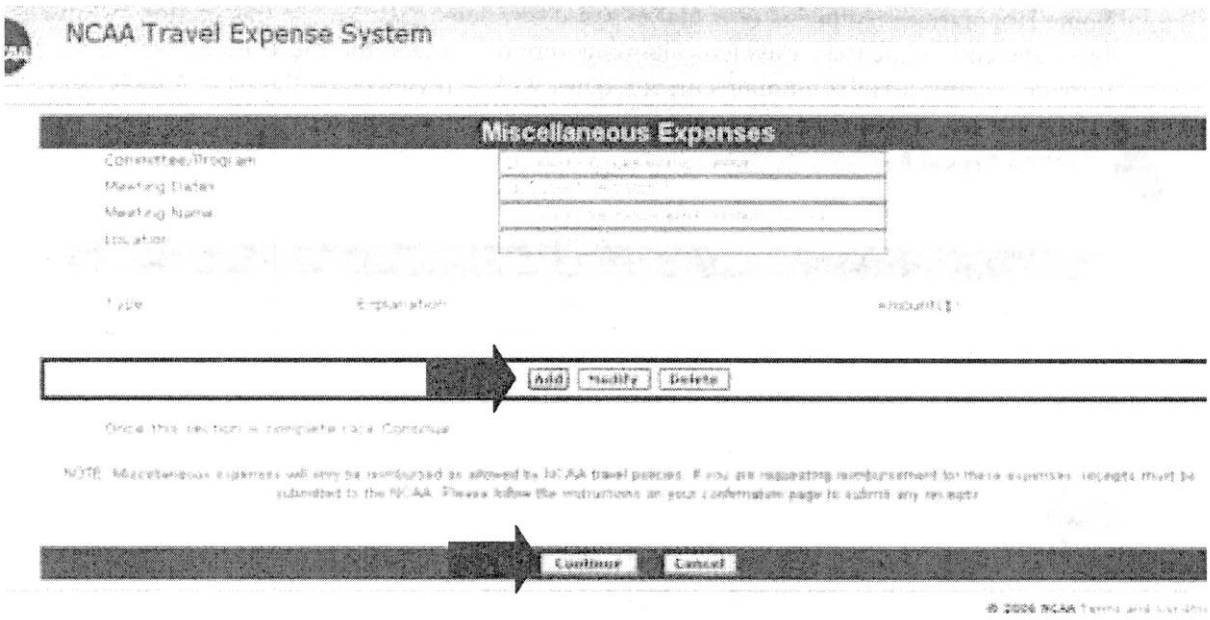
11. On the Air Travel - Outbound Itinerary screen you can select your departure and arrival airport by clicking the drop down arrow and selecting the airport. You have the choice of choosing your airport by the three letter airport code, or by airport name. Once you have completed this page click Continue.



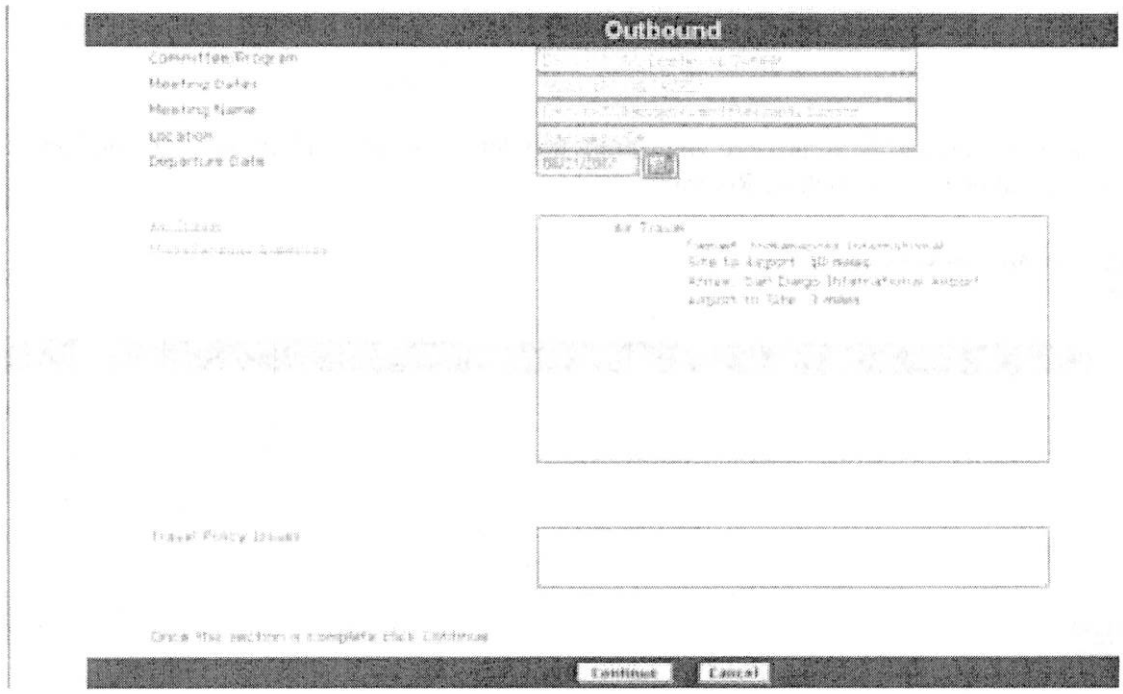
12. If you have any miscellaneous expenses, such as airline change fees or airfare costs not directly billed to the NCAA, click Miscellaneous Expenses to enter the details. Please note anything you claim here will be reviewed by NCAA travel staff and will need to be accompanied by receipts. Most committee members will not use this function.



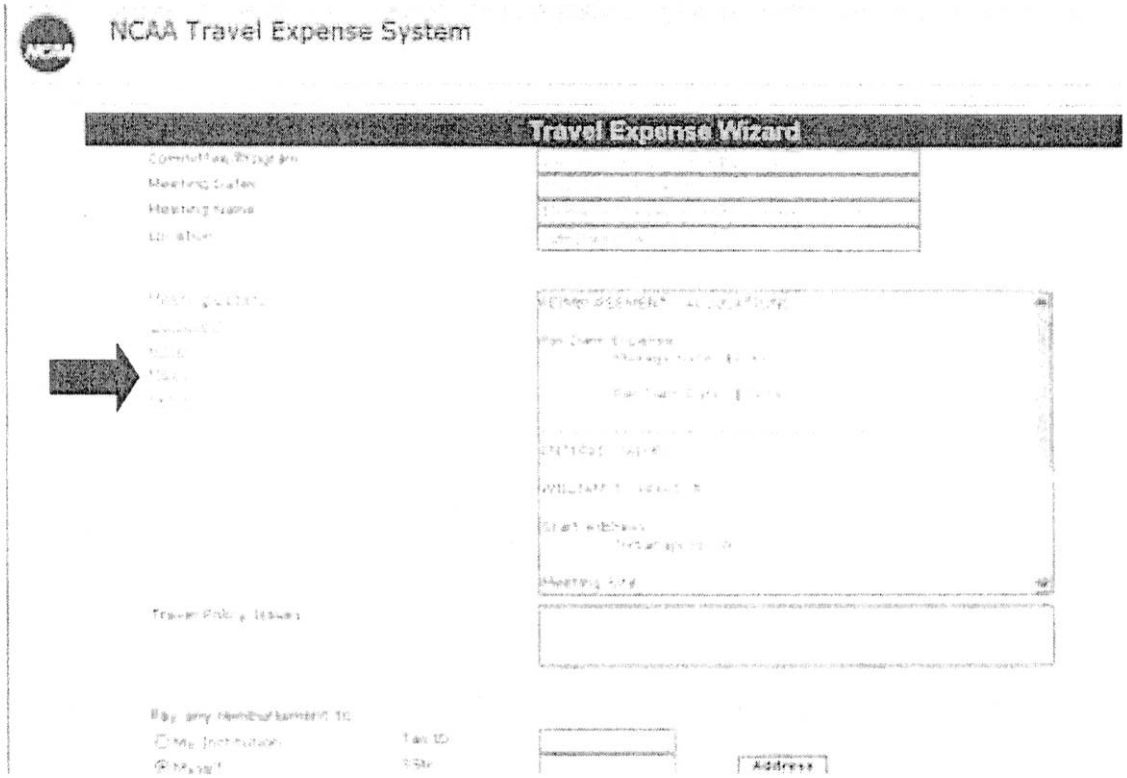
13. If you have Miscellaneous Expenses, click Add, choose the type of expense you are claiming, give the justification or explanation of the expense and the amount. This page will allow you to add as many expenses here as you need. Once you have finished entering your expenses click Continue at the bottom of the page. You will then be directed back to the Outbound page.



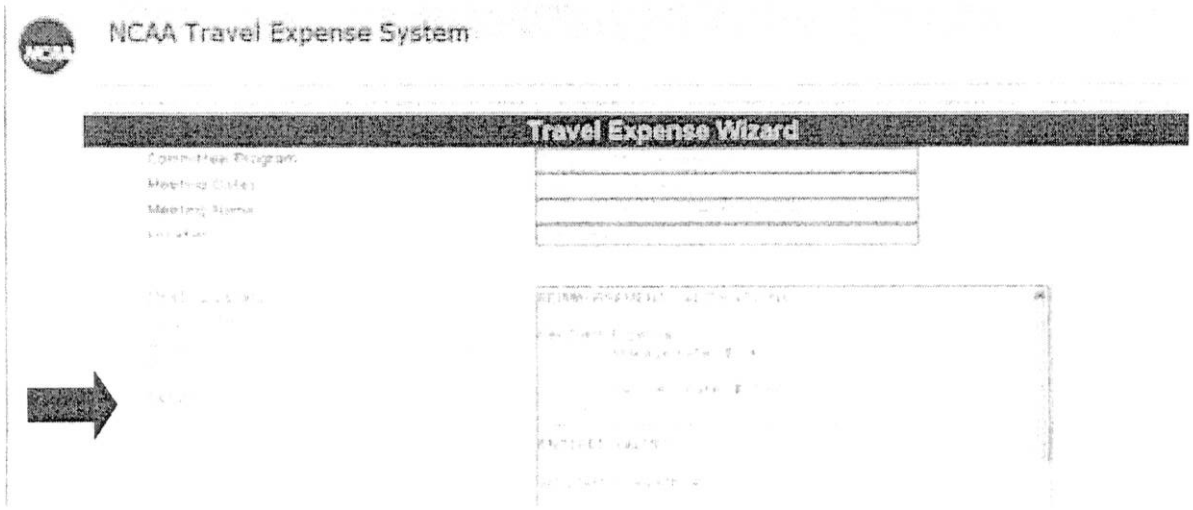
14. The details of your trip, including airports, and any miscellaneous expenses will be listed here. If you need to edit any of the information, click the appropriate link and follow the steps outlined above to make modifications. Once your information is correct, click Continue again to be directed back to the Main page.



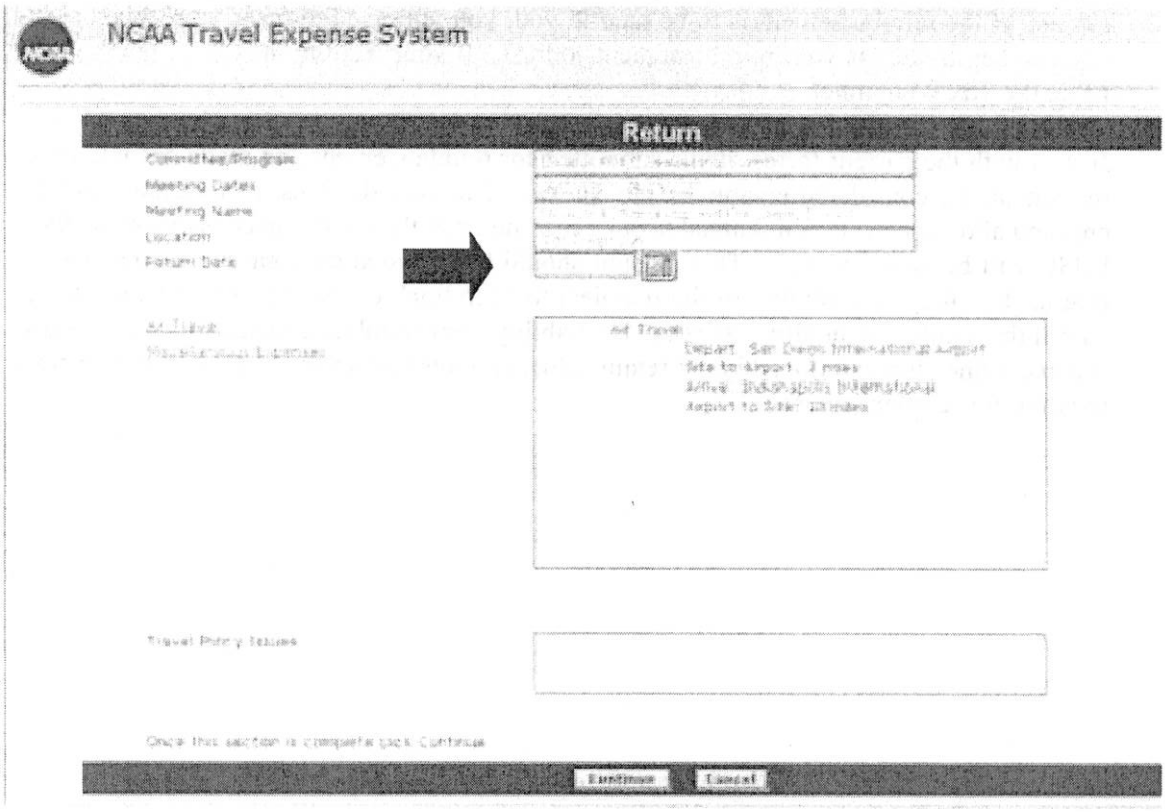
15. Once back on the Main or Travel Expense Wizard screen you have the option of adding Hotel and Meal expenses. These screens will operate just as the Miscellaneous Expense screen did. Most committee members will not use these functions as hotels are directly billed to the NCAA and meals are either 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.



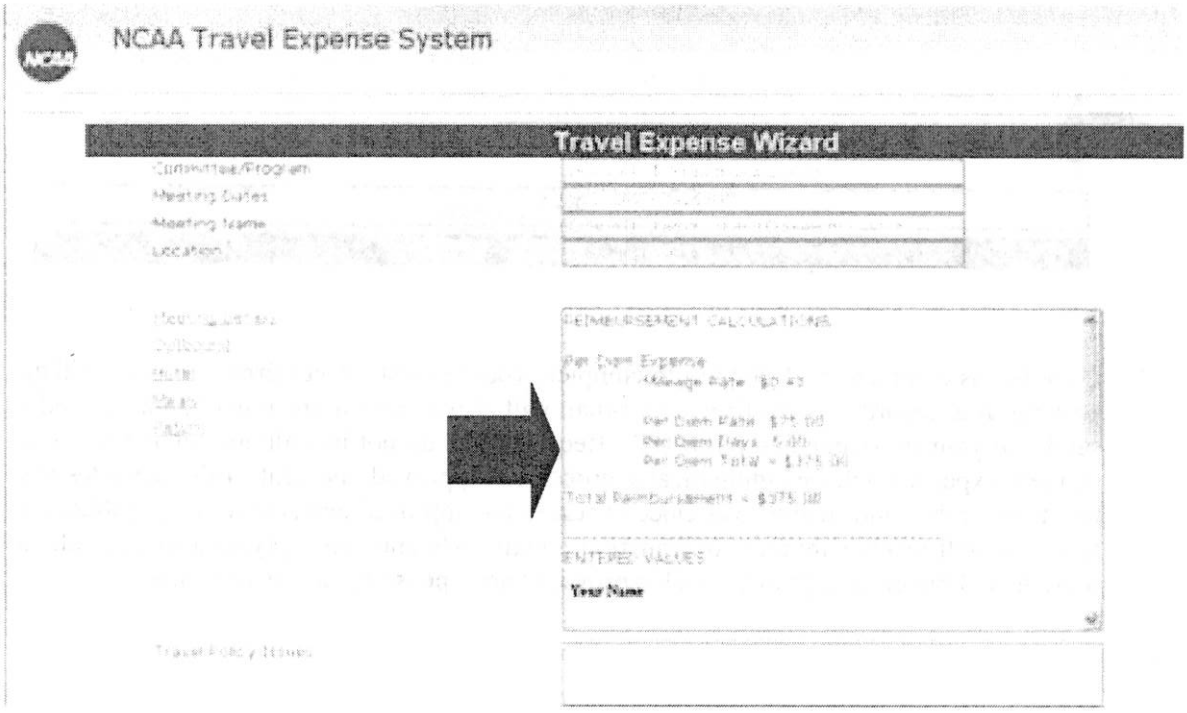
16. The next step will be to provide your return trip details, similar to how you provided your outbound details, by clicking Return.



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.

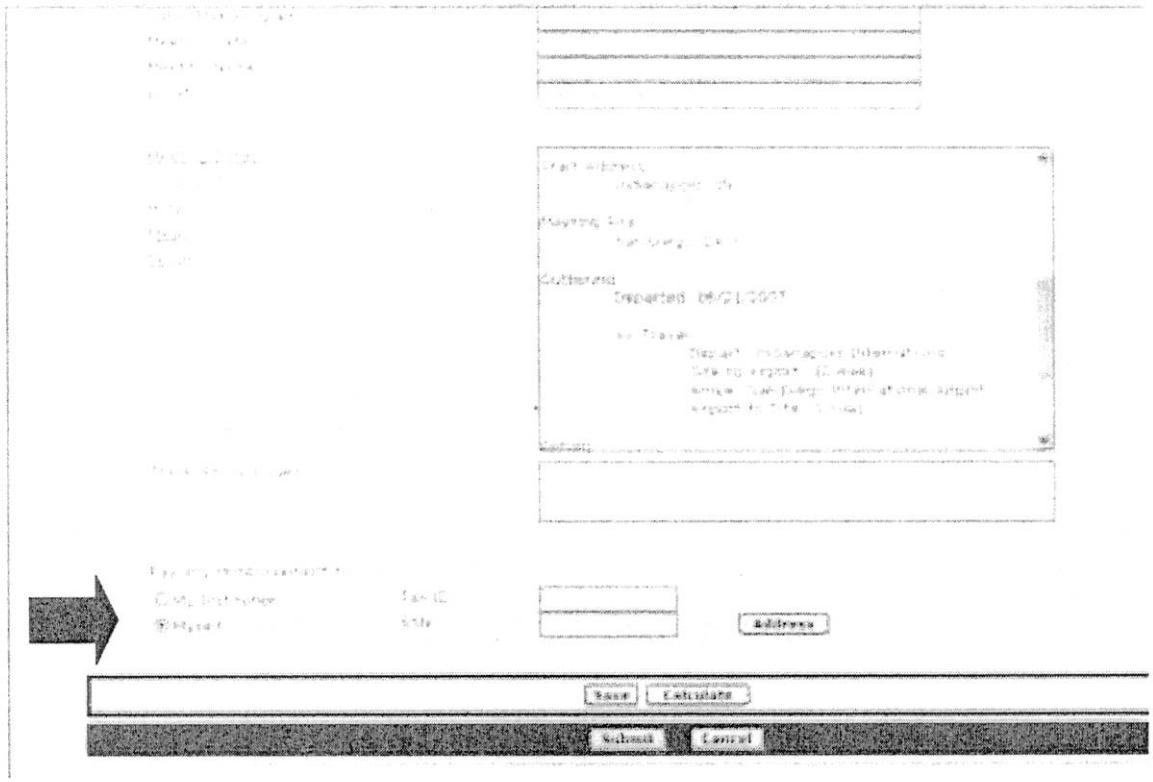


18. The main or Travel Expense Wizard page will contain all the detail you have entered as well as the calculation of expenses to be reimbursed. If any of the information is incorrect, repeat the appropriate step above to make modifications and return to the main page.



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.

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February 5, 2010

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Re: Access and equity provided by NCAA Women's Rowing Championship Play-In proposal

Dear Joni,

Included on the agenda for the upcoming (February 10, 2010) NCAA Division I Championships/ Sports Management Cabinet meeting is a proposal from the Division I Women's Rowing Committee for Automatic Qualification Play-In Scenarios.

The committee's proposal calls for a play-in when the number of AQ-eligible conferences are more than 50 percent of the championship filed (2012 at the earliest). The play-in would be conducted at the championship finals site on the Wednesday two days prior to the start of championship competition. The committee also recommends that policy be established stating that in order for a conference to be eligible for an AQ, a minimum of six conference schools have at least the three boats (I Eight, II Eight, Four) competing at the conference championship that are necessary to compete at the at the NCAA Championship.

At the September 2009 meeting, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved automatic qualification for rowing, beginning at the 2011 championship. In 2011, there will be seven conferences that are AQ-eligible, meaning that a play-in would not be required. Four additional conferences have indicated that they will be AQ-eligible in 2012, bringing the number of AQs in the championship field to eleven.

The play-in format would consist of the Women's Rowing Committee ranking the AQ winners from strongest to weakest. In years in which there are more than eight AQs, those ranked eighth and higher would participate in a play-in to advance to the championship. The committee feels that hosting the play-in on Wednesday provides the teams participating in the play-in with a rest day prior to the start of the championship while balancing travel constraints to the championship site.

With the implementation of AQs into the championship selection process, the establishment of a play-in is the only way to provide true access to the championship to each of the AQ teams. Recognizing that the field is not large enough to include all AQ winners, a play-in provides a method of selecting the AQs that advance through actual competition. It is this access to the championship that directly addresses equity

issues in the sport of women's rowing. Through AQs, and through the play-in process, at least one team from every AQ-eligible conference will have direct access to the championship field. By contrast, at the 2009 NCAA Championship there were institutions from only four conferences represented within the 16-team field; with seven conferences already at AQ-eligible status, there were three AQ-eligible conferences that did not take part in the championship.

There is a precedent for play-ins in conjunction with NCAA Championships. In the two other team sports in which the number of AQ-eligible conferences exceeds 50 percent of the championship bracket (field hockey and women's lacrosse), play-in game(s) are held to allow championship access to all AQ winners. Implementing the AQ in Women's Rowing was the first step in providing consistency with other team sports; adopting a play-in scenario is the next step in providing that consistency and in providing championship access to the majority of the institutions that sponsor the sport.

The implementation of AQs in women's rowing, and the approval of the play-in scenario, will increase championship opportunities to a great number of female student-athletes. Essentially, every female student-athlete that is part of a team in an AQ-eligible conference will begin the season with the opportunity to compete at the NCAA Championship. This access to the championship is the best way to address equity issues in women's rowing. Providing championship access across the breadth and depth of the institutions that sponsor the sport provides more female student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in the championship; the best way to provide increased access is through implementation of AQs and a play-in scenario that allows the AQ teams to compete for a slot in the championship field.

The NCAA's equity efforts will benefit with the additional female student-athlete opportunities that the women's rowing play-in will create. This bonus of the play-in is one element that the Cabinet has not previously considered. I would hope this provides even more of rationale for this scenario being implemented as the Cabinet continues with its goal of providing access and equity in championship operations.

Please distribute this correspondence to all members of the Cabinet in advance of the February 10 meeting in Indianapolis.

Thank you for your efforts to manage this process.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Ensor, Esq.
Commissioner

cc: Collegiate Commissioners Association

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February 8, 2010

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Re: Access and equity provided by NCAA Women's Rowing Championship Play-in proposal.

Dear Joni:

Without repeating the points, the CAA fully supports the Division I Women's Rowing Committee's proposal for Automatic Qualification Play-in scenario.

Historically, there is a direct correlation between increased interest and institutional support for a sport as soon as a conference obtains access to automatic qualification for the NCAA championship in that sport. In my view, the best way to increase the growth of women's rowing will be to enter into the automatic qualification process. While we all understand the limitations on bracket expansion, we believe that the play-in process proposed by the committee provides the opportunity for that growth to occur.

Thank you for your efforts in the support of women's rowing.

Sincerely,

Tom

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