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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

The Westin Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

June 15-16, 2010

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

2. Review of minutes of February 16-17, 2010, Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet meeting. [Minutes were sent previously to all cabinet members.] [**Action anticipated**.]

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

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

   Background: *Appendixes I and M have been updated with the latest information available.*

5. Report from Division I Leadership Council, Division I Board of Directors and Executive Committee April 2010 meetings. (Dave Schnase) [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 discuss the financial agreement between the NCAA, CBS Sports and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.*

9. Championships promotional activities. [Supplement No. 4] (Brad Hostetter) [**Action anticipated**.]

   Background: *The cabinet will be provided information for a discussion on possible legislative change to permit more flexibility to use professional sports organizations to promote NCAA Championships.*

10. Recommendations from Bylaws 17 and 31 reviews. [Supplement Nos. 5a and 5b] (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 proposals, take formal positions and prioritize those initiatives that receive cabinet support. Examples of best practices for cost reductions and revenue generation provided by Division I conferences will be reviewed.*

11. Division I selection, seeding and bracketing and a mock selection. [Supplement No. 6] (Sharon Cessna, Joni Comstock and Carol Reep) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *The cabinet will review and discuss overall principles of selection, seeding and bracketing to include a review of cabinet mission and goals as supporting principles and direction. The cabinet will review various championships with discussion of differences. Also, the cabinet will participate in a mock selection of a 64 team bracket in women's volleyball.*

12. Men's and women's soccer – start date and combined College Cup. [Supplement No. 7] (Carol Reep) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *Tom Hickman asked that this subject be included on the cabinet's agenda.*

13. Request related to rowing AQs. (Rose) [No action anticipated.]

    Background: *Rich Ensor, commissioner of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, asked that this subject be included on the cabinet's agenda.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a recommendation that the selection criteria be revised to include a Rating Percentage Index (RPI) in place of the current Quality of Wins Index.*

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

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an increase of two in squad size and bench size while maintaining the travel party size at 28. This would allow two more opportunities for student-athlete participation. Additionally, the cabinet will be asked to approve the automatic qualification conferences, which also determines the play-in game conference matchups. Also, the committee asked to approve its chair recommendation.*

c. Division I Football Championship Committee. [Supplement No. 10] (Dave Schnase) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the AQ conferences and bracket expansion policies.*

d. Division I Men's Soccer Committee. [Supplement No. 11] (Tom Hickman) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the AQ conferences, selection criteria and an RPI for men's soccer.*

e. Division I Women's Soccer Committee. [Supplement No. 12] (Joan Cronan) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the AQ conferences, a new committee chair and a new tournament format.*

f. Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. [Supplement No. 13] (Brad Walker) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to provide feedback on a proposed change to the format for the outdoor track and field championships.*

g. Men's Water Polo Committee. [Supplement No. 14] (Paula Smith) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve the AQ conferences and a new committee chair.*

h. Division I Wrestling Committee. [Supplement No. 15] (Jim Fallis) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a waiver of the six team requirement to allow the Big 12 Conference to receive an AQ for their conference champions. Also, it will be asked to approve selection criteria if a replacement is needed for the championships. Additionally, it will be asked to approve a recommendation for committee chair.*

15. Awards program. [Supplement No. 16] (Reep) [No Action anticipated.]

Background: *NCAA staff will lead a discussion and provide the history behind the current award program.*

16. Report of Football Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 17] (Keith Tribble) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve an increase from 90 to 95 the number of student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest. Five informational items regarding bowl games and a National Letter of Intent have been provided to the cabinet.*

17. Report of Men's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 18] (Larry Williams) [No action anticipated.]

Background: *Expect report by May 31 and will post it online.*

18. Report of Women's Basketball Issues Committee. [Supplement No. 19] (Myndee Larsen) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a new committee chair and to act on a number of legislative items.*

19. Report of the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [Supplement No. 20] (Schnase) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet will be asked to approve a new committee chair. The committee will provide its recommendation regarding legislative proposal 2009-22. The committee also will provide a summary of the action it took relative to the directive from the Leadership Council for the OSLC to "discuss and review issues related to endangered sports and sports that face challenges to their Olympic growth."*

20. Bylaw 20.8.1 – Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. [Supplement No. 21] (Hostetter) [**Action anticipated.**]

Background: *Current NCAA Bylaw 20.8.1 (eligibility for national collegiate championships) requires all institutions that are eligible for national collegiate championships in sports that have two-thirds of the membership in one division to follow the NCAA eligibility rules of that division. Practically speaking, this requires Divisions II and III institutions to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes using Division I rules. It is quite possible that the sport of men's volleyball could reach two-thirds Division III members sponsoring the sport in the very near future, requiring Divisions I and II members to follow Division III rules in that sport, including the prohibition on athletically related financial aid. In the past year, it has come to the attention of NCAA staff that Divisions II and III institutions have not been complying with the requirement in Bylaw 20.8.1 for several years. A blanket legislative relief waiver was in place for the 2009-10 academic year for Divisions II and III institutions to waive the requirement that these institutions follow Division I rules. However, consideration of a permanent solution should be discussed and reviewed by each division.*

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

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

22. Atlantic Sun Conference sportsmanship and soccer policy. [Supplement No. 22] (Sherri Booker) [No action anticipated.]

Background*: At the February cabinet meeting soccer and sporting behavior were discussed. Since that meeting some cabinet members requested that the Atlantic Sun*

Conference sportsmanship and soccer policy be shared with them. That information is attached.

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

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

24. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. September 14-15, 2010; University Place, Indianapolis.

    b. February 15-16, 2011; TBD, Indianapolis.

    c. June 15, 2011; teleconference.

    d. September 13-14, 2011; TBD, Indianapolis.

25. Other business.

    - Men's and Women's Fencing West regional one-time date change request. [Supplement No. 24] (Reep) [**Action anticipated**.]

Background: *The cabinet is being asked to approve a date change for the 2011 Men's and Women's Fencing West regional.*

26. Adjournment.

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Schedule for June 15-16, 2010, Meeting of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Monday, June 14		**Meeting Room**
		At the Marriott
Administrative Committee (At the **Marriott**) (Dinner provided)	6 to 8 p.m.	Denver
Tuesday, June 15 Meeting at The Westin		**At the Westin**
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Capitol 2 and 3
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m. to noon	Capitol 2 and 3
Lunch	Noon to 1 p.m.	Council
Cabinet meeting	1 to 5:30 p.m.	Capitol 2 and 3
Wednesday, June 16 Meeting at The Westin		**At the Westin**
Continental breakfast	8 to 8:30 a.m.	Capitol 2 and 3
Cabinet meeting	8:30 a.m.to noon	Capitol 2 and 3

NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

Policies and Operating Procedures

[Effective May 4, 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 routine in nature. The recommendations will be voted on as a package. Any objection from any member of the cabinet will remove the relevant item from the consent package for separate consideration and a separate vote.

1. Division I Field Hockey Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 9, items 1 and 2 of cabinet agenda.]

   - automatic qualification
   - committee chair

2. Division I Football Championship Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 10, items 1 and 4 of cabinet agenda.]

   - automatic qualification
   - committee chair

3. Division I Men's Soccer Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 11, item 1 of cabinet agenda.]

   - automatic qualification

4. Division I Women's Soccer Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 12, items 1 and 2 of cabinet agenda.]

   - committee chair
   - automatic qualification

5. Men's Water Polo Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 14, items 1 and 2 of cabinet agenda.]

   - automatic qualification
   - committee chair

6. Division I Wrestling Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 15, items 1 and 3 of cabinet agenda.]

   - automatic qualification
   - committee chair

7. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [Refer to Supplement No. 20, item 1 of cabinet agenda.]

   - committee chair

Sponsorship of NCAA Championship Events and Promotions by a Professional Sports Organization

Issue.

Whether the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet should propose a modification of NCAA Executive Regulation 31.1.14.1.2 to permit NCAA championship activities and promotions in sports other than football and men's basketball to be sponsored by a professional sports organization.

Background.

The NCAA championships staff, with the oversight and support of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet and other championships and sports committees, administers NCAA championship events in 23 sports. Occasionally, the NCAA staff and/or local organizing committee, host institution(s) and/or conference(s) that administer a championship event has the opportunity to partner with a local professional sports organization (team or league) to promote the NCAA championship event and related activities. For example, the professional sports team may want to advertise the NCAA championship through its promotional channels (e.g., e-mail to season-ticket holders, team Web site, newsletters), during its contests (e.g., public address announcements, video/message boards, promotional booth) or with its media partners.

Current NCAA regulations specify that a championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies, or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time. This regulation can limit the opportunities for the professional sports organization to assist in promoting the NCAA championship or related activities.

The NCAA president is currently authorized to grant waivers of executive regulations governing the conduct of an NCAA championship, including the restriction on the sponsorship of championships activities and promotions, when warranted by special and unusual circumstances. For the spring 2010 championships, NCAA Interim President Dr. James L. Isch authorized a waiver for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years to permit the NCAA staff, local organizing committee(s), host institution(s) and/or conference(s) to partner with professional sports organizations to promote Divisions I and II championships in all sports other than football and men's basketball. This waiver provides flexibility to those entities that produce championship events while providing time for the governance structure to consider whether a modification to the legislation is appropriate given the Association's guiding principles and strategic priorities. The waiver was supported by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet chair, the NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief, championships staff and NCAA governance staff for Divisions I and II.

Sponsoring a proposal to revise the language of the regulation would codify the waiver approved this year and permit the NCAA staff responsible for administering championship activities and promotions to make judgments about the appropriate involvement of professional sports organizations.

In 2004, the Division I membership amended its legislation to permit member institutions, in sports other than football and men's basketball, to enter into a reciprocal contractual relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport. Amending the championship activities and promotions legislation would provide a similar opportunity to the NCAA national office and championships' hosts to help increase the exposure of and fan interest in NCAA championships. The exclusion of football and men's basketball in this recommendation is intended to mirror the 2004 legislative proposal.

Further, beginning with the 2009-10 academic year, several Division I championships (baseball, women's basketball, football, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, softball, women's volleyball and wrestling) have been identified as part of a strategic priority with focus on growth and elevation of these NCAA championships. Partnering with professional sports organizations can help to increase exposure and fan interest for these and all NCAA championships without compromising the Association's principle of amateurism.

Recommendation.

That the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor a proposal to amend the legislation governing sponsorship of NCAA championship activities and promotions in sports other than basketball and football to permit sponsorship by a professional sports organization.

Applicable Bylaws.

NCAA Bylaw 12.6.1.1.1 (Exception - Sports Other Than Football and Men's Basketball).

In sports other than football and men's basketball, an institution's marketing department may enter into a reciprocal contractual relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport.

Bylaw 31.1.14.1.2 (Sponsorships).

A championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies or by professional sports organizations or teams at any time.

NCAA Bylaw 17 and 31 Summary of Proposals Discussed at the February 2010 Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Meeting

The Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet is soliciting feedback from conferences and campuses on the cost-reduction proposals provided below, prior to the cabinets June 2010 meeting. The cabinet will review all feedback received and make a determination as to whether each item requires further adjustment or should receive final support.

Acting on a directive from the Division I Board of Directors, the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet continued their discussions of possible cost-reduction recommendations related to the administration of championships and playing and practice seasons during its February 2010 meeting. In September 2009, the cabinet identified potential areas of modification that would lead to institutional cost-reductions. During the February 2010 meeting, the cabinet reviewed the concepts identified in September and discussed the pros, cons, student-athlete impact, estimated financial impact and any necessary legislative or policy changes that would result from the modifications.

The proposals outlined were developed from concepts that the cabinet reviewed and supported during their February 2010 meeting. Additional information to help frame potential discussions can be found in Attachments A-C. In developing the financial impact statements, staff used a limited sample of information provided by individual institutions. Certain assumptions and calculations were made to project average potential savings resulting from the specific recommendations initially considered. It is important to remember that location, home and away contests, modes of travel, squad size and sponsorship will vary among institutions and therefore affect the accuracy of the projections contained in this document.

Proposal X – Student-Athlete Expenses – Lodging the Night Before a Home Contest – All Sports other than FBS Football

Recommendation. In all sports other than FBS football, to prohibit institutions from providing hotel accommodations for student-athletes on the night before a home contest.

Rationale. Prohibiting hotel accommodations on the night before home contests would have the greatest impact on the sport of football; although this practice is becoming more prevalent in other sports. Traditionally, institutions that sponsor football provide off-campus housing for their football team at a local hotel the evening prior to a home game. Eliminating this practice would save costs related to transporting the team to and from the hotel and the venue, lodging expenses for hotel rooms, technology expenses and expenses related to the use of meeting rooms at the hotel.

Student-athlete impact. The primary objective of this traditional game day preparation is providing a pregame environment that is supportive of finalizing game day preparations and avoiding outside, unauthorized contacts with agents, runners and others.

Estimated Financial Impact. Institutions using this practice indicate it is primarily in the sport of football. A range of projected savings from eliminating these overnights from institutions reporting is $140,000 to $150,000 per year in football. This cost would be much less for other sports.

Proposal X – Student-Athlete Expenses – Lodging the Night Before a Home Contest – FCS Football

Recommendation. In FCS football, to prohibit institutions from providing hotel accommodations for student-athletes on the night before a home contest.

Rationale. Prohibiting hotel accommodations on the night before home contests would have the greatest impact on the sport of football. Traditionally, institutions that sponsor football provide off-campus housing for their football team at a local hotel the evening prior to a home game. Eliminating this practice would save costs related to transporting the team to and from the hotel and the venue, lodging expenses for hotel rooms, technology expenses and expenses related to the use of meeting rooms at the hotel.

Student-athlete impact. The primary objective of this traditional game day preparation is providing a pregame environment that is supportive of finalizing game day preparations and avoiding outside, unauthorized contacts with agents, runners and others.

Estimated Financial Impact. Institutions using this practice indicate it is primarily in the sport of football. A range of projected savings from eliminating these overnights from institutions reporting is $140,000 to $150,000 per year in football.

Proposal X – Number of Contests – Establish One Number for Total Competitions – Inclusive of the Championship and Non-Championship Segments

Recommendation. For each sport, determine a single number of total competitions that would be inclusive of all competitions conducted in the championship and non-championship segments.

Rationale. The chart in Attachment A provides information specific to the current maximum number of contests and/or dates of competition for each sport, inclusive of the championship and non-championship segments. In addition to the competition numbers indicated in Attachment A, there are a group of annual competition exemptions that if used by a sport are not counted in the numbers shown on the chart. Examples of current allowable exemptions that vary by sport are as follows: conference championships, alumni games, games played in Hawaii or Alaska and foreign tours that occur once-in-four-years.

Establishing a single number for sport competitions could result in cost savings related to reductions in team travel, game management, facility rental fees and/or required maintenance for institutional practice/competition venues and overall athletic department staffing demands. Reductions in the current number of contests/dates of competition could result in loss of revenue in those programs that generate net revenue.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes may have a reduction in competitive opportunities and possibly less time for skill development. This initiative could provide student-athletes with more time to focus on academics or be involved in campus activities.

Estimated Financial Impact. Elements of home vs. away contests, fixed/variable cost modes of travel and day trips vs. overnight trips will impact any projected savings.

- Projected average cost of elimination of home competition - $2,500/competition.*
- Projected average cost of elimination of away competition - $11,500/competition.*

* Not including men's and women's basketball and football.

Proposal X – Length of Season and Number of Contests – Reduce Number of Contests – All Non-Championship Segments

Recommendation. In the sports of men's and women's cross country (for those institutions that do not sponsor indoor/outdoor track and field), field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's volleyball and women's volleyball reduce by two dates the number of contests in all non-championship segments.

Rationale. Reducing the number of contests in all non-championship segments would save costs related to team travel, game management and overall athletic department staffing demands.

Student-athlete impact. The potential benefits would be returning time to student-athletes for academic needs or to fully recover from injuries while still maintaining opportunities to improve skill levels and compete outside the championships season.

Estimated Financial Impact.

- Assumptions:
  - Game day operations for home events are significantly lower.
  - Institutions generally have equal mix of home and away contests.
  - Institutions surveyed indicated overnight travel is an exception.
  - Air travel is also an exception.

- Softball competition dates are generally double-headers, thus lowering the per contest cost.

➢ Elimination of one day of non-championship segment competition (including genders and omitting cross country) is projected to save an average of $8600.
- Average for soccer and field hockey is $1,100 per competition.
- Average for lacrosse is $1,400 per competition.
- Average for volleyball is $1,600 per competition.
- Average for softball is $800 per competition.
- Average for cross country is $600 per competition - combined gender (not applicable to most institutions).

An institution sponsoring all seven sports listed above (including genders and omitting cross country) is projected to save an approximate average of $17,200 for a two day competition reduction.

Proposal X – Institutional Travel Costs – Overnight Travel – All Non-Championship Segments

Recommendation. In the sports of men's and women's cross country (for those institutions that do not sponsor indoor/outdoor track and field), field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's volleyball and women's volleyball, to eliminate overnight travel conducted during the non-championship segments.

Rationale. Eliminating overnight travel conducted during the non-championships segment would save costs related to reductions in team travel, game management and athletic department staffing demands for coverage of competition not conducted during the championship season.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would be provided more time to focus on academics and be involved in campus activities.

Estimated Financial Impact. The estimated savings for institutions would be projected to be approximately $2,200 per overnight, per sport. Additional savings could be realized by institutions incurring greater transportation expense when linked to an overnight trip.

Proposal X – Student-Athlete Welfare – Missed Class Time – All Non-Championship Segments

Recommendation. In the sports of men's and women's cross country (for those institutions that do not sponsor indoor/outdoor track and field), field hockey, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's volleyball and women's volleyball, to eliminate missed class time for competition conducted during the non-championship segments.

Rationale. Eliminating missed class time for competitions held in the non-championships segment would result in the return of time to student-athletes.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would be provided more time to focus on academics and be involved in campus activities.
Estimated Financial Impact. No direct financial impact noted but when this proposal is combined with the elimination of overnight travel to competitions conducted during the non-championships segment there is a projected savings of $2,200 per overnight, per sport.

Proposal X – Preseason Practice – Reduce Practice Opportunities to 21 Units – Women's Volleyball

Recommendation. In women's volleyball, to reduce the number of preseason practice opportunities from 29 to 21 preseason practice units.

Rationale. Women's volleyball currently is permitted a maximum of 29 practice units prior to the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later. By adjusting the women's volleyball preseason practice formula there would be an opportunity to provide greater consistency with all other fall sports (men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer and men's water polo) which are currently permitted 21 preseason practice units, excluding the sport of football which is permitted 40 preseason practice units. Reducing preseason practice opportunities would save institutions costs related to additional required housing and meals provided to support preseason activities.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would have fewer organized practice sessions to prepare for the start of competition. This reduced time could impact conditioning, as well as, reduce the amount of practice time for skill development. In addition, student-athletes would regain time in the summer.

Estimated Financial Impact. Savings are dependent on the number of days over which eight practices can currently be scheduled (four to nine), as well as, the number of student-athletes an institution included in practice – roughly 14 to 20. The range of projected savings for eliminating eight preseason volleyball practices is from $3,350 to $9,000 per institution.

Proposal X – Preseason Practice – Include Sundays in Calculating Practice Opportunities– Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Women's Volleyball, and Men's Water Polo.

Recommendation. In the sports of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, women's volleyball, and men's water polo, to permit Sundays to be counted when determining the first permissible practice dates.

Rationale. Current legislation allows for Sundays to be excluded when determining the first permissible practice dates for the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo. The rationale for excluding Sundays in the count was to encourage but not mandate institutions who sponsored the sports noted above to allow student-athlete's a day off from all countable athletic related activities without reducing the number of overall preseason practice opportunities. Eliminating this practice would save costs achieved through reductions in required housing and meals provided to support preseason activities.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would have fewer organized practice sessions to prepare for the start of competition. However, student-athletes would benefit from regaining time in the summer.

Estimated Financial Impact.

- Assumptions:
  - Consider including two preseason Sundays in calculating practice opportunities.
  - NCAA team rosters are used in these calculations and the actual squad size per sport is likely higher at most institutions.

NCAA roster size for the sports listed in the summary above would total 132 student-athletes (water polo and field hockey not included due to smaller sponsorship). At an average of $70 per day per student-athlete, utilizing two Sundays for preseason practice (thus reducing current days by two) is projected to save $18,500 per institution. If squad sizes are an aggregate 25 percent higher, the projected savings would be $23,000 per institution.

Proposal X – Preseason Practice – Reduce Practice Opportunities to 19 Units – Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Women's Volleyball, and Men's Water Polo.

Recommendation. In the fall sports of cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo, to reduce preseason practice opportunities from 21 to 19 units.

Rationale. By reducing preseason practice opportunities to 19, a consistent number of preseason practice opportunities for institutions can be achieved for fall sports (cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo). Reducing preseason practice opportunities would save institutions costs related to reductions in required housing and meals provided to support multiple sports during preseason activities, and reducing staff time during the preseason.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would have fewer organized practice sessions to prepare for the start of competition. A potential benefit would be regaining time in the summer.

Estimated Financial Impact.

- Assumptions:
  - Two-a-day practices used for this projection, unless otherwise noted.
  - Eighteen pre-season practices may be unrealistic for football, but the projections will assume the reduction. For purposes of the projection, 11 days will be eliminated as a result of eliminating 21 football practice opportunities.

The total amount of projected savings is $15,000 per institution without football. If football is reduced to 19 practice opportunities, the projected savings is $77,000, for a total of $92,000 per institution. Note: All fall sports are included in this calculation.

Proposal X – Preseason Practice – Elimination of Travel – Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Women's Volleyball, and Men's Water Polo.

Recommendation. In the sports of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, women's volleyball, and men's water polo, to eliminate travel to preseason practice sites that are not an institution's regularly designated practice site.

Rationale. Eliminating travel to preseason practice sites could impact the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo. Current legislation allows for expenses to be paid for preseason practice sessions if they are conducted within a member institution's state or, if outside that state, no more than 100 miles from the institution's campus. Eliminating this practice would save costs related to individual/team travel, transporting necessary equipment to an alternate site, facility rentals and/or admission charges and loss of daily access to support staff members who need to be off-site with their assigned teams.

Student-athlete impact. Depending on the distance from campus and the length of the trip (days), a potential benefit would be allowing student-athletes to remain on campus to more easily handle any academic needs prior to the start of the new semester/quarter.

Estimated Financial Impact. Although difficult to project savings from elimination of travel to offsite locations for preseason practice, the basic variables of lodging, incremental meal expense, travel and shipping of equipment are the main drivers of costs. A hypothetical squad size of thirty student-athletes and attendant staff for a week offsite camp could easily cost $10,000. For a football team, it could be three to four times this amount.

Proposal X – Practice – Elimination of Travel During Institution's Academic Calendar Breaks – All Sports

Recommendation. In all sports, to prohibit travel for practice that occurs during an institution's regular academic calendar (fall, semester and spring) breaks.

Rationale. Eliminating travel for practice during fall, semester and/or spring breaks would have the greatest impact on institutions that sponsor the sports of baseball, men's and women's golf, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving and men's and women's tennis. Eliminating this practice would save costs related to team travel, practice facility rentals and competition entry fees.

Student-athlete impact. Institutions in more northerly locations could be negatively impacted from a recruiting and competitive perspective. The potential benefits would be returning time to student-athletes.

Estimated Financial Impact. Several examples are provided as follows:

- Swimming team to Florida over Christmas - $25,000 to $45,000
- Softball team to Florida over spring break - $47,000
- Golf team to Virginia and North Carolina over spring break - $6,300 and $13,800
- Baseball team to Florida over spring break - $35,500 to $71,000
- Tennis team to Virginia and Florida over spring break - $4,300 and $13,200

Proposal X – Student-Athlete Welfare – Reduction of Complimentary Tickets to Postseason Championships – All Sports

Recommendation. In all sports, to reduce the number of complimentary tickets that an institution is allowed to provide to student-athletes competing in postseason championships from six to four.

Rationale. Current legislation allows an institution to provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six guest admissions at no cost to the student-athlete or guest. Currently, student-athletes receive four guest admissions during the regular season. Reducing this benefit would result in eliminating costs incurred by athletic departments to provide and pay for tickets to post season competitions for guests of competing student-athletes.

Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes would receive two fewer tickets to post season championship events than they currently are permitted to receive.

Estimated Financial Impact. The financial impact of this reduction would vary dependent on the extent of an institutions involvement in various postseason competition opportunities, but it is estimated that reducing the number from six tickets to four could result in as much as a 33 percent reduction in the cost to an institution.

REVISED
Best Practices for Cost Reductions and Revenue Generation
(Conference and Institutional Responses)

1. Preseason Practice.

CONFERENCE RESPONSES

Elimination of team building events that involve travel unless that event is cost neutral with Charlotte-area accommodations. Includes all sports. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference.

The Ivy Group has made no recent changes but continues to begin preseason practice later than dates permitted by NCAA rules, which results in less money to house and feed student-athletes when dormitories and dining halls are not open to all students. Fall teams except football report to campus 15 days prior to their first contest in order to practice for 14 days. In football, we count back 35 practice units from the first game to determine the first practice date and then allow 29 actual practices. Our fall teams begin competition later than other D-I conferences as well. Ivy Group

Moved pre season football kickoff to central location (ACC Office)

Asked teams to cost effective which sometimes meant training off campus. Atlantic Coast Conference

Minimize use of off campus facilities
Maximize use of on campus facilities
Reduce the number of practice opportunities prior to the first official competition date
Reduce/limit roster numbers for preseason
Reduce the per diem for off campus meal – use on campus facilities
Competition should be local and not regional
Horizon League

Bring only necessary personnel (athletes and staff) to campus prior to the start of classes
Team meals at local restaurants instead of catered training table meals
Issue per diem money for breakfast meals which lowers expenses
Coordinate team meal times in an effort to secure reduced costs based on increased number of student-athlete's eating at the same time
Prohibit teams from staying off campus during preseason (before competition starts) to avoid additional lodging costs
Work with sports and campus dining on low-cost, healthy meals for athletes before meal plans begin
Work with campus housing on low cost options for student-athlete living before quarter begins. Big East Conference

Secure trade for pre-season meals.
Purchase Groceries/Snacks in bulk for all pre-season sports
Utilize team meals instead of individual per diem

Discussing a standardized start date amongst the members of the conference vs. the permissible start date
Run preseason practices and competitions during daylight hours so lights do not have to be used.
The Summit League

Limit student-athletes reporting to pre-season practice to a maximum of 12 days prior to first competition. Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Reduce the number of preseason practices that occur prior to school starting
Sun Belt Conference

Reduce practice opportunities for women's volleyball from 29 to 21 units to align with other fall sports arriving to campus prior to the start of classes. Patriot League

Require fall teams who are allowed to start practice before university housing and cafeteria are available to wait 1 - 3 days before reporting to campus. This reduces the number of hotel rooms and meal costs incurred for preseason.
Bring back teams at the last possible date.
Consider bringing walk-ons in when school begins.
Some fall sports were not allowed to begin practice until 3 days after NCAA allowable date.
Advise teams to provide team meals rather than distribute per diem.
Atlantic Sun Conference

-Stay in cheaper on-campus housing
-Coaches did fundraising for pre-season
-Cut back on training trips
-Some coaches reduced the number of days that student-athletes were back
Big Ten Conference

Practices Currently Utilized by the NEC membership:
* Have arranged reduced rates for camp meals in August for our fall sports preseason camps.
* Plan to shorten the August pre-season training schedule by a few days per sport, unless we are successful cutting a cost reduction program with the University food service, the biggest expense.
* We attempt to limit pre-season practice to only times where the dining hall is in session and the dorms are available. We like to limit expenses associated with pre-season practice
* Play home games and if play away, take vans. Don’t travel over 2 hours from campus.
* In some sports, opened in the second weekend of competition. Shortened preseason (up to 10 days).
* In some fall sports - began no more than 2 weeks before 1st game, no overnight travel for preseason games.

* Only men's and women's soccer may return prior to the start of school for pre-season practice.

Suggestions for future legislative changes from the NEC membership:
* All Pre-Season Practices should NOT begin until the first day of classes or the Monday before Labor Day Weekend
* Date for 1st Contest in fall should be – September 1st. Pre-season start date – August 15th
Northeast Conference

Reduction in days for teams returning for fall championship season.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

Open a special practice to prospective and current donors to build greater affinity to entice new or larger future contributions
The full allotment of allowable days is not used for all times
Structured/limited hours for practice to allow more time for outside facility rental. There is limited time between different sports programs creating more of blocked times for varsity usage followed blocked time for outside rentals.
Reduced days fall sports could return to campus
Reduction in days for teams returning for fall championship season
Our institution begins classes very early in the fall (typically prior to Labor Day) so there is only a limited amount of time that we are funding preseason when classes are not in session. We have not had to impose a limit on start dates, but not all fall teams use the full number of days available to them prior to classes/competition beginning.

2. Activities in the nonchampionship segment.

CONFERENCE RESPONSES

The Ivy Group has made no recent changes but continues to conduct nonchampionship segments with less activity than NCAA rules allow. The nonchampionship segment for fall and spring sports includes 12 practices dates with 2 allowed for contest dates. The 2 contest dates may not involve any missed class time or overnight travel.
Ivy Group

Coaches were asked to reduce expenses by 18 percent.
Competitions within 100 miles only. Atlantic Coast Conference

Reduce the competition opportunities
Limit the travel for competition to regional areas

Coaches have other duties during this segment, i.e. event management for other sports in their championship segment
Reduce the activity time for training (mandatory) to allow student-athletes to participate in general student body activities
Horizon League

Fall sport played in local tournament rather that travel out of state.
Western Athletic Conference

Teams compete at home as much as possible; if travel is involved, no overnight stays unless in a tournament setting
Direct coaches to schedule local, non-overnight contests; advise Tennis and Golf coaches to compete in tournaments that are within driving distance
Reduce the number of non-coaching staff/student-athlete travelers
Reduce the number of student-athletes on training trips
Require that staff and coaches utilize vacation time on a yearly basis
Reduce level of custodial service in building
Request justification for recruiting subscriptions and services
Scan and email documents rather than using mail services
Scrutinize and reduce office supply budgets
Sport-administrator pre-approval of all recruiting travel
Pursue trade opportunities for produce (water, coffee)
Continue to recycle IT equipment within the department
Make use of “free” surplus IT equipment made available thru the University
Operate with one full time IT employee until August
Implement of budget tracking system
Limit teams in-state travel and no guarantees provided for home contests.
Big East Conference

Restrict competitions to weekends only with no overnights.
Limit travel party size and eliminate travel of non-essential personnel (i.e. managers, GAs)
Mileage restriction on travel
Regional travel restrictions and participating in round robin events when possible
Limit number of away competitions or eliminate competitions completely
Allow for home games only
Using vans instead of buses for smaller teams
The Summit League

Local travel only. Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Reduce the amount of travel in the non-championship segment
Reduce the number of contests in the non-championship segment. Sun Belt Conference
Reduce or eliminate overnight travel for competition during nonchampionship segment. Patriot League

Reduce travel party size.
Schedule home matches when possible.
Limit travel to local areas with no overnight stay.
Reduce number of games/matches allowed.
Atlantic Sun Conference

Coaches fundraised for portion of travel
Kept travel local as much as possible
If travel required a flight, student-athletes had to pay for their own
In Women's Soccer and Women's Volleyball - reduced travel days and hotel nights
Reduced travel parties and tried to reduce overnight stays
Big Ten Conference

The Conference Office operating budget was reduced by more than 5 percent for 09-10, including moving several printed media guides online, eliminating the in-person basketball media day, shifting the location of several conference meetings as well as moving many committee calls to teleconferences, and eliminating the full time intern position. There were also no salary increases for conference staff members and the Conference implemented a freeze on all officiating fees.
Western Athletic Conference

We have taken fewer flights. Some of our sports have better local options than others. We have also shortened the distance (flights) that some of our teams have traveled.
Mountain West Conference

Practices Currently Utilized by the NEC membership:
* Reduced number of competitions in some sports and limited travel in virtually all sports.
* No overnight travel for completion.
* No travel permitted over two hours…day trips only.
* Scheduling is key here. We look to schedule buy games if possible to supplement our budget. We enforce a no overnight policy with non league games.
* When possible we utilize the dining hall for meals before and after contests.
* If hosting a meet or a contest can defray cost we look to do so. In addition, we limit the number of Event Staff workers used to limit cost there.
* Played Faculty/Staff fundraisers when possible (e.g., softball, volleyball).
* Played fewer than the maximum number of spring dates (played 1 of 4 max)
* In some sports, eliminated overnight travel for scrimmages. Eliminated air travel.
* Permissible as long as the activities are within the constraints of the budget.

Suggestions for future legislative changes from the NEC membership:
* There should be a limit on the number and also a very small number of days for practice and competitions
* Reduce the number of play dates.
Northeast Conference

Limitation on number of contests and restriction to day trips.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

Schedule more home games in all sports to reduce travel costs - Schedule at least two road games per trip in a similar region
Travel is local or regionally and primarily paid for through fund raising
I would be in favor or reducing both practice and competition dates during this segment. As an Association we may want to consider eliminating the nonchampionship segment all together. This would reduce expenditures while increasing time on the campus for educational purposes and allowing our student-athletes to be more connected with the general student population. Also by this reduction in practices and competition, a saving of both hourly staff help and well as a possible reduction in FTE is a realistic outcome.

At the very least a reduction of practice and competition dates, combined with a restriction of travel and costs should be imposed.

Activities are based on what budgets allow. Coaches are limited in what they can do in "off-season."

Limitation on number of contests and restriction to day trips

Elimination of non-traditional season travel, only home contests.

No activities during any vacation periods for nonchampionship segment are permitted by those teams. Travel is typically restricted to approximately 120 miles with no overnight stays.

3. Activities in the championship segment.

CONFERENCE RESPONSES

Adopt travel party standards for regular season travel that match Atlantic 10 Championship maximums (Effective: Fall 2009). Atlantic 10 Conference

Elimination of excess staff at men's and women's basketball tournaments. Only working members of staff will be paid for at the championships. For purposes of defining who will be eligible to travel – Senior Executive Staff, one member of ticket office, one member of marketing staff, and one member of Athletic Foundation staff. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Reduction in holiday meal allotments from $28 per day to $24 per day ($6 / $8 / $10). Includes all sports. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Elimination of excessive hospitality passes for staff members. Each staff member giving less than $500 per year will receive one (1) hospitality pass. Staff members giving $500 or more annually will receive passes commensurate with the number of tickets they receive. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Reduction of staff invitations to Green Jacket party. Each head coach and all Executive Staff members will receive an invitation to the GJP annually. All others would have to qualify based on their foundation giving level. (Effective: Fall 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Rings will be purchased for Conference Tournament champions only. These awards will be capped at $175 each. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Overtime curbed --- particularly in basketball ops (Effective: Fall 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Press/game ops hospitality will be curbed – working game ops only. (Effective: Immediately) Atlantic 10 Conference

In 09-10, all championships in Olympic sports were limited to final four teams only. In addition, all student-athlete championship gifts were eliminated. Also, all championship banquets were eliminated. Lastly, all pre-tournament practice times were arranged by the conference office based upon the distance needed to travel to the site of the tournament, rather than on tournament seeds.
Southern Conference

Suspended the holding of Conference Championship Banquets in all sports, with the exception of Men's and Women's Basketball.
Eliminated the printing of institutional media guides in all sports.
America East Conference

Modified regular season scheduling in 2009-10 in women's soccer and baseball; and plans to modify men's basketball and volleyball in 2010-11. Travel partners, division, and 18 games will be evaluated for men's basketball.
Conference USA

Post season championship reductions include:

- Women's Soccer – 8 teams reduced to 6
- Men's Soccer – 8 teams reduced to 4
- Baseball – 8 teams reduced to 6
- Softball – 9 teams reduced to 8

Volleyball – 12 teams reduced to 8 in 2009-10; considering elimination of the championship in 2010-11
Combining the men's and Women's Basketball Championship in 2009-10 in Tulsa.
Conference USA.

The Ivy Group has made no recent changes but the following League rules continue to be enforced. In most sports, the championship segment is conducted with fewer contests than what is allowed per NCAA rules. Ivy rules prohibit home teams from staying in hotels the night before home contests. Ivy rules also restrict overnight travel for League games as stated below. There are also no team sport conference post-season tournaments with the exception of pilot tournaments in men's and women's lacrosse (being conducted for first time this year). Men's and women's lacrosse gave up a regular season contest date in order to get the tournaments, so cost effect was minimized.
Ivy Group

During the 2009-10 academic year, only two sports, indoor and outdoor track and field, were affected by Conference-mandated changes. The Conference, which has historically conducted "open" championship track meets without qualification standards, implemented a more-selective participation criteria with qualifying marks and limits to field sizes.
Southland Conference

Eliminated all championship banquets (ACC Office)
Eliminated non scoring events in men's and women's swimming (ACC Office)
Centralize championships where possible (ACC Office)
Stay within ACC and NCAA travel limits where possible.
Regional scheduling where possible.
Atlantic Coast Conference

Travel for nonleague/conference competition should be reasonable with missed class time as the league/conference schedule is one that has limited opportunity to change for travel
Use of travel partners
League/conference partners for housing & travel
Assignment of officials and the distance they travel to officiate
Use of RefPay or a similar system for officials' payments
Look at Championship formats for advancing to NCAA tournaments – number of participating teams
Limit the number in a team's travel party – is a 40 man travel roster needed for baseball; are 5 student-managers needed for basketball
Horizon League

Limit air travel as much as possible; football, men's basketball, and women's basketball took bus trips that typically would be charter flights
Reduce the number of non-coaching staff/student-athlete travelers
Provide more guarantees in lieu of away contests to save money on travel (guarantee payments are lower than projected cost of travel)

Issue more per diems rather than team meals
Decrease use of local hotels prior to home games
Prohibit injured student-athletes from traveling unless there are special circumstances
Reduce the number of ticket and security personnel at Olympic sport events
Reduce number of room nights and per diem by requiring travel in the morning of event and departure immediately following the event unless absolutely impossible
Require strict adherence to 7-day advance purchase policy to ensure funds are available.
Big East Conference

Schedule regionally and restrict number of overnight trips
Limit administrative travel to essential personnel only
Limit team entertainment while traveling.
Provide team meals rather than individual per diem
Use vans instead of buses for smaller teams
Evaluate departure time legislation for NCAA Championships
Stop printing media guides, post them online
The Summit League

Guarantees required from host institutions to offset majority of costs for "spring break" or warm weather pre-season trips. Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Reduce or eliminate gifts in championship segment
Reduce travel to sites by using more pod sites. Sun Belt Conference

Championship banquets:
Eliminate banquets at championship sites for all sports, including women's basketball.

Game times:
Establish game time windows for field hockey, soccer and lacrosse to minimize overnight travel and provide more flexibility for visiting teams should they choose to travel on day of game. Patriot League

Reduction and combination of spirit groups and non-team personnel.
Restrict travel to state and border state areas.
Encourage playing guarantee contests to cover travel.
Eliminate player pass lists. Require parents and guests to pay admission, season tickets to help meet the budget crisis by creating more ticket revenue (except in men's and women's basketball).
Discontinue providing season tickets to camp attendees.
Use a reduced umpiring crew when possible and when allowed by conference policy (non-conference contests, mid-week contests).
Schedule more contests regionally.
Atlantic Sun Conference

Only used charter flights for weekday games
-Football - eliminated cheerleaders travel to away games - except for one game where band travelled
-Encouraged coaches to do more regional scheduling and limited travel parties
-Traveled by bus more often rather than be air
Big Ten Conference

WAC Olympic Championships - Reduced field size in all team sports to 6 participating teams. WAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships - Reduced field size from 9 to 8 participating teams. The Conference maintained the student-athlete gifts provided at all championships, but reduced the amount spent per gift.
Western Athletic Conference

Schedule all nonconference contests in-state or adjacent states
Big 12 Conference

We are evaluating more closely the value of expensive travel (quality of opponents, benefit to program, guarantee, etc.). We are also evaluating more closely the opponents we bring in on guarantees.
Mountain West Conference

In the sport of baseball, to return to a 2-day weekend format vs. the current 3-day weekend format. (effective August 2010)

In all sports, defer any championship bracket expansions for 2009-10.

Championship gifts for coaches were eliminated.

Student-athlete participant gifts are sent directly to the championship site to reduce shipping costs.

Increased efforts to use volunteers at Conference championships.

Review appropriate attendees for pre-championship meetings/dinners to reduce costs.

Eliminate tournament programs.
Atlantic 10 Conference

Practices Currently Utilized by the NEC membership:
* Modest reduction in scope of travel and/or number of contests in several sports.
* Considering a modest reduction in overall schedule; no overnight trips not covered by a guarantee or revenue generation through team fund raising, a common practice for spring sports that take trips to warmer climates during school vacation periods. In the past a modest operating budget stipend was provided. This practice has been eliminated.

* We evaluate each team's situation with regard to equipment needs, travel, and other supplies. We have each team map out expenses and projects on a three year cycle so we are prepared.
* We use fundraising monies at times to supplement our Operating Budget. Our bottom line, we do not want to compromise a team's success in the championship segment but we are still mindful of expenses.
* Require sports to fundraise for trips.
* Permit fewer than max. # of dates of competition. Limit long distance travel for early season tournament.
* Budget planning forms must be turned in to each respective sport administrator in the summer. Budget guidelines must be adhered to. Any budget overages must be covered by fundraised monies.

Suggestions for future legislative changes from the NEC membership:
* Ice Hockey season is too long. Basketball should not begin competitions until Thanksgiving weekend or December 1st to insure a full all term without any missed class time.
* Reduce the number of games.
Northeast Conference

Concentration on day trips for non-conference contests
Limitation on travel squads to "necessary team members" for overnight travel.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

Continue voting to only send top teams to conference tournaments eliminating cost for poorly performing teams during the regular season
Reduce travel party, reduce band and cheer travel party. Consider geographic/regional competition (AIAW format) to reduce travel costs as well as missed class time.

Administrators do not automatically travel with team.

Concentration on day trips for non-conference contests
Limitation on travel squads to "necessary team members" for overnight travel

Non conference scheduling is the area that we scrutinize the most in planning for the season. Travel is limited to our geographic region unless the use of some sort of guarantee from the host team is provided. We have not, at this point reduced the number of games that our programs play in the championship segment.

4. Travel.

CONFERENCE RESPONSES

Adopt current NCAA Team Championship Travel rules, which require driving for all trips 400 miles or less for Olympic sports and 350 miles for basketball programs. In addition, teams cannot leave more than 36 hours prior to competition unless travelling to the west coast. Includes all sports. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Coaches' conventions for assistant coaches once every two years. If an assistant coach attends the convention, and leaves during the year, the subsequent assistant would not be paid for during the next year. Includes all Olympic sports. (Effective: Fall 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Convention travel for Administrative staff will be limited to one convention per academic year for persons on the Executive Staff. Convention travel for other staff would be limited to once-every-two years. (Effective: Spring 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Elimination of Executive Staff travel to Olympic-sport conference championships, unless person is serving as Chair of an Atlantic 10 sport. (Effective: Spring 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Hotel room rates capped. Any hotel rate exceeding $100 (rural/non-city) or $130 (urban/city/airport) will need a written explanation as to the necessity of the choice. Marriott/Hilton-caliber hotels should not be utilized for recruiting trips. (Effective: Fall 2009) Atlantic 10 Conference

Buses should be booked without the assistance of our travel agency. The fees paid to the agency, or built into the bus rate have increased our cost for busses in the past few years. You can use bus consolidators (Bus Bank) if needed for away trips. (Effective: Immediately) Atlantic 10 Conference

Limit travel squads in each sport for overnight trips.
Limit overnight stays for all sports (based on mileage).
Reduced the number of conference in-person SAAC meetings from two to one per year.
Eliminated travel to conference championships by the institutional administrator that serves as the sport liaison. An administrator from the host institution will serve in that role.
America East Conference

Eliminating all in person meetings of the conference except the annual meeting, converting those meetings to teleconferences or video conferences. This reduction results in more than twenty in person meetings results in significant savings. Conference USA

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Reducing the size of team travel parties in several sports including football (66) and men's and women's soccer (18 and 20 respectively). Also, strongly encouraging institutions to only travel essential support staff and not to travel injured players. Conference USA

The Ivy Group has enforced travel squad limits since 1993 for all contests when student-athletes are in academic session. For cost containment, the Ivy Group suspended the exception to the travel squad limit for injured/ill athletes. Overnight travel for Ivy opponents is restricted based on mileage between schools. For example, Princeton teams may not travel overnight to Penn or Columbia. Overnight travel is prohibited for scrimmages. Ivy Group

No foreign tours or prior approval
Limit West Coast travel
Airline tickets for team travel must be booked three months in advance.
Efforts should be made to book airline tickets related to recruiting as early as possible.
Reduce the number of charter flights.
At least two people per room when traveling (includes administrators)
Limits on the size of rental cars
Checked baggage limits
Eliminate non essential travelers to away contests
Limit reimbursement for hotels
Reduced the number of staff traveling to championship events/meetings (ACC Office)
Reduced campus visits by compliance office (ACC Office)
Atlantic Coast Conference

Have a mileage restriction for flights/ground transportation
Travel party limits
Schedule so midweek travel doesn't require multiple days of missed class
time as well as weekend travel
Comments – reduction of numbers is a cost savings, which would allow those dollars to be used in other ways.

To generate revenue, the use of technology and creative and strategic marketing to maximize funding.
Horizon League

Reduced number of media relations or equipment personnel traveling on trips when appropriate. Western Athletic Conference

Require Conference staff to follow a restricted travel policy during the regular season and NCAA post season
Require a minimum 21-days advance for all air travel by Conference Staff and Conference Committees
Encourage Conference staff to utilize most economic means of travel
Big East Conference

Book hotels which offer breakfast service
Use vans for local team travel (local defined as within 30 miles).
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Use hotels offering free continental breakfasts
Use all-suite hotels with 2 double beds and a pull-out
Purchase groceries and snacks for bus trips.
Bid bus trips, hotels, and flights as a department to get deeper discounts
Use vans for smaller teams rather than buses
Encourage regional scheduling during the non conference segment.
Book plane tickets directly through a discount website rather than using a travel agent, or use group desks.
Using one bag to pack everyone's toiletry items to avoid each student athlete from checking two bags.
Uniforms and additional clothing carried on to avoid checked bag charges.
The Summit League

Squad sizes:
Establish a travel squad policy for the regular season and championships for all sports.
Reduce the squad size for indoor and outdoor track and field championships to 32 participants.
Reduce the squad size for swimming championship to 18 participants.
Review conference soccer schedule to determine if "travel partner" format would result in cost savings for institutions.
Officials:
For sports other than basketball, establish a recommended mileage radius for officials of 250 miles one-way for two outlying institutions and 150 miles one-way for other institutions.
Team travel:
Reduce or eliminate overnight travel for non-conference competition.
Patriot League

Conference travel by charter bus (instead of flying) and obtaining more bus bids.
Get more bids from 4 - 6 hotels of same quality to see who offers best price.
Assigning more than 2 student-athletes per room so that fewer rooms are required.
Use hotel sponsors to assist with lodging during preseason or home tournaments.
No athletics staff professional development travel.
All flights must be approved by VP for Student-Affairs.
Reduce administrative travel with teams. Limit administrative travel to conference championships when possible.
Reduce travel budgets for teams that do not qualify for conference tournament by projecting travel cost for that event.
Reduce travel cost by limiting travel party only to players physically able to perform and staff performing required functions.
Book flights directly with airline or on-line instead of going through travel agent.

Reduce per diem on road trips (let each team decide within their travel budget).
Select road trip meals more economically.
Travel day of competition when possible.
Use only "host" hotel when it saves money; otherwise use less expensive hotel.
Atlantic Sun Conference

-Only fly to furthermost points in conference
-Bus to sited less than 8 hours
-Worked to fiend hotels that included hot breakfast
-No trips our of 48 states including foreign trips
-No travel outside of US for recruiting
-Reduced travel party to essential staff only
-Limited professional development staff where it was not absolutely necessary
Big Ten Conference

Overall travel was reduced as part of the 5 percent reduction in conference office expenditures as mentioned above.
Western Athletic Conference

Increase teams travel by bus using a guideline of one way mileage of 400 miles or less
Pursue group travel options for air and hotel
Big 12 Conference

Will use smaller charter airplanes for football in 2010. Projected savings: $70K.
We have driven a few more trips.
STAFF TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Non-essential staff travel to away games is not permissible. All travel must be approved by the Sport Administrator.
Staff members traveling to conference or other committee meetings will be limited to the number reimbursed by the conference.
Travel parties for NCAA and conference championships cannot exceed allowable reimbursement limits.
Professional development for administrators, staff and assistant coaches (national conventions, meetings, seminars, clinics) will not be funded by the Department.
Head Coaches will be reimbursed for one trip annually, with review by the Sport Administrator.
Professional development required to maintain professional certification and fulfill committee commitments for staff and administrators will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Requests for such travel must be submitted during the budget process and approved.

Athletic Department will reimburse employees on staff travel for remote/economy or terminal 2 parking fees rates only. There will be no exceptions.

For team travel, the athletics department provides ground transportation to and from the airport. Coach's who transport student-athletes to and from the airport for team travel will be reimbursed at the remote/economy or terminal 2 rates.

Employees are encouraged to take a taxi to and from the airport when the cost of airport parking will exceed the amount of remote or economy parking. (Round-trip taxi from the airports is approximately $14.00) Employee will be reimbursed for a taxi from the airport to campus only, not from the employee's place of residence.

Employees are encouraged, when possible, to find a ride to and from the airport for business related travel to further reduce costs to the department.
-All airline travel for team travel must be booked as group travel or the least expensive ticket and be booked three months in advance.
-Travel squads for non-conference games will be limited to conference squad number.
-Bag Check – there is will no reimbursement for non-team travel that consists of one night.
-Bag Check – Reimbursement for checked baggage related to non-team travel will be limited to one bag for travel that consists of two or three nights and two bags for four or more nights.
-Airline change fees will only be reimbursed if by changing the airline tickets resulted in savings to the department.
-Vehicle rentals will be limited to cars no larger than mid-size. Full size or upgrades will not be reimbursed.
-Anthony Travel is responsible for comparing a minimum of two rental agencies and selecting the least expensive. Presently, employees are required to use either Hertz or Enterprise per University contract. Listed below is a comparison between Hertz and Enterprise. The employee will be required to accept the lowest rates.
-No reimbursement for rental car gas charges (paid to the rental car company). It is the employee's responsibility to return the car full of gas.
-No reimbursement for GPS system.
Mountain West Conference

For 2009-10, to hold all Olympic sport coaching meetings and administrative support groups via conference call.

To freeze all officiating fees and reimbursable travel expenses for the 2009-10 season.

Supported the current limits on all non-essential staff travel for 2009-10.

Men's and Women's Basketball reimbursement policy travel mileage increase from 250 to 350 miles one way before airfare will be reimbursed. (This mirrors the NCAA policy)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Practices Currently Used in the NEC membership:
Limit overnight travel to those competitions that exceed 2.5 hours travel time (one way)

* No overnight travel in nontraditional season, no overnight travel for non-conference games in championship segment.
* Have utilized an alumnus-owned hotel-booking agency to book hotel rooms yielding a 20 percent discount in most cases; are currently negotiating a contract with a single bus company for all travel which should yield discounts.
* Negotiating contract with one hotel chain for all conference travel to respective campuses.
* Recruits may only fly on an official visit with the approval of the sports administrator.
* Every effort is being made to cut costs where there's minimum impact on the student-athlete experience, including equipment expenditures (lengthened the life cycle replacement schedule, except where safety is an issue). Modest cuts in travel, including the elimination of overnight stays achieve the cost cutting goal without creating a situation where the student-athlete experience is compromised.
* When possible, we take institutional vans instead of coach buses.
* We take box lunches from the dining hall as a meal on the bus if possible.
* Scheduling we avoid overnight stays in the non conference schedule.
* All of our coaches are instructed to price out several hotels and find the best price that includes breakfast to save on meal money.
* Most of the time we provide meal money as opposed to take a team to a restaurant on a credit card. This keeps costs down and we have a fixed cost etc.
* When possible, drive vans to every trip less than two hours away.
* Travel the day of competition where possible. Travel by van instead of bus on shorter trips. Return the day/night of competition.
* No hotels for games within 100 mile radius.
* Some of our larger teams have travel squad limitations. Not every team member can travel to away contests with the men's lacrosse, baseball, and the track teams.

Northeast Conference

More concentration on van travel with more day trips

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

Set up meals at pre negotiated prices instead of handing out cash

Minimize (where possible) charter air travel.

Limit travel squad sizes.

Limit contests to NCAA minimums.

Minimize administrative/professional development travel.

Elimination of non-traditional season contests.

Cap per-diem below institutional allowable rates.

Consolidation of travel related services.

Prohibit the purchase of fuel option when returning rental vehicles with less than a full tank.

Scheduling of away contests at times that provide the visiting team an opportunity to return the same day (if traveling by commercial air).

Regionalized scheduling for non-conference contests.
Travel rosters are used and adjusted based on day or overnight.
More aggressive "shopping" for hotels, inclusion of breakfast in the rate, book multiple teams at same hotel throughout year (conference games)
Make sure teams eat on campus (meal plan) before leaving for trip
Eliminate all Foreign Trips; reduce the number of competitive dates across all sports which will reduce travel/costs and number of trips. Put a limit on both team travel numbers as well as staff in the travel squad. Maximum numbers, no matter what.

Travel rosters for each team. Rely on fundraising for out of region trips if necessary.
More concentration on van travel with more day trips
Require a minimum 7-day advance notice when booking airfare. Exceptions require approval from respective Sport or Unit Administrator
Encourage a minimum 21-day advance notice when booking travel when possible
Approved team travel squad size may not be exceeded
Single hotel room occupancy by Head Coaches only
Non-competing student-athletes (e.g. injured, redshirts, etc.) are not eligible for team travel
Eliminate ‘destination’ competition for a 2-year period (FY10 and FY11)
Foreign travel for recruiting purposes allowable with prior written approval by Sport Administrator
Non-Conference team travel limited to Regional competition and/or low-fare locations unless justified by offsetting game guarantee equivalent to at least the cost of lodging (consider exceptions for nationally-ranked teams)
In-state team travel must utilize bus transportation
In-state team travel shall be same day departure and return if within 150 miles of campus unless a 3:00 p.m. game start or earlier
Eliminate all non-required administrative travel and professional development travel through July 31, 2010 unless approved by the Director of Athletics
Reduce the number of non-coaching staff/student-athlete travelers
Reduce professional development travel by 55 percent
Tipping on team travel cannot exceed the following limits: meals - 15 percent, bus drivers - $50/bus/day, taxi service – 10 percent.
Tipping (via cash or credit card) is not permitted when gratuity is contractually guaranteed and/or included in invoice/bill
Issue per diem for staff instead of permitting receipted expenses with no specific limits
Issue more per diems rather than team meals
Eliminate pre-pay fueling option and add-ons (GPS) associated with rental cars
Eliminate cash advances except for team travel
Encourage Olympic sport coaches to use charter flights for football and men’s and women’s basketball when recruiting and location permits (saves on commercial flights)
Utilize economy lot or like parking (pre-flight, etc) at airports
Utilize the services of a local travel agent to secure the best travel options regarding airfare, rental vehicle cost, bus transportation and ground transportation.
Secure multi-year agreement with a local bus company with fixed pricing; utilize university-owned vehicles as much as possible

Hire in-house AAA representative to negotiate department wide rates to BIG EAST cities for airline travel, hotels, rental car agreements, etc.
Restriction on travel to approximately 120 miles for the nonchampionship segment and to our general geographic region for championship segments. Teams with larger rosters continue to limit their travel squads as was the case prior to the economic downturn.

5. Other.

CONFERENCE RESPONSES

All sport and administrative operating budgets cut 5 percent (Effective: Fall 2009).
Atlantic 10 Conference

Require re-hire gap of Olympic-sport assistant coaches to equal either one month or the accumulated vacation due, whichever is less. (Effective: Spring 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Replacement of the soccer practice field will be delayed indefinitely (post-fiscal crisis).
Atlantic 10 Conference

All Facility enhancement projects are put on hold (locker room upgrades, entry area upgrade, etc). Atlantic 10 Conference

Book Scholarship student-athletes may no longer keep issued textbooks. All books must be returned to Academic Center at the conclusion of each term. (Effective: Fall 2009)
Atlantic 10 Conference

Media days for football and men's and women's basketball were eliminated. All conference meetings involving Presidents, ADs, FARs, and SWAs were altered either by eliminating activity, eliminating some members that usually attend, or by number of days and locations involved in order to save on costs. In addition, all coaches meetings except for football and men's and women's basketball coaches were conducted via teleconference. Also, only the chair of each sport committee - instead of all administrators on the sport committee - was required to attend the conference championship for the respective sport. The conference office staff also limited their travel to competitions throughout the year. Lastly, the conference office did not print any media guides for any sports.
Southern Conference

Reduction in conference operating budget by a minimum of 4 percent including freezes on all hirings and salaries for the conference staff; and reductions in the areas of media days, printed materials and staff travel.
Conference USA

The Ivy Group suspended off campus spring recruiting in football this year for cost containment purposes. This suspension will be re-evaluated for spring 2011.
Elimination of media guides as a League-wide cost containment measure in advance of the NCAA action.
Ivy Group

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Conference replaced 10 in-person coaches' meetings with teleconference calls. Without a complete accounting, it's presumed that the member institutions saved travel expenses, and the Conference office saw a significant savings in its meeting budget. The membership has agreed to continue the teleconference schedule for coaches during the 2010-11 academic year. Additionally, annual separate fall meetings of athletic directors, faculty representatives and senior woman administrators were consolidated into a single expanded meeting in December, and this schedule will repeat itself in 2010-11. The Conference's Board of Directors also eliminated one of its two in-person meetings in 2009-10.

Hiring Freeze.
No salary increases.
Relocation expenses will be limited to 7 percent of base salary
Limit the number of candidates flown in for a vacant position
Reduce operating budgets of support groups (e.g. marketing, promotions, facilities)
Delay maintenance.
No professional development for administrators; limits for coaches
Planned expenditures for capital equipment, computer/office equipment, and furniture are postponed.
Occasional meals for student-athletes limited to once per semester
Evaluation of letterman awards and championship awards
Tight controls on printing, office supplies, meals and other office needs
Freeze operating budgets.
In-house printing of many conference, regular season and championship manuals (ACC office)
Eliminated media guides for all sports (ACC Office)
Replaced in-person sport committee meetings with conference calls (ACC Office); looking at videoconferencing in the future
Freeze on wage increases (ACC Office)
Hiring freeze on new full-time positions (ACC Office)
Reduced yearly operating budget (ACC Office).
Atlantic Coast Conference

Efforts to Increase Revenue:

Renegotiated Television Agreement to increase guaranteed dollars.
Renegotiated Radio Agreement to increase revenue.
Bid out new Concessions Agreement to increase revenue.

Negotiated Apparel and Marketing Agreements with Under Armour resulting in rights fee, apparel, and marketing support.
Generated additional revenue from football parking.
Reviewed ticket prices to respond to the economic challenges of our customers and price elasticity issues with the goal of maximizing revenue by achieving the price point that fills the most seats and results in the greatest revenue.

Efforts to reduce expense:

Personnel
When administrative and support staff positions have become vacant through resignations or retirement we have either left the positions vacant or have abolished them.
We have left staff positions vacant.

Operations
Administration and support services budget allocations were reduced by 14.3 percent from FY 2009 to FY 2010.
Initiated an agreement with ESPN to administer our annual eight-team men's basketball tournament. This resulted in an annual savings of between $100,000 and $200,000.
A costly parking service for football games was discontinued.
Worked with State owned football facility to reduce game expenses.
Discontinued printing of media guides in all sports with exceptions of football and women's volleyball.
Administrator's and staff received salary reductions. Coaches were asked to participate voluntarily.
All professional development opportunities were paid for with funds raised and not from the operating budget.
Each sport was asked to raise a minimum of $25,000 to support their annual budget.

Note: Our goal has been to increase revenue and reduce cost without having an impact on the student-athlete experience.
Western Athletic Conference

Refurbish IT equipment rather than purchase new for Conference staff
Decrease hospitality and gifts at Conference-hosted events
Long-term goals include going paperless; going green relative to eating and drinking supplies provided by the Conference;
Require multiple bids for all major expenditures
Promote fiscal responsibility with department heads
No cost of living increase for FY 2010
Big East Conference

Electronic media guides
No food at staff meetings
Elimination of overtime for hourly staff

Screen print apparel in bulk
Each coach is encouraged to actively fund-raise to generate revenue for non essential items
Continue to assess the number of coaching positions necessary.
Outsource Marketing and medical training staff
The Summit League

Reduced Spring Meeting by one day.
Eliminated several social activities (Golf, fishing, etc.)
Reduced staff travel to regular season contest.
Froze salaries and benefits
Reviewed all lease agreements (office, copier, etc.)
Some Conference meetings held in conjunction with larger meetings (i.e.; AD meeting at NCAA Convention).
Sun Belt Conference

Reduce publications both institutionally and as the NCAA;
Reduce the number of in-person meetings
Sun Belt Conference

Meetings:
Conduct coaches meetings via teleconference every year, including football and basketball. (Previously conducted in-person meeting at conference office.)
Conduct three (3) annual Sports Management Committee meetings via two (2) teleconferences and one (1) in-person meeting at the conference office. (Previously conducted three (3) in-person meetings at campus sites.)
Conduct both semi-annual meetings of the Policy Committee at the conference office. (Previously held at airport hotel and campus site.)
Conduct meetings with institutional media relations, ticket managers, marketing, development, facilities, etc. via teleconference every year. (Previously conducted in-person meetings.)
Conduct the annual Senior Compliance Coordinator meeting in-person at the conference office.

Printing and Mailing:
Create "web guides" rather than printed media guides.
Establish web-based digital film exchange policy for several sports.
Use email and fax to distribute materials between the conference office and membership, thereby reducing copying and overnight mailing.
Patriot League

Publish media guides on-line only.
Do not print basketball media guides.
Use complimentary hotels instead of paid hotels for official visits when possible.
Limit number of coaches' meals and student-athletes hosts for official visits.
Freeze all current full-time positions staffed by temporary employees until later date.

Create alternative staffing models, modify contracts, reduce 12 month employees to 9 month appointments, and reduce hours of non-exempt positions to 83 percent in order to maintain benefits.
Limitations on professional development opportunities.
Use funds from unfilled staff/coaching positions to aid elsewhere in budget.
Require pre-approval of all non-team travel expenses by budget manager.
Yearly zero-based budgeting implemented with all programs.
Category travel summaries sent to budget manager within 72 hours of arrival back to campus (airfare, ground transportation, hotel, food). Summaries compared to projections and immediate feedback provided to coaches about future adjustments that may be required to stay within planned budget.
Annual conference coaches business meeting conducted via conference call for 2010-2011 (instead of in-person meetings).
Maintain conference championship field size at current levels instead of implementing field size increases as planned.
Require that play on final day of championships begin in the afternoon to allow teams opportunity to travel back to campus post-competition.
Atlantic Sun Conference

All sport programs and departments took a 3 percent budget cut
-Another institution instituted 5 percent cuts in 09-10 and 5 percent in 2010-11
-Eliminated media guides
-All capital projects not requiring safety accommodations were put on hold indefinitely
-State mandated furloughs resulted in 3 percent salary reduction by all employees
-Froze budget purchases of equipment unless essential
-University froze salaries for 2009-10 except for contractual commitments. Are not filling some positions when people leave

Conference Cost Containment.
-Froze all officiating fees for 2009-10 (some increases will return for 2010-11)
-Reduced in person conference JG meetings from 3 to 2 (e.g., February teleconference) - note that administrators will determine in May whether to conduct 2 or 3 in-person meetings in the future
-Annual coaches meetings: All Olympic Sports' coaches' meetings except 1 (rowing) were conducted via conference call. (Note: it is TBD on whether future meetings will be via call or in-person - likely alternating schedule)
-Suspend participant gifts for student-athletes at conference postseason events, including the conference basketball tournaments, for one year (2009-10). TBD on future, but direction appears to reinstate gifts at a more modest level.
-Eliminated Mentors in Violence Program as a conference expense and distributed funds to institutions.
-Eliminated published conference media guides for football, M/W basketball.
-Froze salaries at certain level for conference staff with modest increase for those below that level.
Big Ten Conference

Partner with multi-media rights in game day production
Big 12 Conference

Will no longer print media guides and will instead publish the content on our website. Implemented Fall 2010 for a projected savings of $100K. We have also implemented a standard outfitting policy for all athtletes which, when combined with a 10 percent reduction to the FB supply budget, will result in a projected savings of approximately $100K.

Revenue Practices: Change to the season ticket pricing structure for football in 2010. Some sections will see modest increase, while other sections will see their prices cut in half. The combination of these factors should net 60K in additional season ticket sales over 2009. Will also implement the lightning band (stored value) at our sports camps. Each camper can purchase a wristband with a pre-determined amount of retail value loaded on the barcode. This was orginally implemented in 2009 with no marketing beforehand and the athletic association saw a $30K increase in sales at its outlets. Additional $40K in revenue projected for 2010 for this program.

Increasing Fan/Donor Base: The Marketing & Development Office concentrated its efforts on reaching potential supporters on the local, regional and national level to strengthen our fan/donor base. Efforts to increase the AD's donor base moved forward as new donor mangement software (Advantage and DonorNet) dramatically improved fund accountability and donor responsiveness.

1. Eliminated Dance Team
2. Eliminated 4.0 FTE employees.
3. Established lower than university mileage reimbursement.
4. Established lower than university per diem.
5. Reduced special projects budget.
6. Reduced state/university subsidy by $1.1M by increasing revenue and reducing expense budgets to minimize impact on student-athletes.

We continue to look at overall expenses on a case-by-case basis to economize where possible. Most of our current cost-reduction efforts have consisted of not filling vacant positions, salary freezes and eliminating non-essential staff travel (e.g., conference, professional development, etc.).

We are now producing our media guides online - which is a small cost savings, but not material. We also have fewer staff traveling to conventions.

LEAGUE CHANGES
Conference meeting or event (media days) format changes. (Reduce # of days, etc.)
Elimination, or alteration (reduce # of pages) of printed media guides
Froze 2009-2010 officaiting fees
Reduced staff travel

Froze staff salaries
Mountain West Conference

Supported the continued efforts in the Conference office to consolidate and streamline services, internet/data/phone lines, and conference call services as well as other operational equipment and leases.

The neutral site at the Men's Basketball Championship included the host paying for various hospitality, tickets, hotels, and media gifts that the Conference office has paid for in the past.

The neutral site at the Women's Basketball Championship included the host paying for various hospitality, advertising, and staff hotel costs.

For all Conference championships, increased efforts to obtain local sponsors to help off-set hospitality and championship expenses.
Atlantic 10 Conference

Practices Currently Utilized by the NEC membership:
* Revenue generation: Increased emphasis on scheduling guarantee games, including women's basketball and men's ice hockey as well as the more traditional sports that generate guarantees.
* We have eliminated all Conventions for our Staff and Coaches.
* When it is available we recondition our uniforms and equipment as opposed to purchasing new ones each year.
* Began a new capital fund-raising campaign targeting specific projects. Increased the number of fund raising events and expanded the area where the events will be held each year.
* Eliminated printed media guides except for men's and women's basketball where the number was reduced by 50 percent .
* Increasing student athlete enrollment by 25 students in 2010-11 and by 50 students by 2013. Our institution is tuition driven so the increased revenue will provide additional resources for athletics and the University.
* Adding 2 additional sports. The revenue generated by student enrollment will more than offset the costs associated with each program.
* Reorganized athletic office and administrative staff to enhance fiscal management with the Vice President for Finance.
* Moving to the elimination of paper forms and providing all services electronically (this will eliminate printing, copying and mailing costs).
* Equipment, new uniforms every 2-3 seasons instead of every year.
* Fundraise for specific equipment needs (video, etc.)
* Eliminated media guides for all sports.

Suggestions from the NEC membership:
* Reducing the number of practices/games will help address the work/life balance for coaches and support staffs; our staffs are getting overworked with too many games, practices and events.
Northeast Conference

Development of a "Friends" program to increase sport specific contributions to permit enhancement of non-conference contests.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

Eliminate printed media guides - Outsource ad agency and print media - Have one end of the year athletic banquet for all teams rather than separate team banquets - The University uses a 4 day work week during the summer to reduce overhead costs - Rent out our facilities to others to maximize revenue generation
On-line media guides.
Tiered cell phone allowances.
Employee furloughs.
Reduction in work force.
Delay hiring in open positions (capture salary savings).
Reduction is sports sponsorship.
Elimination of payouts for accrued leave upon termination.

Revenue:

Review student fee and institutional support levels.
Review and renegotiate existing contracts.
Scheduling contests with enhanced game guarantees.
Reduce both NCAA as well as Conference meeting dates by 25 percent. Reduce NCAA Staff travel and professional development by 50 percent. Put a limit to the number of officials per sport competition (more officials is not necessarily better - cut the officials by 25 percent) Cut Media Guides and Recruiting Guides. Reduce all NCAA Publications by 50 percent. Consider elimination of all Academic Tutoring/Advising that is separate from the general university population. Eliminate all Training Tables of any kind.
Ban all tournament and bowl participation gifts

Olympic sports - four student-athletes to a room.

Development of a "Friends" program to increase sport specific contributions to permit enhancement of non-conference contests

Continuation of hiring freeze.

No additional media guide purchases.

Department funds may not be used to purchase away game tickets unless approved by the Director of Athletics.
Limit student employment to academic year unless pre-approved by CFO
Event management to zero base budget game expenditures for review and approval by CFO prior to season competition
Limit on-campus job interviews to a maximum of 3 candidates per position. Additional on-campus interviews to be determined upon conclusion of initial 3 candidate interviews. Hiring Supervisor is required to first inquire about available food and/or hotel trade available for interview process prior to purchasing from non-trade partner
No print media guides.
No office furniture orders/purchases until July 2010
Lights, computers, televisions, etc. must be turned off at night and/or when not in general use. Custodial staff monitors and document non-compliance.
Require team equipment orders, including quantity and type of items, be reviewed and approved by Sport Administrator prior to order placement
Modify senior gift to provide item that is quality but more cost effective
Limited complimentary admissions for student-athletes to 2 per regular season away contest and to 4 during post-season participation
Provide additional complimentary tickets in lieu of larger game guarantees
Provided room payment as part of game guarantees in lieu of larger cash guarantees
Sell autographed balls provided as memorabilia for charities
Provide annual cash awards in lieu of annual salary increases (reduces the associated fringe benefit cost increases)
Reduce/eliminate scholarships for student-managers
Implement a program that requires SA's to return books at the conclusion of each semester
Newly vacated non-coaching positions are frozen for a minimum of three months and potentially eliminated
Decrease operational budget lines for all individual sport and administrative units in the department by 5 percent
Reduce scholarship offerings in sports that are permissible and in line with BIG EAST Conference regulations
The elimination of printed media guides, reductions in team and department banquets and professional development travel. Travel budgets have been reduced slightly in an across the board manner. Marketing has been curtailed, especially for Olympic sport programs. On the revenue side, we have been fortunate to continue to see growth in our private support and our corporate sponsorship programs. While not new streams of revenue, we have worked extremely hard to maintain and grow these areas.

Administrative Bylaw, Article 31 (Excerpts)

31.01.2 Postseason Championship Opportunities. NCAA championships are intended to provide national-championship competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport seasons, with consideration for regional structures that may be approved for certain championships.

31.01.3 Size of Championship Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. (See Bylaw 31.3.1 for the criteria to be considered in establishing the size of the championship field.) *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.01.4 Economy of Operation. Every sports committee (see Bylaws 21.02.1 through 21.02.3) and games committee (Bylaw 31.1.2) shall exercise all possible economy in the conduct of an NCAA championship.

31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These shall be specified in the appropriate championships handbooks. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approval before doing so. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.1.3.2.1 Criteria for Site Determination. The following criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all competition in NCAA championships:

(a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
(b) Revenue potential (e.g., a financial guarantee or guideline that ensures fiscal responsibility and is appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet); *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*
(c) Attendance history and potential;
(d) Geographical location; and
(e) Championships operating costs. *(Revised: 11/1/01)*

31.1.3.2.2 Nonpredetermined Site. When a championship site is not predetermined, the governing sports committee may award the site to the higher-ranked team if the above criteria, and any priorities established by the respective division championships committee, are met.

31.1.3.2.3 On-Campus versus Off-Campus Sites. Preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in the buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons, based on evaluation of the criteria in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (which shall be

applied to both on-campus and off-campus sites), to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility. In those instances in which it is advisable to conduct the competition at off-campus sites, the host institution(s) shall have complete control, supervision and management of the facility being used. *(Revised: 12/3/90)*

31.1.3.2.4 Reconsideration of Host Institution. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet may reconsider the designation of a host institution for an NCAA championship if that institution's team or individual student-athletes are not eligible to compete in the championship. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

31.1.3.2.5 Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment. In championships that do not generate revenue, pairings shall be based primarily on the teams' geographical proximity to one another, regardless of their region, in order to avoid air travel in preliminary rounds whenever possible. Teams' seeding relative to one another may be taken into consideration when establishing pairings if such a pairing does not result in air travel that otherwise could be avoided. The Championships/Sports Management Cabinet shall have the authority to modify its working principles related to the championship site assignment on a case-by-case basis. *(Revised: 8/4/94, 8/7/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)*

Attachment A contains the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet's working principles for seeding/pairing/site selection.

Attachment B contains other bylaws of interest.

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

April 20, 2010

TO: Directors of Athletics, SWAs and Head Coaches of Institutions that Sponsor NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer.

FROM: Jeff Jarnecke
Associate Director of Championships

D'Ann Keller
Associate Director of Championships.

SUBJECT: 2011 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championships.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm the season start and championship dates for Division I men's and women's soccer in 2011. While the respective sports committees are exploring options for the championships, including the potential for joint Men's and Women's College Cups, any changes to start dates as a result of combined championships would not occur before 2012. Therefore, the 2011 women's season shall conclude with the Women's College Cup, December 2 and 4, and the men's season with the Men's College Cup, December 9 and 11, at sites to be determined.

Both the men's and women's committees are committed to enhancing the student-athlete experience; providing outstanding competition venues; increasing attendance as well as the exposure of NCAA soccer. To that end, feedback on potential options will soon be sought from member institutions via a questionnaire regarding potential championship-round formats, opportunity for growth of NCAA soccer and ways to develop even greater assets in the respective College Cups.

Your participation and feedback in the questionnaire will be greatly appreciated and valued as we all work to create the best possible championship experience for NCAA student-athletes.

JJ/DK

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Selection Criteria.

1. Recommendation. That the selection criteria be revised to include a Rating Percentage Index (RPI) in place of the current Quality of Wins Index (QWI), effective 2010-11.

2. Rationale. The women's bowling committee, after reviewing information included in an RPI and a QWI based on the final results for the 2008-09 women's bowling season, believes that the RPI is a more effective tool to evaluate the strength of schedule of teams during the selection process. The committee noted that the RPI, which includes opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage, more accurately reflects a team's strength of schedule than the QWI, which relies on numerical values assigned to wins and losses based on different levels of the opponent's winning percentage (e.g., above .750, below .333, etc.). The NCAA statistics staff notes that the RPI is most useful for sports in which teams play a significant number of contests, which makes it appropriate for women's bowling, given that most teams compete in more than 100 matches per year.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

5. Championship Group Comments.

   a. Historical treatment of the item. The Foundations Project Team, a group formed within the championships staff to evaluate the selection criteria of the 84 sports committees under the jurisdiction of the championships group, recommended in July 2008 that the women's bowling committee consider using an RPI instead of the QWI to evaluate strength of schedule. The committee agreed to consider the recommendation but requested additional information to evaluate the merits of the RPI.

   b. Applicability to other sports. Adopting an RPI would make women's bowling more consistent with other NCAA sports committees that use an RPI.

Committee Chair: Frank Parisi, New Jersey City University
Championship Manager: Jan Gentry, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Big East Conference and Ivy League. The play-in games will be the Northeast Conference at the America East Conference, the Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference at the Atlantic 10 Conference, and the Mid-American Conference at the Patriot League.

b. Rationale. The recommendations are based on the final Rating Percentage Index for 2009.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments. None.

2. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Cathy O' Donnell, Executive Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at Kent State University, be appointed chair, effective September 1, 2010.

b. Rationale. The current chair, Nancy Lyons, will rotate off the committee, effective August 31, 2010.

(1) Tenure on committee. Mrs. O' Donnell began her tenure September 1, 2009.

(2) Experience with relevant sport. Mrs. O' Donnell oversees field hockey on campus and also serves as the liaison with the Mid-American Conference for the sport.

(3) Leadership experience, if any. Mrs. O' Donnell supervises women's basketball, wrestling, and men's and women's golf on campus. She also oversees the drug testing program and serves as a member of the Mid-American Strategic Planning Committee. She has chaired several search committees for head coaches and other athletic personnel, as well as teaching a graduate class during the spring semester.

3. Championship Squad Size/Bench Size Increase.

a. Recommendation. That the squad size for the championship be increased from 22 to 24, in addition, increasing the bench size from 28 to 30 to accommodate two VIPs sitting on the bench. These VIPs will still need to pay for their ticket. The official travel party would remain at 28.

b. Rationale. This would extend the championship experience for two additional student-athletes at no additional expense to the Association. In 2007-08, the participation numbers showed that team's carried approximately 23 student-athletes. In addition, increasing the bench size from 28 to 30 would cut back on credentials being transferred and allow two VIPs to join their team on the bench. If a team brings a full roster of 24 student-athletes, the six additional credentials for the bench area would be left up to the coach for disbursement; however, one credential must be for institutional medical personnel and one for a team administrator.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. Two additional student-athletes would be involved in the championship which creates quite an impact considering they would be left out from the championship experience otherwise.

e. Championships Group Comments.

(1) Applicability to other sports.

- Baseball had a similar item passed in September 2009. They increased their squad size from 25 to 27, while leaving the official travel party at 35.

(2) Operational concerns.

- This past season, issues arose with credentials being transferred between team personnel. The committee's recommendation of allowing two additional people in the bench area would hopefully end this issue, and allow the head coach to determine who should be in the bench area.

(3) Student-athlete experience. As stated above, allowing two additional student-athletes the opportunity to experience the championship atmosphere is a high priority for the committee.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Misconduct.** The committee issued a public reprimand and a $300 fine to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for failure to adhere to the bench size policy and procedures.

2. **Videotaping.** The committee discussed and determined that host institutions will be required to videotape all games during first- and second-round competition, effective with the 2010 championship. Copies will be provided to all opponents after the first-round of competition of all games at that site. Second-round winners must send each institution competing at the championship site a new DVD of their second-round game (host's copy) to be received no later than noon Tuesday prior to the semifinals. Teams are allowed one camera to videotape the game in which they are competing.

3. **Uniforms.** The committee decided that effective with the 2010 championship, that competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys, and light- and dark-colored stockings available. The home team shall have its choice of uniform color (either light or dark) and the visiting team shall wear a uniform in contrast with that of the home team. The games committee and umpires will have final approval.

4. **Minimum seating at championship site.** The committee reviewed the required seating to host the championship and recommended that the requirement be reduced from 3,000 to 1,500, in order to include more potential hosts that have not had the opportunity to bid in the past due to the higher seating minimum requirement. If more than 1,500 seats are necessary, NCAA staff will work with the host institutions so they bring in additional bleachers to satisfy seating needs at that site.

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

REPORT OF THE DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following ten conferences receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2010 NCAA Division I Football Championship: Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Football Conference, Northeast Conference (NEC), Ohio Valley Conference, The Patriot League, Southern Conference and Southland Conference.

b. Rationale. In 2010 the championship bracket will expand to 20 teams, accommodating an additional two AQs. The same eight conferences that received automatic qualification for the 2009 championship plus the Big South Conference and the NEC are the ten conferences selected for AQ by the committee.

The committee also received a request for automatic qualification from the Pioneer Football League (PFL). While the PFL satisfies the eligibility requirements for automatic qualification, the committee agreed that the PFL did not merit one of the ten AQ positions in the bracket based on its review of AQ criteria: (1) non-conference records; (2) strength of non-conference opponents; (3) recent postseason history, and; (4) competition against FBS opponents.

As the PFL was eligible for but was not awarded an AQ, the committee agreed to continue the policy that provides earned access for non-AQ conferences. Earned access for non-AQ conferences has been in place for both the 2008 and 2009 championships.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

(1) Historical treatment of the item.

(a) Prior consideration - The Northeast Conference applied for but was not awarded AQ in the past.

(b) Prior related changes for sport - Two additional AQ spots available due to expansion of the bracket.

(c) Ratios - Fifty percent of the bracket (20) now available for AQ.

(2) Opposition – The Pioneer Football League was eligible and applied for but did not receive an AQ for the 2010 championship. The Pioneer Football League will point out that their champion beat the champion of the Northeast Conference three of the last four years in the Gridiron Classic. The committee felt that a head-to-head matchup of conference champions was not a strong indicator of the overall strength of the two conferences.

2. Bracket Expansion Policies.

a. Recommendation. To amend the football championship selection, seeding, bracketing and hosting policies as needed to accommodate the expansion of the bracket from 16 to 20 teams.

b. Rationale. In September 2007 the Championships/Competition Cabinet approved funding for the expansion of the bracket beginning with the 2010 championship. The cabinet also directed the committee to address the logistical issues and develop policies to determine which teams participate in the opening round. As such, the committee recommends the following amendments to its current championship policies:

(1) The four preliminary rounds of the championship be referred to as the first round, second round, quarter finals and semifinals. It was agreed that the terminology "first round" was more inclusive and appropriate than "opening round."

(2) Of the 20 teams selected for the championship, the 12 best teams will receive a first-round bye. The committee will use the same criteria it uses to determine championship selection to determine which teams merit a first-round bye. It was agreed that making this determination based on competitive strength (regardless of conference affiliation or AQ status) was the most appropriate criteria for determining which teams play in the first round.

(3) Consistent with championship policies, 25 percent of the bracket will be seeded – increasing the number of seeded teams from four to five.

(4) To minimize the financial impact of travel, opponents in both the first and second rounds will be paired according to geographic proximity. Also, consistent with past practice, when two teams are both playing their first games of the championship they may not be paired against a conference opponent. It should be noted that, in effect, a team that received a first-

round bye but is playing its first game against a team that advanced from the first round may be paired against a conference opponent (because the team advancing from the first round is not playing its first game of the championship).

(5) The minimum financial guarantees for hosting a preliminary round game will be $30,000 for first round; $30,000 for second round; $40,000 for quarterfinals; and $50,000 for semifinals. This is consistent with the current financial guarantee model, applying the current first-round guarantee amount to the new expanded round of championship competition.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. NCAA football staff developed mock 20-team brackets for the 2008 and 2009 championships. The NCAA administrative services staff estimates the added costs associated with the 2008 bracket are between $442,700 and $601,880. The estimated added costs associated with the 2009 mock bracket are $535,000.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

- Historical treatment of the item, if any.

(a) **Prior consideration – the budget for bracket expansion was previously** approved by the cabinet.

(b) Prior related changes for the sport – the proposed policies are consistent with the football championship policies and practices.

3. Earned-Access Criteria.

a. Recommendation. To amend the championship earned-access criteria for the champion of a conference that is eligible for but does not receive automatic qualification so that the average rank threshold moves from 16 to 20.

b. Rationale. With the championship bracket expanding to 20 teams in 2010, the committee believes it appropriate for the element of the earned-access criteria regarding average ranking be amended to 20. The other elements of the earned-access criteria shall remain unchanged.

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

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

- Prior consideration – Earned-Access criteria was approved by the cabinet two years ago for the 2008 football championship.

(2) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. None.

4. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. Jim O'Day, Director of Athletics, University of Montana, Missoula, serve as the next chair of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee. The committee voted unanimously in favor of Mr. O'Day's appointment.

b. Rationale. Jim is a well respected veteran member of the committee. He has a strong background in FCS football and the NCAA Division I Football Championship.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Selection of Championship Officials**. The committee agreed to slightly modify several of its officials' selection criteria to insure that the best officials are officiating games during the championship.

a. The pool of officials will be expanded to include officials from both the Big South Conference and the Northeast Conference. This will allow for all 10 conferences receiving automatic qualification to provide officials for the championship.

b. The deadline for conference's to submit their two officiating crews to be considered will be moved back to the Saturday of championship selections. This will provide each conference coordinator of officials the opportunity to evaluate their crews during their last regular season game.

c. When selected to provide an officiating crew during a particular round the committee will allow the conference coordinator to determine which of the two submitted crews from that conference to send to the game. The committee will have final approval of the coordinators selection.

2. **FCS Enhancement Opportunities.** The committee discussed opportunities for enhancing FCS football marketing and branding during the regular season and postseason. NCAA Brand Strategies staff members shared recent NCAA marketing and branding campaigns and initiatives. It was noted that regarding postseason football, NCAA staff will be presenting to the football championship committee a three-year marketing strategy for the NCAA Division I Football Championship. The group also suggested that conference commissioners engage in discussions about ways to combine their conference resources for some type of FCS national marketing campaign.

Committee Chair: *John McCutcheon, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
Staff Liaisons: *Dennis Poppe, Baseball and Football*
Damani Leech, Baseball and Football

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Northeast Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southern Conference, The Summit League and the West Coast Conference.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended. *Automatic qualification for the Mid-American Conference has been restored since Florida Atlantic University was a competing member institution in 2008 and 2009.*

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments. None.

2. Committee Composition.

a. Recommendation. That NCAA Bylaw 21.7.5.5.5.3.19 be amended as follows "the Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the eight Division I men's soccer regions and two members selected at large. **No more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region.** Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions."

b. Rationale. With approximately 60 percent of the membership sponsoring men's soccer, the change will help to create balanced representation as much as possible among the eight regions.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

- Applicability to other sports. The change will align men's soccer with other Division I sports such as women's lacrosse, women's soccer and softball.

3. Selection Criteria.

a. Recommendation. That the secondary criteria for selecting teams to the Division I Men's Soccer Championship be modified to include strength of schedule and results against conference opponents, effective with the 2010 season.

b. Rationale. The changes serve to "fine-tune" the current selection criteria and provide the committee with an avenue to compare conference teams. With these additions, the selection criteria would read as follows:

Selection Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the men's soccer committee shall consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's soccer championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Adjusted Rating Percentage Index (RPI) calculated as:
  - Won-lost record (25 percent).
  - Opponents' strength of schedule (50 percent).
  - Opponents' opponents' strength of schedule (25 percent).
  - Bonus/penalty system.
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Strength and results against nonconference opponents.

Secondary Factors. If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision by the committee, then the secondary criteria will be reviewed.

- Results against teams already selected (including automatic qualifiers with an RPI of 1-75).
- Late-season performance in last eight games (strength and results).
- **Strength of schedule and results against conference opponents.**

c. Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athletes Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments.

- Applicability to other sports. The selection criteria for baseball include regular-season conference standings, conference regular-season record and conference tournament results.

4. Rating Percentage Index (RPI).

a. Recommendation. That the demarcations of the bonus/penalty structure of the RPI be adjusted to segments of five from segments of 15, effective with the 2010 season.

b. Rationale. The overall systematic process for calculating the RPI will not change. The slight modification to the bonus/penalty structure allows for the committee to ascertain a team's ability to play on the road and will help reduce the dramatic swings as individual games will not be weighted as greatly. The demarcation of five segments will still provide rewards for games played on the road thus giving the intended credit as was done over the past two years.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. Championships Group Comments. None.

Committee Chair: John Diffley, St. John's University (New York)
Staff Liaison: D'Ann Keller, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. It is recommended Lisa Campos of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) serve as the committee chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee for the 2010-11 year beginning September 1, 2010.

b. Rationale. Ms. Campos has been an important and active member of the committee having served the last three years. She has also served on the championships/competition cabinet, rifle committee and is currently in the NCAA Fellows program. Her thoughtful approach and varied experiences have added significantly to the committee in the few years. Currently, she serves as the senior associate athletics director/Senior Woman Administrator at UTEP.

2. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following 30 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: America East Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Big West Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Pacific-10 Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Sun Belt Conference, The Summit League, West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference.

b. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

3. Tournament Format.

a. Recommendation. That the current 2-1-1-2 format of the Division I Women's Soccer Championship be changed to a 1-1-2-2 format beginning in 2011.

b. Rationale. The current format currently provides for the first and second rounds to be contested at the same site with 16 sites hosting the weekend immediately after selections. From those 16 sites, the advancing institutions move to play a single

match the following weekend in the third round at eight sites. The quarterfinals are then contested in the third weekend with a single match at four sites. The quarterfinal winners advance to the semifinals and championship at a predetermined finals site.

The proposed format would provide for a single first round match contested at 32 sites. From there, the second round would also include a single match at 16 sites. Those institutions advancing to the next round would play at one of four campus-based, predetermined sites for the third and quarterfinal round on the same weekend. The four remaining institutions would advance to play in the semifinals and championship at a predetermined finals' site.

The new 1-1-2-2 format contributes to the growth of NCAA soccer and enhances the student-athlete experience by allowing many more institutions to host the first round. Additionally, with more sites in the first round, the women's soccer committee can help to mitigate travel challenges by keeping institutions more proximate to their home campuses in the first round.

Moreover, in allowing for four predetermined third/quarterfinal round sites, the women's soccer committee can strategically place matches in areas of the country that are either targeted for growth of soccer or currently embrace soccer and would provide a meaningful experience for the student-athletes. NCAA staff will also work with the hosts to ensure operational excellence and marketing efforts are strategic and impactful. Additionally, this model allows for the addition of television in the future, as well as potentially corporate champion and partner activation.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. In order to control costs, it is recommended an administrative stipend of $3,000 be provided to hosts of the first round, as well as the second round. In order to reward those sites that market and promote the preliminary round, it is also recommended the revenue share be changed to a 70/30 split with 70 percent to the NCAA. It is currently 75/25 percent split with 75 percent to the NCAA. The proposed change would net as budget neutral to the overall Division I women's soccer operating budget.

With having more hosting sites, it is believed revenues will also increase by allowing for more local crowds and fans.

In evaluating this model, a true comparison and analysis is not possible since the bracketing process was not conducted with this model as the guide.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The proposed change in tournament format allows for unprecedented enhancements for the student-athletes competing in women's soccer. By having only one match in the first round weekend, as well as only one match in the second round weekend, student-athletes have a greater opportunity to play in front

of larger crowds, miss less class time, travel potentially shorter distances and obtain more rest after a long season and competitive conference tournaments.

e. Championships Group Comments. The proposed tournament format would provide a greater experience for not only the student-athletes, but the fans who supported the team throughout the year by rewarding more institutions with the opportunity to play at home. Moreover, the environment for the match has the potential to be more indicative of an NCAA championship in its presentation and excitement.

While some additional expenses in the form of signage, site representatives and equipment may exist, the incremental revenue from the greater attendance will offset the increase in expense.

The national committee and new coordinator of officials will have to work hard to ensure adequate and qualified staffing of NCAA site representatives and officials, however, the infrastructure, desire and plans are in place to ensure these needs are met.

The proposed format also addresses requests from the membership to eliminate the first and second rounds on the first weekend of the tournament, which allows for greater rest, potentially less travel and missed class time and could reduce the number of flights in the preliminary rounds.

Committee Chair: Paul Bradshaw, Baylor University
Staff Liaison: Jeff Jarnecke, Championships

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

ACTION ITEM.

Outdoor Track and Field – New Championships Format.

1. Recommendation. That the cabinet provide feedback on replacing the existing preliminary-round qualifying system with a single-site national championship with a fixed field size of 32 in individual events and 24 in relay events. In individual events, qualifiers first include the top 24 declared student-athletes followed by the next best eight conference champions as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances. In relay events, qualifiers first include the top 18 declared relay teams followed by the next best six declared conference champions as determined by a national descending order list of season-best performances.

2. Rationale. The recommendation was developed to address the specific charge set forth by the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to mitigate the financial burden of a regional qualifying system, to provide some deference to obvious qualifiers and to create appropriate access. The proposal (also referred to as the 24/8 Plan) was designed by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) and has been unanimously endorsed by its Division I Track and Field Executive Committee, a representative body of sponsoring conferences.

   a. Cost mitigation. When considering the charge to mitigate expenses, the track and field committee addressed financial impact as it relates to both the NCAA's support of the championships and the costs placed upon participating institutions. Cost considerations included an estimate of team travel to preliminary/regional rounds and the final championships site, as well as the costs associated with retaining student-athletes on campus after the conclusion of the spring semester.

      Since the inception of the four-site regional qualifying format in 2003, institutions have borne the cost of qualifying for the national championships. Coming almost two weeks after the last weekend of conference championship competition, the former four-site regionals and the current two-site preliminary round competition have required every participating institution to keep student-athletes on their respective campuses and pay for travel expenses associated with the qualifying competition. This significant and often unpredictable cost to institutions has received much concern and focus on the viability of regional/preliminary formats.

      The committee found that the elimination of qualifying competition provides a significant cost savings to NCAA member institutions. Estimates suggest that between $3.5 and $4.2 million will be collectively saved in moving to the 24/8 Plan (Attachment A). It is important to note that some institutions will still need to house and feed student-athletes who qualify for the final championships site for a period of time before the finals take place. Furthermore, while the lion's share of expenses re-

lated to qualifying will be eliminated, the 24/8 Plan does require that championships travel reimbursement be provided according to the prescribed field sizes – 32 for individual events, 24 for relays (refer to estimated budget impact below) – thereby increasing the amount funded directly by the NCAA.

b. Deference to obvious qualifiers. The committee recognizes the obvious and direct correlation between the season's top qualifiers and performances at the national championships event. Consequently, it is necessary to maintain a level of deference to obvious qualifiers to be fair to student-athletes and to the integrity of the championships event. Through the 24/8 Plan, top performers are given championships access, specifically the top 24 declared in individual events and the top 18 declared in relays, thereby providing deference to obvious qualifiers with respect to selection to a final site and the total number of competition rounds contested.

c. Appropriate access. The committee recognizes the need to create an emphasis upon improved access and conference representation to the national championships event. In doing so, it serves to improve national exposure for the sport and provides an additional emphasis on the conference championships. In recognizing this, the committee has attempted to balance the level of expanded access while maintaining the integrity of the competition field.

The 24/8 Plan provides access to conference champions not already selected to the championships, specifically the best eight declared conference champions determined by rank on the national descending order list of season-best performances. Through research compiled for the 2007 through 2009 championship seasons, the track and field committee found that an average of 57 percent of conferences will be represented per event in the 24/8 Plan. The committee also found that the average depth of field for individual events would reach the 69th season-best performance. By contrast, only approximately 40 percent of conferences would be represented in a format derived exclusively from a descending order list of the top 32 performers. Furthermore, it is significant to note that only 38 percent of conferences, on average, were represented at the final championships site in the former four-region model.

In the discussion of appropriate access, the committee also examined the proposal put forward to the cabinet by the FCS/Division I Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) which takes a comprehensive approach to access for conference champions. In short, the proposed field size of 48 per event would first accept 100 percent of the conference champions and then the 18 best performers from the national descending order list. While the committee appreciates the CCA's willingness to engage on the topic, the committee does not believe the proposal is viable for several reasons:

(1) Length of championships. In the CCA format, participating student-athletes would be required to compete at a single site over the course of nine days, the-

reby diminishing the ability to limit competition for obvious qualifiers and raising operational and promotional concerns for a single-championships site over an extended period of time.

(2) Travel reimbursement. The cost savings for member institutions and the NCAA is limited and does not generate the significant impact that can be achieved with the 24/8 Plan. In addition, travel and per diem reimbursement is proposed to go to only those student-athletes who make it to the final rounds of competition (24 of 48 in each event).

(3) Quality of championships. Based on data from the 2007 through 2009 championship seasons, the track and field committee found that, in the CCA format, the average depth of field for individual events would reach the 113th season-best performance for a field of 48 competitors, 24 of whom would compete at the finals of the national championships. The committee is concerned that the degree of depth in relation to the number selected as top performers (top 18) will compromise the quality of the national championships.

The track and field committee offers the 24/8 Plan as a means to eliminate institutional expense of a qualifying round while providing a championships format that both considers the experience of top performers and provides enhanced access to conference champions. If the fundamentals of the 24/8 Plan are endorsed, the committee would then create and propose an event management format for the championships to include a revised date formula (i.e. move the championships forward by one to two weeks) and possible change to the length of the championships. The committee would provide this detailed information to the cabinet for consideration at its September 2010 in-person meeting.

3. Effective Date. TBD.

4. Estimated Budget Impact. It is estimated that the 24/8 Plan will eliminate $3.5 to $4.2 million of collective expense on the part of participating institutions when compared to the current two-site preliminary round format. However, the proposal will increase expense related to the national championships funded directly by the NCAA. The committee estimates that an increase of approximately $313,000 to $534,000 will be required to fund the national championships based on an anticipated increase in the number of competitors, as well as possible incremental expenses related to per diem and operational expenses, pending a final recommendation from the committee to the cabinet in September (Attachment B).

5. Student-Athlete Impact. The proposed format will give obvious qualifiers an opportunity to compete at the highest level while providing an opportunity for broader conference representation at the national championships. Conference championships will take on greater significance as participants will work to position themselves for selection to the national championships. With the elimination of preliminary rounds/regionals, student-athletes will also benefit

from fewer rounds of competition and an opportunity to complete their season earlier. These benefits are of particular importance for student-athletes finishing an extended season that begins with indoor track and field or possibly cross country. Additionally, anticipating a change of one to two weeks in the calendar, student-athletes will experience an extended summer break which may allow more opportunities to go to summer school, return home for a longer period of time, and/or work a summer job.

6. Championships Group Comments.

a. Historical treatment. A change to the outdoor track and field qualifying format was instituted for the 2010 championships season. While the change to the two-site preliminary round format arguably improves competitive equity and fairness relative to the former four-site regional model, concerns related to cost mitigation and deference to obvious qualifiers remain. It is the committee's strong hope that change is implemented and that the proposed 24/8 Plan is viewed as an enduring solution for the future.

b. Applicability to other sports. A loose parallel can be drawn between the 24/8 Plan and individual selections for the sport of tennis. Specifically, selection of individuals to the singles and doubles draws for tennis gives consideration of conference representation relative to individual ranking.

c. Operational concerns. As noted above, the committee requests additional time to determine the event management format for the championships and to propose a revised date formula (i.e. move the championships forward by one to two weeks) and possible change to the length of the championships. Anticipating a change to the date formula and length of championships, the committee will work with future hosts to ensure that changes can be accommodated.

d. Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. The committee acknowledges the increase in funding from the NCAA that will be necessary to support the 24/8 Plan. However, the committee reminds the cabinet of the very significant step to mitigate overall expense to the membership while maintaining appropriate access in the absence of a regional qualifying system. In addition, the committee anticipates some level of opposition concerning the degree of appropriate access, specifically that only a format that includes all conference champions is a viable one. As detailed already in response to the FCS/CCA proposal, a format with 100 percent conference representation creates challenges related to costs incurred by participating institutions, meet management, and the quality of the championships.

e. Fan access/experience. The 24/8 Plan will refocus the track and field fans on the national championships experience by creating a sound format with clear qualifying criteria, standard field sizes, and fan-friendly windows of competition.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

The committee reviewed a letter sent on April 12, 2010 from the Big 12 Council of FARs concerning final examination conflicts resulting from the timing of the outdoor track and field qualifying window. (Attachment B) The committee agrees that academic performance concerns are a top priority when considering the post-season championships calendar for any sport. However, as referenced by the letter's author, Mike Rogers of Baylor University, the undetermined status of the qualifying format for 2011 and beyond prevents the committee from taking action at this point in time. Pending a decision regarding the 24/8 Plan, the committee will give significant consideration to the issues raised by Mr. Rogers and his colleagues.

Committee Chair: Holly Sheilley, University of Louisville
Staff Liaisons: Kristen Jacob Smith, Championships
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the following three conferences be recommended for automatic qualification for the 2010 championship: Collegiate Water Polo Association, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and Western Water Polo Association.

b. Rationale. These three conferences meet the requirements to be eligible for automatic qualification.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Jeff Heidmous, associate athletic director, at the United States Air Force Academy, be appointed the chair of the men's water polo committee effective on September 1, 2010.

b. Rationale. Mr. Heidmous is longest-tenured member of the men's water polo committee. He is a former water polo coach and has great history with the water polo community and will continue to be a great leader for the committee.

Committee Chair: Mike Sutton, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Staff Liaison: Marcus Blossom, Championships

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Automatic Qualification.

a. Recommendation. That the Big 12 Conference be granted an exception to the six-team requirement to receive automatic qualification for their conference champions in each weight class to automatically qualify for the 2011 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

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

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. The Big 12 Conference is arguably one of the strongest conferences sponsoring the sport of wrestling. If such a recommendation is not approved, the conference champions in each weight class from this conference would not be guaranteed an automatic berth in the championships field.

e. Championship Group Comments.

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

- Prior consideration. This recommendation has been considered in previous years by the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet and has always been approved.

(2) Applicability to other sports.

- Other gender sport, if any. Such a recommendation has also been submitted and approved in previous years for the sports of Division I Men's Tennis and Division I Women's Golf.

(3) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. If the cabinet were to approve this recommendation, this would be consistent with previous actions taken on this matter.

(4) Operational concerns.

- Efficiency, management, sustainability. There should not be any operational concerns with implementing this recommendation.

(5) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. There should not be any anticipated opposition to this recommendation.

2. Selection Criteria – Replacement Policy Deadline and Medical Forfeits.

a. Recommendation. That effective with the 2011 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, if a replacement is needed for the championships, the replacement deadline will be moved up to eight days prior to the championships, instead of only three days prior to the event.

Note: Replacements will be made prior to the public release of the field. In addition, if a wrestler earns a Gold or Silver standard label and fails to participate or declares a medical forfeit in his conference or regional qualifying tournament, the qualifier position that was earned by this wrestler for his qualifying event may revert back to the at-large pool.

b. Rationale. The wrestling committee would tentatively desire to move up the replacement deadline to the final day of the selection meeting to eliminate the need for alternates for the championships. If a wrestler has an injury, illness or other condition that will not allow him to compete, this likely will be known by this earlier deadline. If a replacement is needed in a given weight class, the replacement would be placed in the bracket in advance of the final bracketing, so a first-round match-up involving two wrestlers from the same conference/regional can also be avoided. In addition, the committee wants to eliminate any potential gamesmanship (e.g., coaches withholding injury information that may benefit other teams) that could take place under the current policy. Finally, by having the replacement deadline on the same day as selections, an institution will be able to make all of their travel arrangements for their team at the same time when the at-large field is announced.

c. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

d. Student-Athlete Impact. This recommendation regarding the replacement policy deadline will eliminate any possible first-round match-up involving two wrestlers from the same conference/regional, which took place in one isolated instance during the 2010 championships (which was permissible per earlier Cabinet approval in September, 2009).

e. Championship Group Comments.

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

(a) Prior consideration. This recommendation has never been considered.

(b) Prior related changes for sport (e.g., bracket, seeding). The Cabinet approved a bracketing exception for the championships during the September, 2009 Cabinet meeting related to replacements.

(2) Consistency with comparable decisions of cabinet. Not aware of any comparable decisions of the Cabinet.

(3) Operational concerns.

- Efficiency, management, sustainability. There should not be any operational concerns with implementing this recommendation.

(4) Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition. There may be anticipated opposition to this recommendation from some wrestling coaches who might think their wrestlers should have more time to make a determination as to whether or not they will be able to recover from an injury, illness or other condition in time to compete in the national championships. The committee believes that it is not an undue burden on a wrestler to make a decision on whether they will be able to compete in the national tournament five days earlier than the current rule.

The committee does not foresee any opposition to the medical forfeit portion of this recommendation.

3. Appointment of Committee Chair.

a. Recommendation. That Derek van der Merwe, Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Central Michigan University, serve as the committee chair of the NCAA Wrestling Committee for the 2010-11 academic year. This appointment would be effective September 1, 2010.

b. Rationale.

(1) Tenure on committee. Mr. van der Merwe has served on the committee for three years.

(2) Experience with relevant sport. Mr. van der Merwe has played a vital role in the Campaign for Change evaluation process.

(3) Leadership experience, if any. Mr. van der Merwe has demonstrated strong leadership skills on the committee during his tenure. He has also been heavily involved with the NWCA Coaches Academy. Based on his proven leadership skills, the other committee members all support his candidacy for this position.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Campaign for Change. The committee reviewed the current championships date formula and discussed a possible change of season to make wrestling a one semester sport in an effort to fur-

ther improve APR scores and to restructure the sport's competitive season. The committee solicited feedback from head wrestling coaches and athletics administrators on this issue. A determination was made by the committee to not make any changes to the championships date formula. As such, the Division I Wrestling Championships will continue to take place on the third full weekend in March (as defined by a Thursday through Saturday).

The Division I Wrestling Committee noted that they want to be able to review a potential date change pending a final outcome on the television contract(s) and what the impact that might have on all NCAA championships. Any possible future changes to the championships date formula would not take place at the earliest until the 2014-2015 academic year.

2. **Weight Management Program.** The committee noted that as part of the NCAA Weight-Management Program, Rule 8.2.1 of the NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be in effect. Tournament directors of individual advancement tournaments shall register their tournament before September 1 each year in the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) system on the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Web site. In addition, the tournament directors shall enter all match results into the OPC. The committee noted that results not entered into the system would not be considered as part of selections on the individual season record form for the applicable student-athletes. In addition, the committee agreed to impose a standard penalty for urine manipulation violations to mirror drug testing.

3. **NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships SLOT Analysis.** Per the request of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, the NCAA Wrestling Committee reviewed the strengths, limitations, opportunities and threats for the Division I Wrestling Championships. In addition, the committee prioritized eight items of the championships in rank priority order, as well as eight items of the championships that could be improved.

4. **Evaluators.** The committee would like to provide a $200 travel stipend to each of the 10 evaluators working the Division I Wrestling Championships out of the wrestling officiating improvement program budget, beginning with the 2011 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. The evaluators currently only receive a flat $300 stipend and their lodging expenses to evaluate the wrestling officials. These individuals provide an invaluable service; however, they usually lose money related to their attendance at the event, when one factors in their transportation expenses. Please note that this will most likely be submitted as a budgetary request in September, 2011, such that the funding would not have to be taken out of the wrestling officiating improvement program budget if approved.

5. **Allocation of Qualifiers – Review of Data.** As the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet should be aware, the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships marked the second year in which the new selection criteria has been in place, which only uses current year data. The information in the table below should be beneficial to show the number of qualifiers each of the qualifying tournaments received in the last year using three years of historical data (2008), as compared to the number of qualifiers allocated using only current year data in both 2009 and 2010.

Qualifying Tournament	2008	2009	2010
Atlantic Coast Conference	14	32	25
Big Ten Conference	72	70	66
Big 12 Conference	38	42	40
Colonial Athletic Association	24	25	23
East Regional	11	10	10
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association	47	49	50
Eastern Wrestling League	32	25	21
Mid-American Conference	19	21	27
Pacific-10 Conference	38	30	39
Southern Conference	15	12	12
West Regional	20	14	17
Total Qualifiers	330	330	330

6. Medical Forfeits. During the wrestling season and during participation in the conference or regional qualifying tournament, the committee will consider a medical forfeit as a win and a loss for the respective wrestlers for purposes of head-to-head competition, results against common opponents and quality wins. The intent of this is to ensure that coaches are not intentionally forfeiting matches in tournaments to avoid competition and have a disparate impact on head-to-head competition and on the evaluation of quality wins and results against common opponents. In addition, this change will provide the committee with flexibility to take back a qualifying position from a qualifying event in cases where Gold or Silver standard wrestlers declare a medical forfeit during their qualifying event and it is clear that there is an attempt to gain additional qualifiers through gamesmanship. It is the intent of the committee for qualifying positions to be earned through wrestling that occurs in the conference and regional qualifying tournaments.

***LEGISLATIVE ITEMS*.**

1. Playing and Practice Seasons.

a. Start Date for Practice and Competition.

(1) Recommendation. That legislation be proposed for all three divisions of wrestling such that the earliest annual start date for preseason practice would be October 10, and any competition (open, unattached or representing an institution in intercollegiate competition) would be November 1. The committee would like such a playing and practice season calendar change to be implemented as early as the legislative process will allow.

(2) Rationale.

(a) Statement of current rule. The current rule in NCAA Bylaw 17.27.2 states that a member institution shall not commence practice sessions in wrestling

prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. NCAA Bylaw 17.27.3 also states that a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in wrestling prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

(b) Summary of how rule will be beneficial. This rule would be beneficial for the sport of wrestling as it will shorten the season, and should hopefully also aid in improving the APR scores of wrestling student-athletes.

(c) Note likely opposition, if any, and note committee's response to the likely opposition. There will arguably be some wrestling coaches who will not like this proposed legislative change because it will provide further restrictions on when they can begin their respective practice and competitive seasons. The committee believes strongly, however, that this change is good for the sport.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. This proposed legislative change will be favorable for the student-athletes involved in the sport, as it should shorten their season. They should be able to have a greater focus on their academic pursuits.

b. Annual Exemption.

(1) Recommendation. That legislation be proposed for all three divisions of wrestling that would provide an annual exemption for an institution or student-athlete to participate in the NWCA National Duals. The committee would like such a playing and practice season calendar change to be implemented as early as the legislative process will allow.

(2) Rationale.

(a) Statement of current rule. The current rule in NCAA Bylaw 17.27.5.3 provides annual exemptions to the maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling for numerous events, such as conference championships, season-ending tournaments, an alumni meet, the NWCA All-Star Meet, etc.

(b) Summary of how rule will be beneficial. This rule would be beneficial for the sport of wrestling as it will place more emphasis on dual meet competition. In addition, due to the fact that invitations are only provided approximately one month in advance of the event, member institutions will not know if they will participate in the NWCA National Duals when they establish their season schedules.

(c) Note likely opposition, if any, and note committee's response to the likely opposition. There should not be any anticipated opposition to this recommendation.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. This proposed legislative change will be favorable for the student-athletes involved in the sport, as it will allow them to compete in this event if invited, even if they have already competed in 16 dates of competition. This competition is viewed as a prestigious event in the sport of wrestling.

2. Division Membership.

- **Legislative Proposal Number 2007-100.**

(1) Recommendation. That this legislative proposal which originated with the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee and was sponsored by the former Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet be resurrected for further consideration. This proposal is now considered to be defeated due to the "sunset provision."

(2) Rationale.

(a) Statement of current rule. The current rule in NCAA Bylaw 20.9.5.1 states that "in sports other than football, basketball, men's swimming and diving and men's indoor and outdoor track and field that a member institution uses to meet the Division I sports sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3 against Division I opponents."

(b) Summary of how rule will be beneficial. This rule change would be beneficial for the sport of wrestling as it would allow wrestling to further be considered with men's swimming and diving and men's indoor and outdoor track and field as those sports in Bylaw 20.9.5.1.1 that only require an institution to schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests against Division I opponents (instead of 100 percent) to satisfy the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.4.3.

The general sense of the committee is that this legislation would place less restrictions on the Division I membership in scheduling dual meet contests primarily against either Division II or III wrestling programs, and especially those programs that are located in isolated areas of the country. The committee believes any proposals that would allow for more competition with Divisions II and III wrestling programs could be beneficial for the entire sport.

According to the previous legislative history, this change might also ease the budgetary burden many sponsoring institutions face when scheduling wrestling contests. There are many nearby institutions that might be classified as Division II or III, or even be a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the sport of wrestling. This rule would allow institutions to have the ability to have more flexibility in scheduling contests against nearby institutions, regardless of their divisional or organizational affiliation, in order to decrease travel costs. The NCAA Wrestling Committee unanimously supports this proposal, and this includes representatives from all three divisions of wrestling.

Committee Chair: Brad Traviolia, Big Ten Conference
Championship Manager(s): Randy L. Buhr, Championships
Marcus Blossom, Championships

2009-10 Championships Awards

TEAM SPORTS Sport	National Champion	2nd Place Team Trophy	3rd Place Team Trophy	4th Place Team Trophy	Semifinalist Team Trophy	Watches	Individual Mini-Trophies	Team Mini Trophies	*Participant Medals	Rings
Baseball	1	1			6	35		245	1512	
Softball	1				7	28		196	1120	
Men's Basketball	1				1	1690/104				104
Women's Basketball	1				1	1560/104				104
Field Hockey	1	1			2	28		84	264	
Men's Ice Hockey	1	1			2	37		111	324	
Women's Ice Hockey	1	1			2	34		102	84	
Men's Lacrosse	1	1			2	40		120	384	
Women's Lacrosse	1	1			2	38		114	384	
Men's Soccer	1	1			2	27		81	924	
Women's Soccer	1	1			2	28		84	1320	
Men's Volleyball	1	1			2	21		63		
Women's Volleyball	1	1			2	22		66	90	
Men's Water Polo	1	1	1	1		20		60		
Women's Water Polo	1	1	1	1		20		60	64	
Rowing	1	1	1	1		31		93	290	

Note 1: The number of awards shown in diagram above is an **estimate of** the awards ordered during the 2009-10 championship season. This number may fluxtuate for individual-team sports.

Note 2: Men's and Women's Basketball order participant watches instead of participant medals.
The number above indicates participants watches/ Final Four watches ordered.

***Note 3: Participant medals**- Will be presented to all student-athletes competing or in uniform in the championship who did not compete in the final rounds of the championship. These awards will be sent to the institution's director of athletics after competition.

All Championships receive:
(1) Elite 88 Academic Excellence Trophy for selected individual - presented per championship
(1) President's Award for National Champion institution - sent to institution after championship

2009-10 Championships Awards

INDIVIDUAL TEAM SPORTS

Sport	National Champion	2nd Place Team Trophy	3rd Place Team Trophy	4th Place Team Trophy	Semifinalist Team Trophy	Watches	Individual Mini-Trophies	Team Mini Trophies	*Participant Medals
Bowling	1	1			2	13	13	26	40
Fencing	1	1	1	1		17	48	51	45
Men's Cross Country	1	1	1	1		10	15	30	210
Women's Cross Country	1	1	1	1		10	15	30	214
Men's Golf	1	1			2	8	15	24	124
Women's Golf	1	1	1	1	7	7	14	21	124
Men's Gymnastics	1	1	1	1		14	56	42	43
Women's Gymnastics	1	1	1	1		18	35	54	113
Men's Swimming and Diving	1	1	1	1		24	304	3	120
Women's Swimming and Diving	1	1	1	1		19	304	3	181
Men's Tennis	1	1			2	13	21	39	467
Women's Tennis	1	1			2	13	21	39	467
Men's Indoor Track & Field	1	1	1	1		15	184	3	121
Women's Indoor Track & Field	1	1	1	1		17	184	3	124
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	1	1	1	1		17	216	3	331
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	1	1	1	1		22	216	3	345
Rifle	3	3	3	1		6	12	48	17
Skiing	1	1	1	1		17	64	51	82
Wrestling	1	1	1	1		15	80	36	233

Note 1: The number of awards shown in diagram above is an **estimate** of the awards ordered during the 2009-10 championship season.
This number may fluxtuate for individual-team sports due to ties and variance in travel party size .

***Note 2: Participant medals**- Will be presented to all student-athletes competing or in uniform in the championship who did not compete in the final rounds of the championship. These awards will be sent to the institution's director of athletics after competition.

All Championships receive:

(1) Elite 88 Academic Excellence Trophy for selected individual - presented at championship
(1) President's Award for National Champion institution - sent to institution after championship

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

Number of Preseason Practice Participants.

1. Recommendation. To increase from 90 to 95 the number of student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier, effective August 2011.

2. Rationale. Allowing FCS teams to have five additional student-athletes in preseason football practice would reduce the gap between FCS and FBS programs (105 limit), which has become increasingly important as FCS teams schedule more FBS teams to start the competitive season. Additional student-athletes also would help ensure teams have effective and efficient practices and don't lose quality practice experiences that result from student-athletes being unable to practice due to injury.

3. Budget Impact. Many FCS teams carry regular season squads that exceed 90 student-athletes so the financial impact of the additional five student-athletes is limited to the additive costs of preseason on-campus meals and lodging (two weeks or less). It is estimated that the cost would be $250 per day for institutions that added five student-athletes to their preseason practices. The number of days would vary depending on the first day of practice and each individual institution's start of classes.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

5. Championships Group Comments.

   a. Historical treatment of the item, if any.

      - Prior consideration - Previous request to cabinet was denied due to budget impact.

   b. Applicability to other sports - FBS football has a limit of 105.

   c. Summary of likely opposition to proposal, if any, and committee response to the opposition – While the increase in preseason practice participants will not have a budgetary impact on the championship, it will increase institutional costs for those who choose to increase to 95.

   d. Student-athlete experience - More participation opportunities for student-athletes.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Postseason Bowl Licenses.** The bowl licensing subcommittee licensed the following 35 bowl games for 2010-14: AdvoCare V100 Independence, AT&T Cotton, AutoZone Liberty, BCS National Championship, Beef 'O' Brady's – St. Petersburg, Bell Helicopter Armed Forces, Capital One, Champs Sports, Chick-fil-A, Dallas Football Classic, EagleBank, Franklin American Mortgage Music City, Gator, GMAC, Holiday, Insight, Kraft Fight Hunger, Little Caesar's Pizza, MAACO Las Vegas, Meineke Car Care, New Era Pinstripe, New Mexico, Orange, Outback, Papajohns.com, R+L Carriers New Orleans, Rose, San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia, Sheraton Hawaii, Sugar, Sun, Texas, Tostitos Fiesta, UDrove Humanitarian and Valero Alamo. Of the 35 licensed bowl games, 33 were licensed in 2009-10 and two are first time bowl games.

2. **Licensing of the Dallas Football Classic, Christmas and New Era Pinstripe Bowls.** The licensing group of the FIC heard presentations from representatives from the Dallas Football Classic in Dallas, Texas; and the New Era Pinstripe Bowl in Bronx, New York. The subcommittee licensed both bowl games for the 2010-14 licensing cycle.

3. **Instant Replay Postseason Bowl Games**. Starting with the 2010-11 postseason bowl games, the bowl games will be responsible for paying for all costs associated with the use of instant replay at that bowl game.

4. **2010-14 Bowl Licensing Cycle - Conditions of Performance.** The bowl licensing group of the FIC is continuing to develop condition of performance criteria for each licensed bowl game to be reviewed on an annual basis during the four-year licensing cycle. The information will be designed to provide the licensing group with a snapshot of the overall health of licensed bowl games for the duration of the license. If during the committee's annual review of this information it is determined that a bowl is no longer viable, that bowl may lose its license mid-cycle.

5. **National Letter of Intent.** The committee is supportive of a request from FCS head football coaches for the CCA to explore the development of a National Letter of Intent for Division I transfer student-athletes (similar to the NLI for incoming freshmen and 2-4 transfers). The group noted the concerns of coaches that 4-4 transfer student-athletes lack a written agreement of their intent to enroll as they consider options for enrollment.

Committee Chair: Nick Carparelli, Jr., Big East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Dennis Poppe, Baseball and Football
Damani Leech, Baseball and Football

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE MAY 25, 2010, MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Action Items.

a. NCAA Bylaw 30.15 - Administrative Regulations – Summer Basketball Event Certification -- Men's Basketball -- Admission.

(1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation in men's basketball to establish a certified basketball event criterion that requires the price of admission to be listed on the event certification application and the price made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event. The committee also recommends the cabinet request the NCAA Division I Legislative Council to consider adopting the proposal as noncontroversial legislation.

(2) Effective Date. May 1, 2011 (for events occurring on or after May 1, 2011).

(3) Rationale. Current basketball event certification criteria includes the requirement that the price of an event packet must be listed on the event certification application and the price must be made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event. In addition to event packets, operators also often charge admission to coaches to attend the event. Requiring advance notice of the cost of admissions will assist coaches in planning which events to attend. This change is requested as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view are not likely generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation. Adopting this proposal as noncontroversial will allow for appropriate notice to event operators as applications are submitted for events occurring on or after May 1, 2011.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Bylaw 11.3.2 Personnel -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes by Institutional Staff Members.

(1) Recommendation. The Men’s Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11

legislative cycle to specify that, in men's basketball, athletics department staff members may not endorse, serve as a consultant or promote a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes by permitting the use of his or her name, picture or quotations. [Note: Although this recommendation relates specifically to men's basketball, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet should consider whether it is appropriate to sponsor this proposal for all sports.]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Current legislation precludes athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as consultants or participating on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes and prohibits institutional coaching staff members from promoting a noninstitutional camp or clinic. Current legislation, however, does not preclude athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as a consultant or promoting a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. Often these athletics events are conducted by recruiting or scouting services and are designed to provide evaluation opportunities of prospective student-athletes. In order to minimize any potential recruiting advantage and to promote equity in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, institutional staff members should be precluded from any involvement in the endorsement, serving as a consultant or promotion of a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. In addition, this prohibition will eliminate a perception that institutions receive a recruiting advantage if a coach or other athletics department staff member is involved in any way with the athletics event.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.

- None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. NCAA Agents, Gambling and Amateurism Update. The committee received an update regarding activities involving the Agents Gambling and Amateurism staff. The report included information that 81 men's basketball student-athletes with remaining eligibility

entered their names into the 2010 National Basketball Association (NBA) draft, 30 of which withdrew their names prior to the May 8, 2010, NCAA deadline. The committee noted that there will be a significant number of student-athletes who will not get drafted and requested the Agents Gambling and Amateurism staff to gather data regarding the future endeavors of these student-athletes. It was noted that such information, as well as personal appearances/videos of student-athletes who forfeited eligibility, but did not get drafted, may prove beneficial in the future to student-athletes (and their families) contemplating a professional basketball career. The committee also expressed a desire to continue to evaluate the May 8 deadline and whether student-athletes have access to sufficient, reliable information (e.g., NBA Advisory Board draft projections) to make informed decisions regarding an early departure to pursue a professional career. Finally, the committee encouraged the NCAA executive staff to continue or resume dialog with the NBA regarding the merits of the rule that precludes an individual from entering the draft prior to 19 years of age (i.e., the "one and done" rule).

2. **NCAA Proposal No. 2009-100 – Nonscholastic Practices, Contests or Events.** The committee received a referral from the Legislative Council regarding Proposal No. 2009-100 and offered the following comments/feedback:

   a. The proposal should be modified to specify that an institution shall not host, sponsor or conduct nonscholastic practices and competitions, but continue to permit institutions to host legitimate noninstitutional camps, subject to current NCAA rules.

   b. Consideration should be given to establishing a definition of camp, applicable to both institutional and noninstitutional camps, to ensure that appropriate instructional elements are present and that the camp is not primarily a competitive activity.

   c. Use of institutional facilities for noninstitutional camps should be limited to the summer (June through August).

   d. State sponsored multisport events would not be precluded from using institutional facilities for basketball-related events, subject to current NCAA rules.

   The committee did not distinguish between events conducted on campus by the athletics department and other institutional departments (recreational/intramural departments) as the primary concern related to the recruiting advantage gained as a result of prospects being present on and having access/exposure to the institution's campus. It was noted that the proposal does not apply to sports other than men's basketball or to men's basketball events involving only non prospect-age participants.

3. **NCAA Basketball Focus Group Update.** The committee received an update regarding the work of the NCAA Basketball Focus Group and their efforts to address some of the concerns

related to the recruitment of men's basketball prospects, particularly the "funneling of money" to individuals and entities associated with prospects. The committee commended the Basketball Focus Group for its efforts and also noted the need to provide as much "black and white" assistance to the membership when applying the interpretations approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and the legislation related to the definition of a recruited prospect [Proposal No. 2009-95].

4. **NCAA Bylaw 30.15-(j) – Summer Basketball Event Certification Criterion.** The committee supported a recommendation, effective beginning with events certified for the 2011 summer, that a summer basketball event should not be certified by the NCAA basketball event certification staff if any individual who has been found guilty of a felony conviction of any kind is involved in coaching activities or in operating or managing an event.

5. **Access Issues.** The committee engaged in a thoughtful discussion regarding the importance of increased access to further the development of personal connections to the institution for current student-athletes and to provide a basis for coaches to make more informed, sound recruiting decisions as it relates to prospective student-athletes. The committee continued to express support for the retention model developed by the Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, designed to improve the academic performance of men's basketball student-athletes through the integration of academic support with athletics and learning skill development. The group noted the responsibility of coaches in building trust with various campus constituencies regarding the merits of such a model. The National Association of Men's Basketball Coaches (NABC) reported that it had finalized a communication plan to assist coaches with suggestions and best practices for enhancing communications at the campus, conference and national levels to help ensure that all voices are heard in the various governance processes.

6. **NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet recruiting models.** The committee reviewed the three recruiting models (restrictive, moderate [opt-in] and open [opt-out]) developed by the Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet related to the four primary areas of recruiting (evaluations, communications, campus visits and offers of aid). The committee commended the Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet for taking a more comprehensive approach to the recruiting process and offered the following comments:

   a. The opt-in/opt-out approaches provide interesting alternatives but should continue to be evaluated carefully from start to finish regarding their effectiveness and practicality, including the application of such approaches when prospective student-athletes have a change of mind in the recruiting process.

b. Supported the concept of visits during the prospective student-athlete's junior year, but favored the more open approach so as not to limit the prospective student-athlete to only one visit during the junior year. The committee noted that in the sport of men's basketball, many prospective student-athletes would rather complete the entire recruiting process before the senior year in high school. Establishing appropriate academic benchmarks can provide the necessary safeguards to ensure that institutions are providing visits to prospective student-athletes whose academic profile would suggest readiness to succeed academically at their institution.

c. Supported the ability for institutions to conduct tryouts during campus visits during the junior and/or senior year of high school.

d. Supported unlimited access with no restrictions on mode of communication and the prohibition against additional official paid recruiting visits after a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent.

7. **Division I Men's Basketball Recruiting Calendar.** The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the current Division I men's basketball recruiting calendar. Individuals from iHoops, the AAU and a representative for the event operators joined in the discussion. The group noted there was merit in continuing to evaluate the current recruiting calendar, in particular the prohibition against observation of prospective student-athletes during the April contact period. The committee noted that the development of any new recruiting calendar year should take into consideration the current landscape (scholastic and nonscholastic events) in which men's basketball prospects are participating in basketball activities. It was noted that any new recruiting calendar should place a priority on the best interests of the prospective student-athlete and the proper role of basketball in the educational process. Further, the committee noted that increased accountability of the coaching community is critical to the success of any new recruiting calendar.

Committee Chair: *Kevin Anderson, U.S. Military Academy, Patriot League*
Staff Liaison(s): *Thomas W. Jernstedt, Executive*
LuAnn Humphrey, Enforcement
Stephen A. Mallonee, Academic and Membership Affairs

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE MAY 10-11, 2010, MEETING

ACTION ITEM.

- **Appointment of Committee Chair.**

  a. Recommendation. That Ceal Barry, associate director of athletics at the University of Colorado, Boulder, serve as chair effective September 1, 2010.

  b. Rationale.

  (1) Ms. Barry is entering her fourth year on the committee.

  (2) Ms. Barry has extensive knowledge and experience in the sport of women's basketball and administrative oversight.

  (3) The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee members believe that Ms. Barry will provide good leadership and direction in her service as chair.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on iHoops Program.** The committee was informed that Len Elmore recently was named the new chief executive officer of iHoops and has begun his duties. The committee also received an update on iHoops programming, specifically the Skills Challenge and the new coaches' education program that will begin in the fall of 2010.

2. **Academic Update.** The committee received academic updates from the NCAA Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, NCAA Football Academic Working Group, NCAA Committee on Academic Performance and the NCAA Academic Cabinet. The committee discussed the recommendations of these groups as they relate to its work on a proposed women's basketball academic and athletic development model. The committee noted the need to monitor the progress of recommendations from these groups as they advance through the governance process.

3. **Division I Women's Basketball Academic and Athletic Development Model.** The committee discussed the proposed academic and athletic development model which was recently distributed to the membership for review and comment. The committee expressed its support for the model, acknowledging the need to generate membership feedback and support prior to formally introducing legislative proposals into the governance structure.

4. **Update on NCAA Division I Men's Basketball.** The committee was updated on the work of the NCAA Men's Basketball Focus Group, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee and the recently-announced Division I men's basketball media partner

agreement. The committee discussed the activities of each of the groups and the potential impact on women's basketball.

5. **Report from the NCAA Basketball Certification Staff.** The committee was updated on recent changes to the basketball event certification program. The staff informed the committee of the various issues associated with the summer and nonscholastic evaluation opportunities. The staff noted a recent suggestion to include the price of admission in the event certification application process. The committee indicated its support for the requirement of such information being included in the application process.

6. **Division I Women's Basketball Sports Wagering Trends.** The committee was updated on trends in women's sports wagering activity and the staff's continuing educational efforts conducted annually.

7. **Report from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).** Beth Bass, chief executive officer of the WBCA, informed the committee that the Center for Coaching Excellence will be conducted in partnership with the School of Continuing Education at Columbia University. The program is designed to provide collegiate head and assistant women's basketball coaches with comprehensive leadership development opportunities.

8. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The committee received information regarding attendance, point differential and ratings for the 2010 championship. The committee also received an update on critical priorities for women's basketball relative to future media partner agreements.

9. **Update on Division I Women's Basketball Working Groups.**

   a. Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA)/NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Task Force. The working group proposed three considerations for membership comment and feedback:

      (1) Reduce the maximum number of women's basketball grants-in-aid from 15 to 13.

      (2) Restructure the regular-season women's basketball schedule.

      (3) Construct a "recommended best practices" document relative to regular-season scheduling for women's basketball.

   b. CCA/NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Officiating Working Group. The working group has recommended the formation of a Men's College Basketball Officiating (MCBO), LLC and a Women's College Basketball Officiating (WCBO), LLC. A Board of Managers will be appointed for each organization and be responsible for oversight of the work of the organization. The working group will present a program overview to the CCA at its June 2010 meeting for adoption.

10. Women's Basketball Rules Committee Report. The committee reviewed the proposed rules changes for the 2010-11 season and future rule change considerations to be discussed throughout the course of the 2010-11 season.

11. Governance Report. The committee received a report of the recent activities of various Division I governance bodies, specifically the NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet report, noting its recent request for feedback from the membership regarding three proposed recruiting models, as well as coaching limits and athletics personnel issues.

12. Update on Division I Women's Basketball Marketing Initiatives.

a. NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Grant Program. The committee was informed that the 2010-11 academic year would be the last for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Grant Program. The grant program will be evaluated to determine whether it will continue beyond 2010-11.

b. The "Pack the House" Challenge. The staff noted that the "Pack the House" challenge was a success during both the regular season, and the preliminary rounds of the 2010 championship.

c. New Media Platforms. The staff noted that the introduction of new media to the marketing and promotion of the championship continues to grow and gain popularity as evidenced by over 6,000 Facebook friends of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

***LEGISLATIVE ITEMS*.**

- **Action Items.**

a. NCAA Bylaw 30.16 Administrative Regulations -- Basketball Event Certification -- Women's Basketball -- Admissions.

(1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation and recommends that the NCAA Division I Legislative Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that, in women's basketball, in order for a women's basketball event to be certified for coaches to attend, the price of admissions must be listed on the event certification application and the price must made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event.

(2) Rationale. Current basketball event certification criteria includes the requirement that the price of an event packet be listed on the event certification application and the price be made available to coaches prior to their arrival at

the event. In addition to event packets, operators also often charge admission to coaches to attend the event. Requiring advance notice of the cost of admissions will assist coaches in planning which events to attend. This change is requested as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view are not likely and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation. Adopting this proposal as noncontroversial will allow for appropriate notice to event operators as applications are submitted for events occurring on or after May 1, 2011. Finally, this proposal was initiated and supported by the WBCA.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. NCAA Bylaws 13.1.8.8-(b)-(1) and 30.10.2 Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Basketball Evaluations -- Women's Basketball -- Nonscholastic Evaluations During Academic Year -- National Standardized Testing Weekends.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur on any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered; further, if the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered on dates that conflict with the fall and spring nonscholastic evaluation weekends, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the October evaluation period and that if the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered on dates that conflict with the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend, the five day evaluation period in April shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday.

(2) Rationale. The women's basketball recruiting calendar allows coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at nonscholastic events during the women's basketball prospective student-athlete's academic year during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period. There have been instances in which these designated time periods have conflicted with national standardized testing dates and, in some instances, resulted in prospective student-athletes facing undue pressure to forego the taking of a standardized test in order to participate in a nonscholastic event. When a national standardized testing date occurs during a weekend when it is

permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes participating in nonscholastic events, in the fall, designating the following weekend as the nonscholastic evaluation weekend and shifting the five evaluation days (which include the nonscholastic weekend) in April to the following week, is an appropriate and simple solution to this issue while retaining the same amount of nonscholastic evaluation opportunities during the academic year. Finally, Proposal No. 2009-36 was withdrawn from the 2009-10 legislative cycle so this concept could be further developed as represented in this proposal. The WBCA supports and has requested this legislative change to the women's basketball recruiting calendar.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2 Personnel -- Income in Addition to Institutional Salary -- Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes by Institutional Staff Members.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, athletics department staff members may not endorse, serve as a consultant, or promote a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes by permitting the use of his or her name, picture or quotations. [Note: Although this recommendation was initiated by the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet should consider whether it is appropriate to sponsor this proposal for all sports.]

(2) Rationale. Current legislation precludes athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as consultants or participating on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes and institutional coaching staff members from promoting a noninstitutional camp or clinic, unless the coaching staff member is employed by the camp. Current legislation, however, does not preclude athletics department staff members from endorsing, serving as a consultant or promoting a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. Often these athletics events are conducted by recruiting or scouting services and are designed to provide evaluation opportunities of prospective student-athletes. In order to minimize any potential recruiting advantage and to promote equity in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, institutional staff members should be precluded from any involvement in the endorsement, serving as a consultant or promotion of a noninstitutional athletics event primarily involving prospective student-athletes. In addition, this prohibition will eliminate a perception that institutions receive a recruiting advantage if a coach or other athletics department staff

member is involved in any way with the athletics event. The WBCA supports and has requested this legislative change.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. NCAA Bylaws 13.1.6.4, 13.1.8.6 and 13.1.8.8 Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Recruiting Opportunities -- Women's Basketball -- Seven Opportunities.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, there be an increase to the number of recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) from five to seven.

(2) Rationale. This proposal promotes parity among sports by allowing women's basketball the same number of recruiting opportunities afforded to coaches in all other sports (except football). The WBCA supports and has requested this legislative change.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None, inasmuch as the number of recruiting-person days will not increase as a result of this recommendation.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

e. NCAA Bylaw 11.7.4.3 Personnel -- Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Off-Campus Recruiting -- At Any One Time -- Evaluation Periods -- Women's Basketball.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, during evaluation periods, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day. [Note: Although this recommendation was initiated by the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet should consider whether it is appropriate to sponsor this proposal for men's basketball and/or all sports.]

(2) Rationale. During evaluation periods, women's basketball coaches travel extensively in order to identify prospective student-athletes. Outside of the July evaluation periods, only three of the four coaches are permitted to recruit off

campus at any one time, and this is regulated by requiring a coach who comes "off the road" to return to campus before being permitted to resume recruiting activities. Further, during the July evaluation periods, an institution may use either the general rule regarding the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time (i.e., a replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus) or the exception to the general rule [i.e., a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day (July 1, 2009, staff interpretation)]. It is preferable that the three-coach limit be regulated by permitting only three coaches to engage in off-campus recruiting each day, and by permitting a coach who is replaced as an off-campus recruiter to resume recruiting without returning to campus first. This proposal would allow three coaches to evaluate each day, while providing an institution the flexibility to have the fourth coach travel directly to another location. Under the current rule (outside of the July evaluation periods), coaches must return to campus, creating needless expenses and using valuable time. The number of recruiting-person days remains the same so there is not an increase in recruiting opportunities, but instead programs will realize greater flexibility with how to use those recruiting-person days. With the limit on recruiting-person days, it is not feasible or practical for institutions to have all their coaches off campus recruiting during each day of an evaluation period. However, this proposal provides institution's greater autonomy with how to best use those recruiting-person days, managing costs, and maintaining competitive equity by still limiting the number of coaches that may engage in recruiting activities each day. This proposal is also intended to eliminate the option of using the general rule relating to the number of coaches permitted to recruit off campus at any one time. Finally, this proposal was initiated and supported by the WBCA.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings.

(4) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

f. NCAA Bylaw 11.7.4.3 Personnel --Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches --Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters --Off-Campus Recruiting --At Any One Time --Nonscholastic Weekends During the Academic Year --Women's Basketball.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, during the two nonscholastic evaluation weekends that occur during the academic year, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting

activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.

(2) Rationale. In women's basketball, evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year may occur only on two weekends (the last full weekend of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period). During these nonscholastic evaluation weekends, women's basketball coaches travel extensively in order to identify prospective student-athletes. Outside of the July evaluation periods, only three of the four coaches are permitted to recruit off campus at any one time, and this is regulated by requiring a coach who comes "off the road" to return to campus before being permitted to resume recruiting activities. Further, during the July evaluation periods, an institution may use either the general rule regarding the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time (i.e., a replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus) or the exception to the general rule [i.e., a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day (July 1, 2009, staff interpretation)]. It is preferable that the three-coach limit be regulated by permitting only three coaches to engage in off-campus recruiting each day, and by permitting a coach who is replaced as an off-campus recruiter to resume recruiting without returning to campus first. This proposal would allow three coaches to evaluate each day during the nonscholastic evaluation weekends, while providing an institution the flexibility to have the fourth coach travel directly to another location. Under the current rule (outside of the July evaluation periods), coaches must return to campus, creating needless expenses and using valuable time. The number of recruiting-person days during the academic year remains the same so there is not an increase in recruiting opportunities. Finally, this proposal was initiated and supported by the WBCA.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings.

(3) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

g. NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.2 Membership -- Division I Membership Requirements -- Basketball Scheduling -- One-Third of Women's Contests in Home Arena.

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Issue Committee recommends that the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2010-11 legislative cycle to specify that, in women's basketball, an active or provisional member must play at least one-third of its regular-season women's basketball contests in the arena regularly used for the institution's home games.

(2) Rationale. There has been an increase in the number of women's basketball teams who play a large number of away-from-home contests. These contests often occur prior to conference games, resulting in student-athlete's missing additional class and it is becoming more common for institutions to be paid guarantees by the home team. Requiring each institution to have a minimum number of home contests will result in some competitive balance. Further, this provision currently exists for men's basketball and it is appropriate for women's basketball to have the same scheduling requirements associated with Division I membership. Finally, this proposal was initiated and supported by the WBCA.

(3) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(4) Student-Athlete's Impact. None.

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REPORT OF THE NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM.

Appointment of Committee Chair.

1. Recommendation. That Lynn King, Director of Athletics, University of the Pacific, be named chair, replacing Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Conference, effective September 1, 2010.

2. Rationale. Mr. King is in his third year of service on the committee. His experience with Olympic sports oversight and related issues is wide-ranging, including past experience as a head track and field coach and chair of the Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. Mr. King's nomination was affirmed by the committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Exception for Legislative Proposal 2009-22.** The committee reviewed NCAA Division I Proposal 2009-22 and noted that several sports (e.g., wrestling, track and field) had expressed interest in being excluded from the legislation in the same manner that ice hockey and skiing had been excluded. The committee agreed to recommend to the NCAA Amateurism Cabinet that the cabinet consider including an exception to the "one-year grace period" portion of the proposal for bona fide elite athletes who are legitimate candidates to compete in national or international competition. It was noted that Division II currently has such an exception in Bylaw 14.2.4.2.3.3. The committee was of the opinion that, although incorporating such an exception might not address all of the issues raised by the various sports that are requesting exclusion from the legislation, such an exception might be a reasonable compromise for the sports that have expressed concern about the negative impact the one-year grace period will have on elite athletes.

2. **Leadership Council Directive – Endangered Sports and Sports Facing Challenges to Their Growth.** In response to a January 2010 directive from the Division I Leadership Council, the committee reviewed the issue of endangered sports and sports facing challenges to their growth. Previously, the committee conducted a preliminary review of the 2005 Report of the NCAA/USOC Joint Task Force at its September 2009 meeting and summarized the report's eight recommendations and any specific action taken. The committee noted that, due to the lack of funding called for in the report, limited progress had been made in implementing several of the recommendations. Based on recent feedback from various national governing bodies and the USOC, there may be a renewed interest to further review the report and explore implementation of one or more of the eight recommendations. Such a review will take place during the committee's next in-person meeting in September 2010.

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Background on NCAA Bylaw 20.8.1 Issue

Issue.

Current NCAA Bylaw 20.8.1 (eligibility for national collegiate championships) is a common provision applicable to all three divisions of the Association. It requires all institutions that are eligible for national collegiate championships in sports that have two-thirds of the membership in one division to follow the NCAA eligibility rules of that division. Practically speaking, this requires Divisions II and III institutions to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes using Division I rules. For example, this would require all incoming student-athletes in Division III to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center and all continuing students-athletes in Divisions II and III to be certified in accordance with Division I progress-toward-degree regulations. Currently, three sports [men's gymnastics, women's gymnastics and women's ice hockey (does not impact Division III due to divisional championship)] that have the national collegiate championship as the postseason opportunity for that sport include two-thirds Division I members. However, it is quite possible that the sport of men's volleyball could reach two-thirds Division III members sponsoring the sport in the very near future, requiring Divisions I and II members to follow Division III rules in that sport which would include the prohibition on athletically related financial aid. [Note: It is possible that a separate Division III men's volleyball championship could also be established if they satisfy sport-sponsorship requirements.]

In the past year, it has come to the attention of NCAA staff that Divisions II and III institutions have not been complying with the requirement in Bylaw 20.8.1 for several years. A blanket legislative relief waiver is in place for the 2009-10 academic year for Divisions II and III institutions to waive the requirement that these institutions follow Division I rules. However, consideration of a permanent solution should be discussed and reviewed by each division.

Legislation and History.

The current wording of Bylaw 20.8.1 has been in place since it was last amended in January 1985. The original bylaw was introduced in the 1976-77 NCAA Manual and specified that each institution must only satisfy the institutional and eligibility requirements of its own division. This remained in place until the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 1985-90 which amended the bylaw to its current state by requiring each institution to follow the eligibility rules of the division in which at least two-thirds of the members sponsoring that sport belong. In addition to this provision, Proposal No. 1985-90 included several modifications to the regulations regarding national collegiate championships and the intent statement does not provide any explanation about the particular provision in question. Furthermore, the Convention Proceedings do not suggest a specific rationale regarding this change.

In 1985 the eligibility rules for the three varied as they do now. Divisions I and II had initial-eligibility requirements, similar to today, that were based on a grade point average, completion of a certain number of core courses and a satisfactory test score. However, it is important to note

that neither the NCAA Eligibility Center or NCAA Clearinghouse existed at that time; therefore, certification of a prospective student-athlete's initial eligibility was performed at the institutional level. Furthermore, it is important to note that the awarding of athletically related financial aid was, and continues to be, contingent on a prospective student-athlete's initial-eligibility status. Additionally, Divisions I and II had, and continue to have, satisfactory progress regulations that required completion of a certain number of credit hours in order to maintain eligibility throughout a student-athlete's enrollment. Regulations for initial eligibility and continuing eligibility did not exist for Division III.

20.8.1 - Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships.

Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports:

Women's bowling (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*) Men's and women's fencing Men's gymnastics Women's gymnastics Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)	Women's water polo *(Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)* Men's and women's rifle Men's and women's skiing Men's volleyball Men's water polo

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question. However, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championship is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).

Points to Consider.

The staff believes it is appropriate for each division to review Bylaw 20.8.1 to determine if it remains appropriate to require all institutions to follow the eligibility rules of the division that has two-thirds of its members in a given sport that holds a national collegiate championship. Following are some points to consider:

1. Is it fair to hold Divisions II and III institutions to the same initial-eligibility requirements as Division I members in these sports?

2. While it may be feasible for Division II prospective student-athletes to be certified under Division I rules by the Eligibility Center since they are already required to register for Division II purposes, what is the impact on prospective student-athletes in Division III who are not required to register with the Eligibility Center?

3. Is it appropriate to hold Divisions II and III prospective student-athletes to initial eligibility standards of a different division that have been established, in part, to determine whether an individual may receive athletically related financial aid in another division? Specifically, what is the impact on Division III which prohibits athletically related financial aid?

4. What competitive advantage exists, if any, if the rule was changed to only require institutions to follow the rules of the division to which they belong?

5. While the current landscape holds that two-thirds of the members in all of the national collegiate championship sports are Division I, thereby requiring all Divisions II and III members to follow Division I rules, what is the impact if the two-thirds membership standard is met by a Division II or III member?

Administrative and Sports Policies

Article 1 - Administrative Policies

1.01 Sportsmanship Policy 5/95, rev. 10/02, 6/03

1.01.01 General Statement of Policy. Atlantic Sun Conference athletics competition exists in order to foster sportsmanship and personal development as well as competitive excellence. The conference believes that there has been a general erosion of standards of acceptable conduct for coaches, athletes and fans at intercollegiate athletics events recently. In order to improve the overall standards of behavior by which all people in athletics treat each other, the conference believes it is time to renew our commitment to integrity, ethical behavior, and fair play by establishing and enforcing higher standards of conduct across all sports. In order to achieve this goal, the conference hereinafter outlines the responsibilities of those groups and individuals associated with our intercollegiate athletics programs.

1.01.01.1 Administrators. Each institution's chief executive officer and athletics director is charged with the duty to create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams. The "Golden Rule" must and will be the standard: the treatment of a visiting team shall be in the same manner that the home team would want its own teams to be treated.

Prior to the beginning of athletic competition for each academic year, the chief executive officer will conduct a meeting for the purpose of discussing sportsmanship, crowd control, and ethical conduct. The chief executive officer is encouraged to repeat the meetings as often as required to ensure campus awareness of sportsmanship issues.

It shall be the responsibility of the chief executive officer and the athletics director to ensure that all individuals employed by or directly associated with its athletic program conduct themselves in an appropriate sportsmanlike manner when representing their institution, especially at intercollegiate athletic contests.

The chief executive officer and athletics director should review periodically what constitutes acceptable conduct with all other athletics department staff members, including but not limited to game management personnel, scorekeepers, timers, public address announcers, radio and TV broadcasters, coaches, student-athletes, cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups. rev. 10/02, 6/03

1.01.01.2 Coaches. Coaches have the greatest amount of influence over whether the young people in their programs are taught and follow the high principles of sportsmanship. They must be aware of and monitor the behavior of their student-athletes. They are responsible for eliminating taunting, baiting or trash talking by their student-athletes.

Coaches also have the ability to influence the behavior of their fans. They should take every opportunity when addressing the media, booster groups or other public forums to express the desire for fans to support their team at home contests, but not to abuse the visiting teams.

Public criticism of officials by coaches promotes disrespect for them and encourages abuse by student-athletes and fans and simply will not be tolerated. Appropriate penalties will be assessed for violations.

1.01.01.2.1 Conference Regulations on Coaches' Conduct. All coaches are responsible for understanding and adhering to the principles of the Conference Sportsmanship Statement *(see 1.01).* Additionally, the following guidelines also remain in effect:

a. In the event any conference coach's conduct on or off the playing floor/field is such that he abuses an official with profane or insulting language or by pushing, striking or otherwise assaulting the person of the official, the coach shall be subject to such disciplinary action as the Commissioner and conference office may impose, which could include suspension. Any type of notice concerning disciplinary action regarding the above-mentioned behavior will be forwarded to the institution's athletics director and chief executive officer.

b. On- and off-the-record criticisms of officials to players or the public shall be considered unethical. A coach shall at no time make criticisms of officials to representatives of the media. A coach making such criticisms shall be subject to suspension in accordance with Conference Policy 1.01.03.2.

c. A coach shall at no time enter into any conversation, discussion, or make any statement to representatives of the media except for the purpose of explaining a rule, regulation, or matter of a technical nature pertaining to the administration of the game. If a situation arises that may be in the nature of a complaint, the coach involved must register such complaint in writing through the Coordinator of Officials or the conference office.

d. A coach shall not address or permit anyone on the bench to address uncomplimentary remarks to any official during the progress of a game or to indulge in conduct which might incite players or spectators against the officials.

e. Neither a coach nor coach's representative shall enter the officials' dressing room. The officials' dressing room shall be kept private before the game, at halftime, and immediately after the game. The security person assigned to the officials shall maintain the privacy of their dressing room accordingly.

f. No coach or his representative shall discuss the officiating of a game with officials just prior to or immediately after the game. If done in the proper manner, a coach may be allowed to communicate briefly with officials at halftime to discuss a correctable error or unusual circumstance and ONLY if both coaches are part of the conversation.

g. Coaches shall not telephone nor send written correspondence to officials at any time. Any discussion or report necessary shall be made through the Coordinator of Officials or conference office.

1.01.01.3 Student-athletes. Respect for the game in which the student-athlete participates also demands respect for the opponent. Student-athletes must treat opponents with sportsmanship. Taunting and baiting of opponents as well as trash talking will not be tolerated. The opportunity to represent an A-Sun institution is a privilege which is accompanied by the responsibility to behave with dignity and class on and off the floor/field.

1.01.01.4 Cheerleaders, Bands and Other Spirit Groups. Cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups are admitted to contests at the pleasure of our institutions to support their teams and assist in creating a fan atmosphere. They are not admitted in order to disrupt, confront or abuse the opponent and such behavior will not be tolerated. Their focus must be toward encouragement of their team and respect for the opposing team.

1.01.01.5 Officials. Officials who are assigned Atlantic Sun Conference contests must enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship without tolerance for abuse. The only warning to participants and coaches should come at the beginning of the contest. Once the contest begins, penalties, not warnings, will be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct. Officials who do not follow this policy will not be utilized by the conference.

1.01.01.6 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall enforce the unsportsmanlike conduct rules of the game and the conference. He shall assess appropriate penalties for improper behavior that is not detected or properly addressed during the contest. Institutions and their personnel are expected to fully cooperate with his effort to investigate possible improper behavior.

1.01.01.7 Power of Commissioner to Correct Error. The Commissioner retains full authority to prevent an unwarranted suspension, which would otherwise occur under any A-Sun Sportsmanship Policy provision, by addressing and rectifying any correctable error. 6/07

1.01.01.8 Sporting Behavior Conclusion. This renewal of our commitment to integrity, ethical behavior, and fair play will enable the institutions of the Atlantic Sun Conference to create a healthy, fun-filled, family environment for competition involving our student-athletes.

1.01.02 Foul, Abusive Language. Any use of foul or abusive language by a coach or by a student-athlete in any contest involving a A-Sun member institution will not be tolerated and will **automatically** result in appropriate sport-specific penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct.

1.01.03 Standard Minimum Penalties. 5/95; rev. 6/97

1.01.03.1 Contest Ejection.

a. Reporting Ejections. It shall be the responsibility of the head coach to report all contest ejections to both his/her Director of Athletics and to the conference office within 36 hours of the incident. Failure to comply with this notification provision may result in disciplinary action.

b. Penalties Imposed: Ejected Party. The following minimum standard penalties shall be invoked on any player, coach or other bench personnel who is ejected from any contest, conference or non-conference:

Each Ejection: Minimum standard penalty of a one-game suspension and probation. rev. 6/03

Suspensions earned due to ejection are to be immediately served in which a suspension earned during a conference contest will be served in the next conference contest and a non-conference suspension served in the next non-conference contest. Coaches serving suspensions shall remain out of sight and sound of the playing facility.

c. Penalties Imposed: Head Coach of Ejected Party. In addition to the penalties applied directly to the ejected party, the head coach shall also be subject to the following penalties for the unsporting ejection of any of his/her team personnel (player, assistant coach, manager, trainer, etc.). Each unsporting ejection of his/her personnel shall result in the following minimum penalties:

1st Incident Resulting in Unsporting Ejection: Minimum standard penalty of private reprimand.

2nd Incident Resulting in Unsporting Ejection: Minimum standard penalty of public reprimand and probation.

3rd Incident Resulting in Unsporting Ejection: Minimum standard penalty of a one-game suspension to be served in next contest, conference or non-conference.

The accumulation of ejections for the purposes of these penalties shall begin at zero each year.

d. Exception. For any case in which the sport's official playing rules have penalties for ejection which are more stringent than the Conference Policy, only the sport's rules shall be applied. 1/98

Any incident resulting in ejection may also result in more severe penalties. These A-Sun penalties in no way affect any penalties that are assessed as NCAA rules.

1.01.03.2 Public Criticism of Officials/Officiating. The minimum standard penalty of a one-game suspension shall be invoked on any player, coach or bench personnel who is found to have publicly criticized the officials and/or officiating in any contest.

Any athletics department staff member, including, but not limited to, game management personnel, scorekeepers and timers, public address announcers, radio and TV broadcasters (whether directly or indirectly associated with the institution's athletics program), cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups who are found to have publicly criticized the officials and/or officiating in any contest shall be subject to the following minimum standard penalties:

1st offense: minimum standard penalty of a public reprimand and probation.

2nd offense: minimum standard penalty of a one-contest suspension, which shall be immediately served in the next scheduled contest after final disposition.

These A-Sun penalty in no way affects any penalties that are assessed as NCAA rules. The Commissioner, in his discretion, may impose other and further penalties if warranted by the facts of an individual case. rev. 6/03

Atlantic Sun Conference

SPORTING BEHAVIOR POLICY – SOCCER

Propose that we amend the policy to be more consistent with the application of our overall sportsmanship policy. Instead of limiting discipline to action in one game only, the penalties shall be cumulative throughout the season. This will also eliminate the need for any additional administration of conference warnings by the officials during the course of the match.

8.09 Sporting Conduct.

8.09.01 Statement of Policy. The A-Sun will rigorously enforce the following sporting conduct policies for all A-Sun soccer contests. These policies apply to all conference contests and are in addition to the NCAA Soccer Rules regarding penalties for unsporting behavior, foul language and dissent, as well as the A-Sun Sportsmanship Policies (1.01 of Administrative and Sports Policies).

8.09.02 ~~Conference Warning~~ Levels of Discipline.

a. Any time a yellow card (caution) is issued for **unsporting conduct, including** profane language, **hostile or abusive gestures**, ~~dissent or other acts of unsporting conduct~~ taunting, **or** baiting ~~or ridiculing another player, bench personnel or officials)~~, or a direct red card (ejection) is issued for spitting or using abusive, threatening, or obscene language or conduct, and it is the first **conference match that** such **a** yellow (caution) or red (ejection) card ~~of the match~~ **has been issued** for that team, the head coach of the team which received the yellow (caution) or red (ejection) card shall receive a ~~Conference Warning~~ **public reprimand.** ~~that any further yellow (caution) or red (ejection) cards issued for a second such violation shall result in the suspension of the head coach for the next conference contest.~~

~~**8.09.03 Conference Suspension**~~

b. Any time a yellow (caution) or red (ejection) card is issued for violations hereinabove stated in 8.09.02, and it is the second **conference match that** such **a** yellow (caution) and/or red (ejection) card **has been issued to that** ~~in the match earned by personnel on the same~~ team, the head coach of the team that received the second such yellow (caution) and/or red (ejection) card shall ~~receive a Conference Suspension which shall be served in the next conference contest. Additionally, the head coach will~~ be placed on probation for the remainder of the year.

c. Any time a yellow (caution) or red (ejection) card is issued for violations hereinabove stated in 8.09.02, and it is the third conference match that such a yellow (caution) and/or red (ejection) card has been issued to that team, the head coach of the team that received the third such yellow (caution) and/or red (ejection) card shall be suspended for the next conference match.

~~**8.09.04 NCAA Rule 12.** The Conference Warnings and Conference Suspension penalties, as set forth in 8.09.02 and 8.09.03, do not apply when the yellow (caution) or red (ejection) card is issued for other offenses under NCAA Rule 12.14 or 12.15.~~

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:

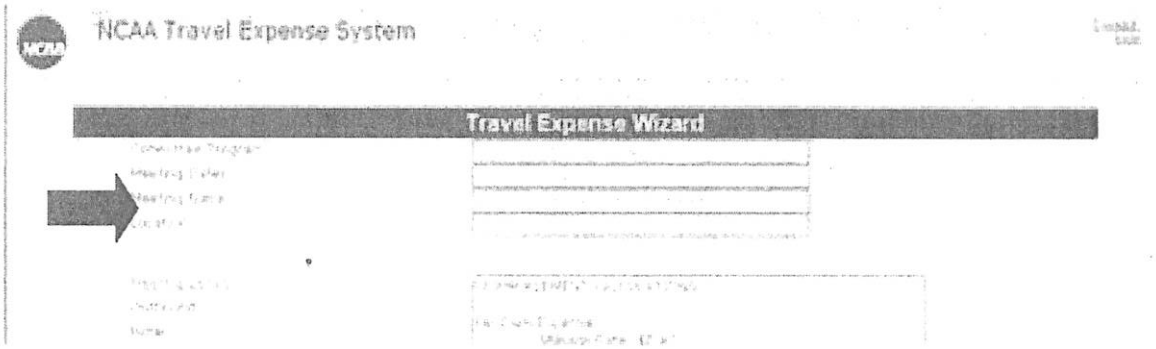
1. Per Diem recipients. This type of traveler will include most committee members and program participants who receive per diem as part of their expense reimbursement.
2. Honorarium recipients. Travelers who receive honorariums and/or some travel expense for their service instead of per diem.
3. Actual 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.

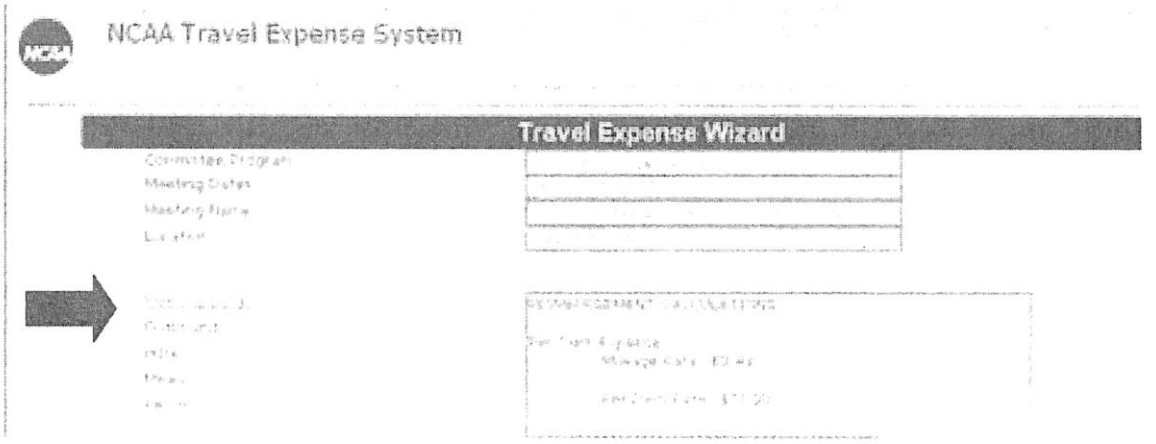
FILING YOUR EXPENSE REQUEST

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.

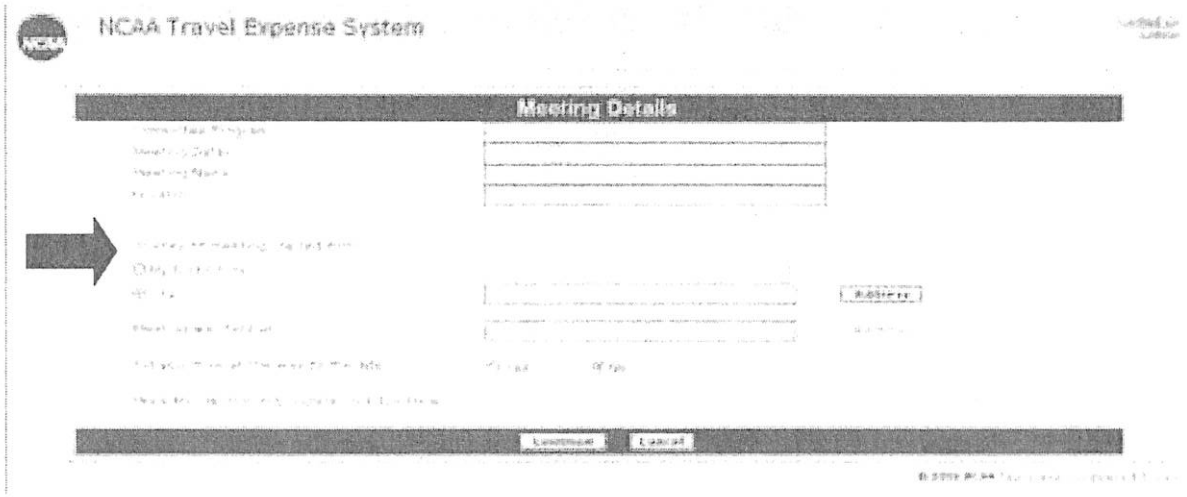
2. Once logged into the system verify the pre-populated fields: Committee/Program, Meeting Dates, Meeting Name and location.



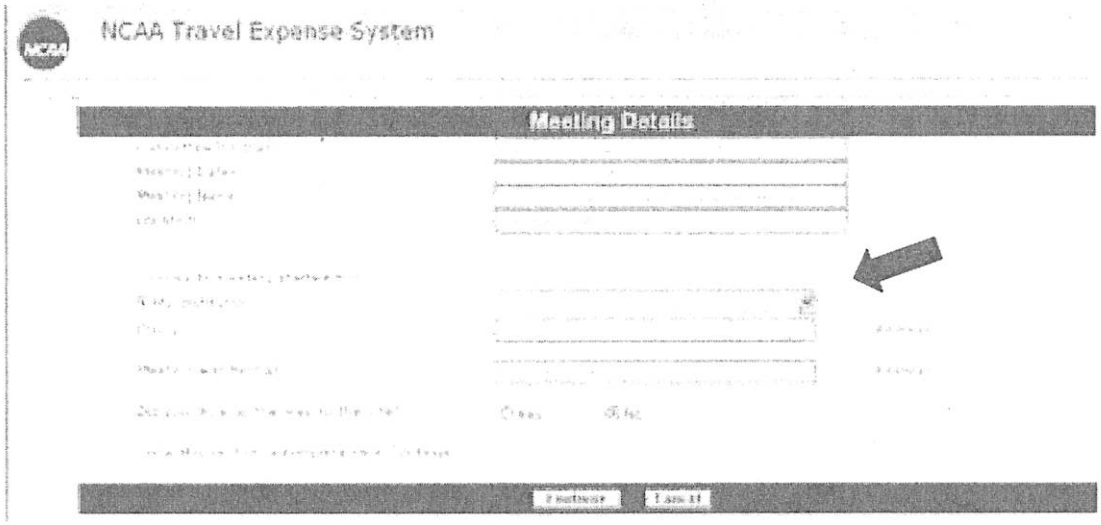
3. Once you confirm you are filing an expense form for the correct meeting, select Meeting Details.



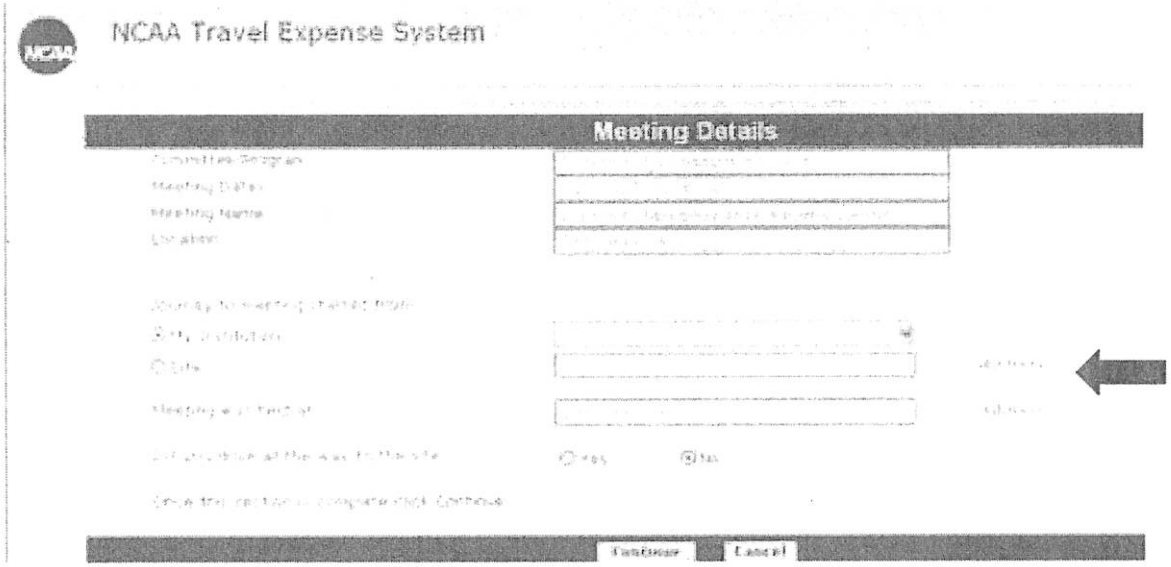
4. Select where your trip started from located under, Journey to meeting started from. If you started from your institution, click My Institution. If you left from your home, select Site.

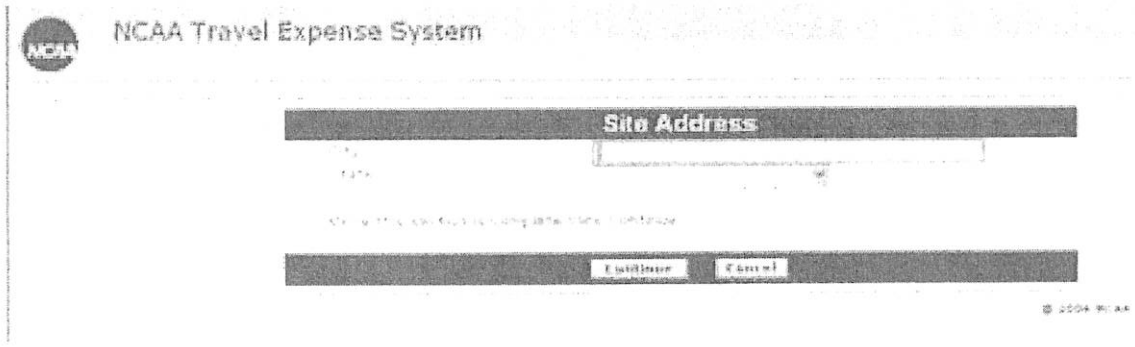


5. If you select My Institution you will need to select your institution from the dropdown menu.

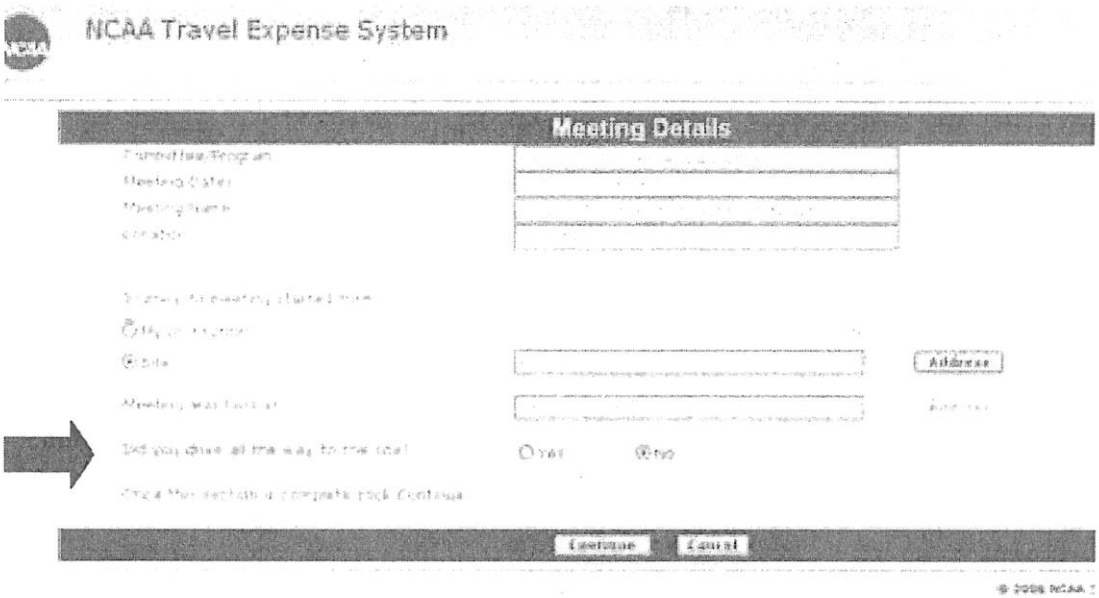


6. If you select Site, you will need to select Address. The Address button will take you to a screen that asks you to enter the city and state where your trip began. Once completed, click Continue.

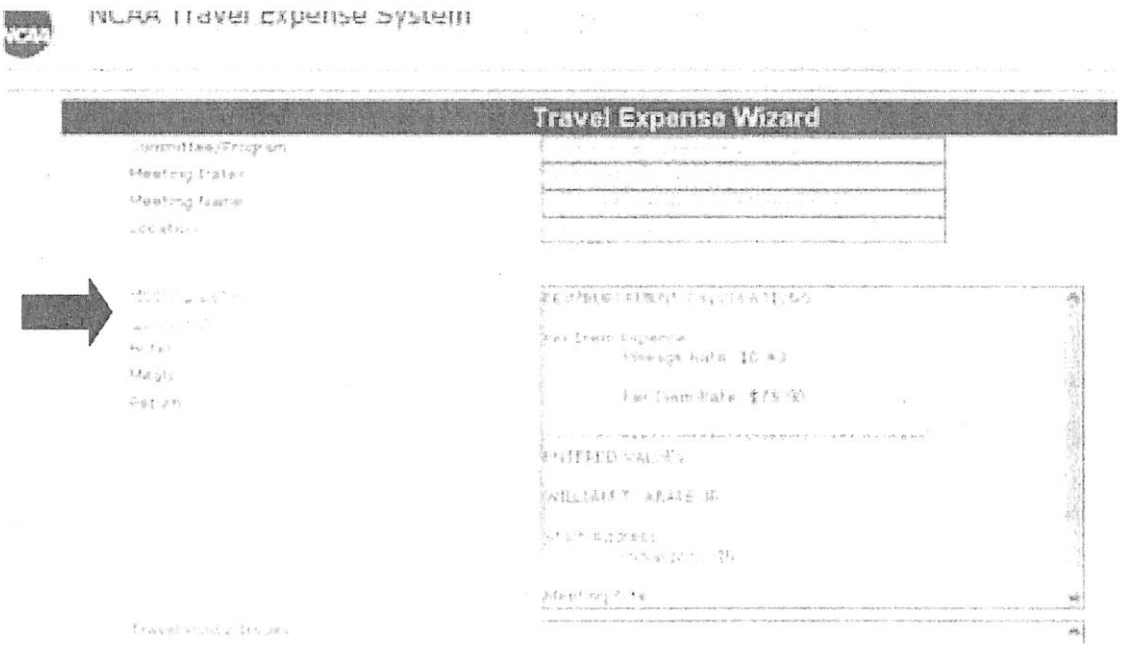




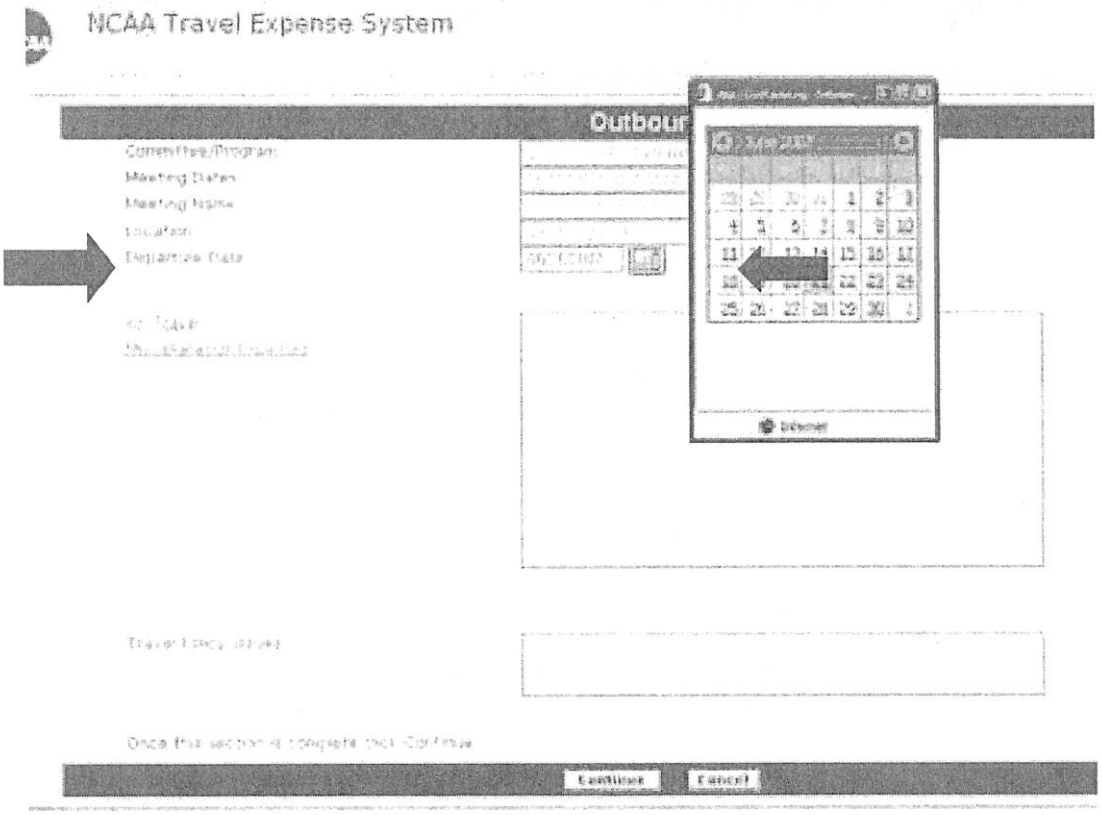
7. After selecting your institution or completing the address screen and being directed back to the Meeting Details page, you will need to answer the next question Did you drive all the way to the site? Choose the answer that applies. Once completed, click Continue. You will then be taken to the main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



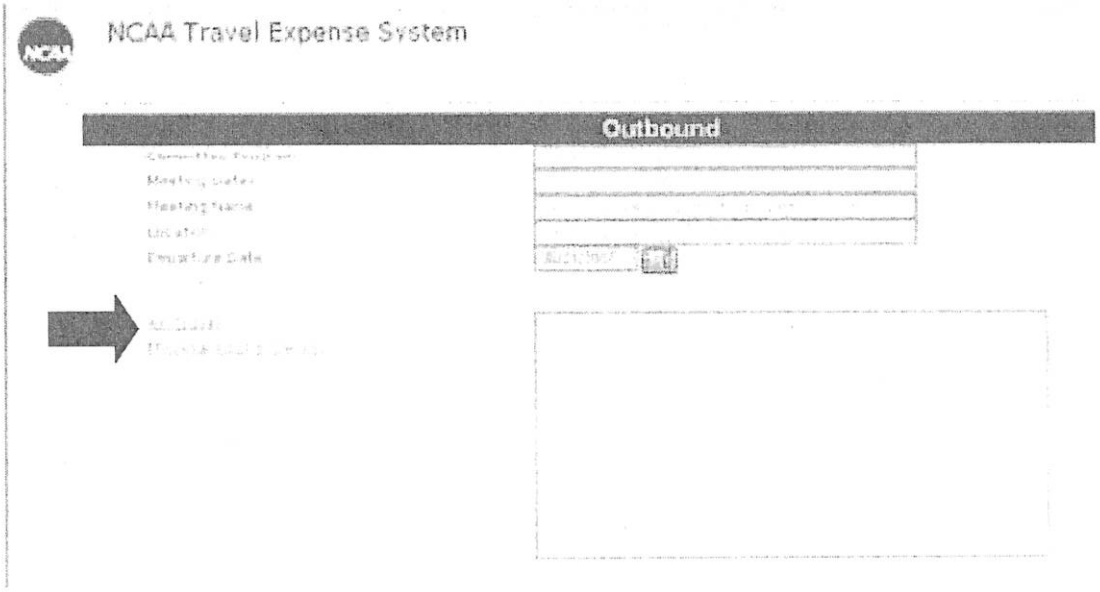
8. The next step is to enter your travel details. Click Outbound to enter your departure information.



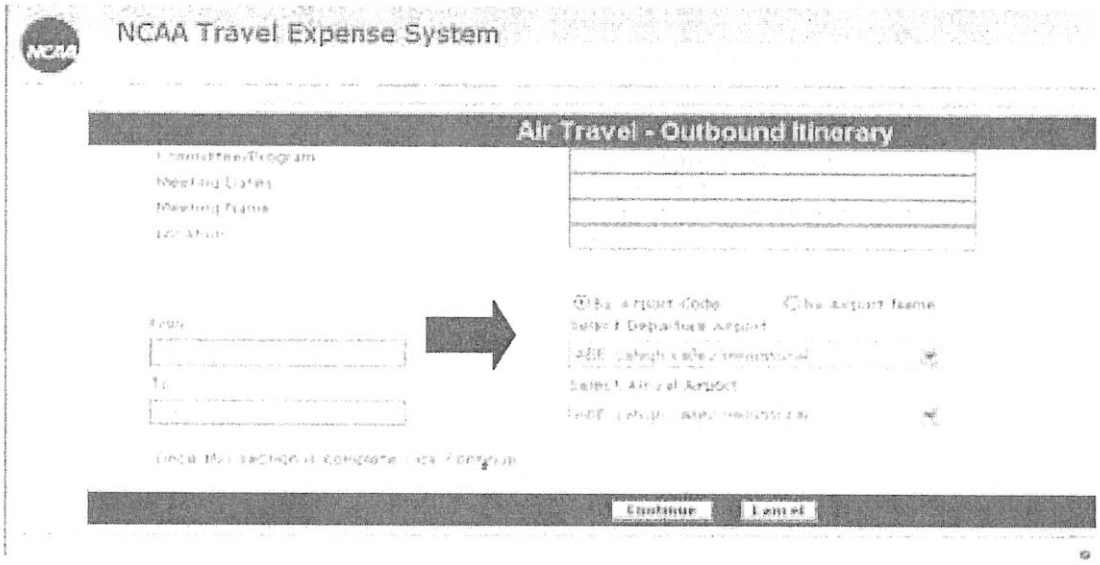
9. Once in the Outbound screen select departure date by clicking on the calendar and then select the day you departed for your meeting.



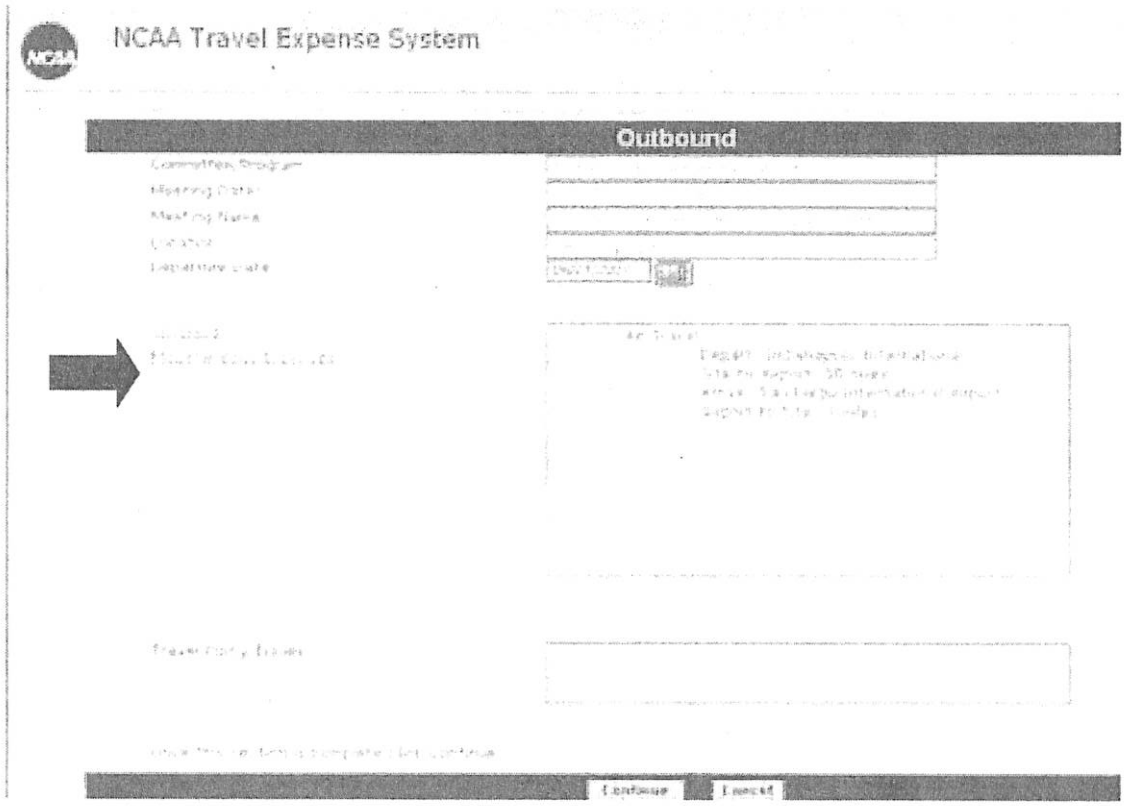
10. If you flew, a link for Air Travel will be present. You will need to click on this link to select your departure and arrival airport. If you drove, you will proceed to the Miscellaneous Expenses page.



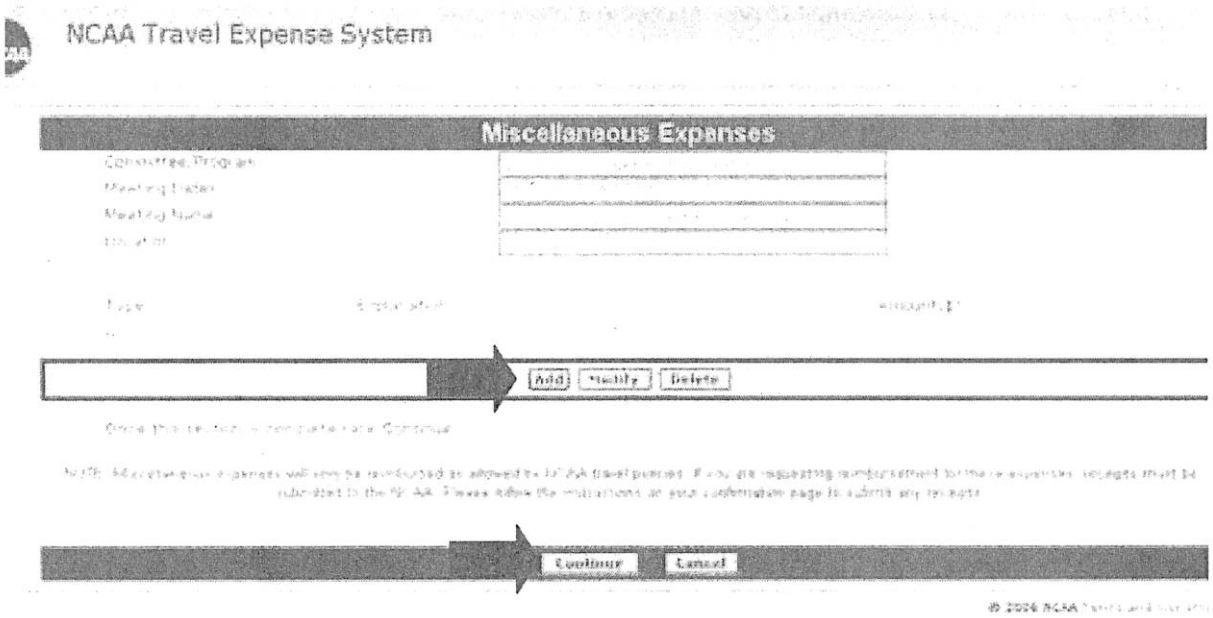
11. On the Air Travel - Outbound Itinerary screen you can select your departure and arrival airport by clicking the drop down arrow and selecting the airport. You have the choice of choosing your airport by the three letter airport code, or by airport name. Once you have completed this page click Continue.



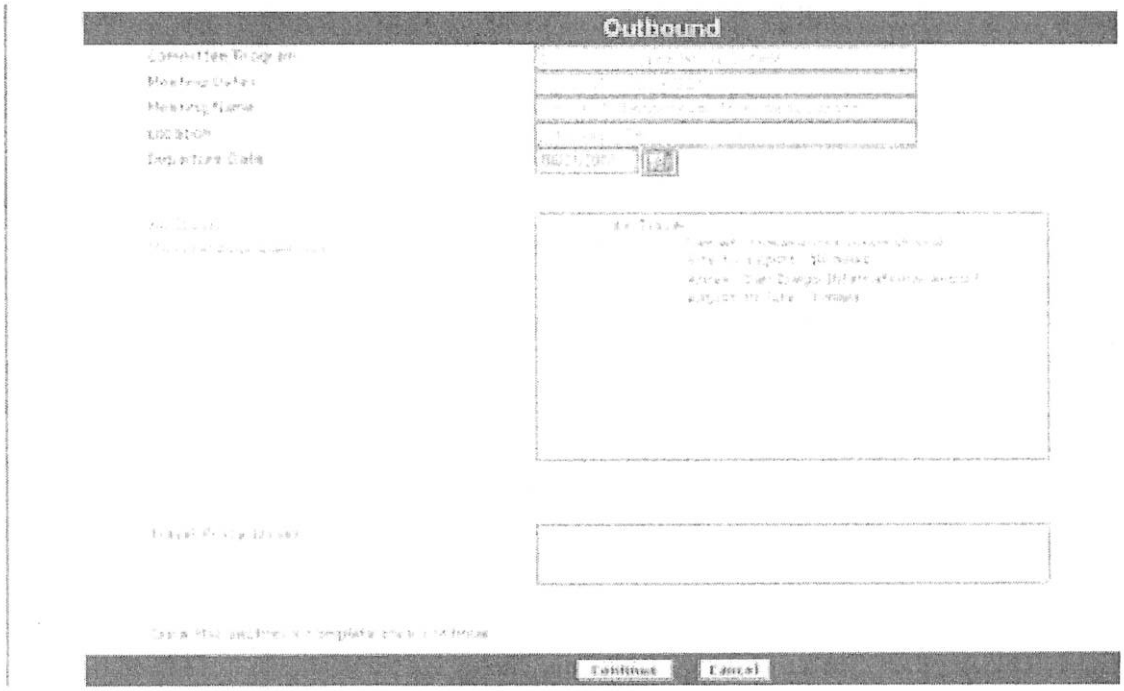
12. If you have any miscellaneous expenses, such as airline change fees or airfare costs not directly billed to the NCAA, click Miscellaneous Expenses to enter the details. Please note anything you claim here will be reviewed by NCAA travel staff and will need to be accompanied by receipts. Most committee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



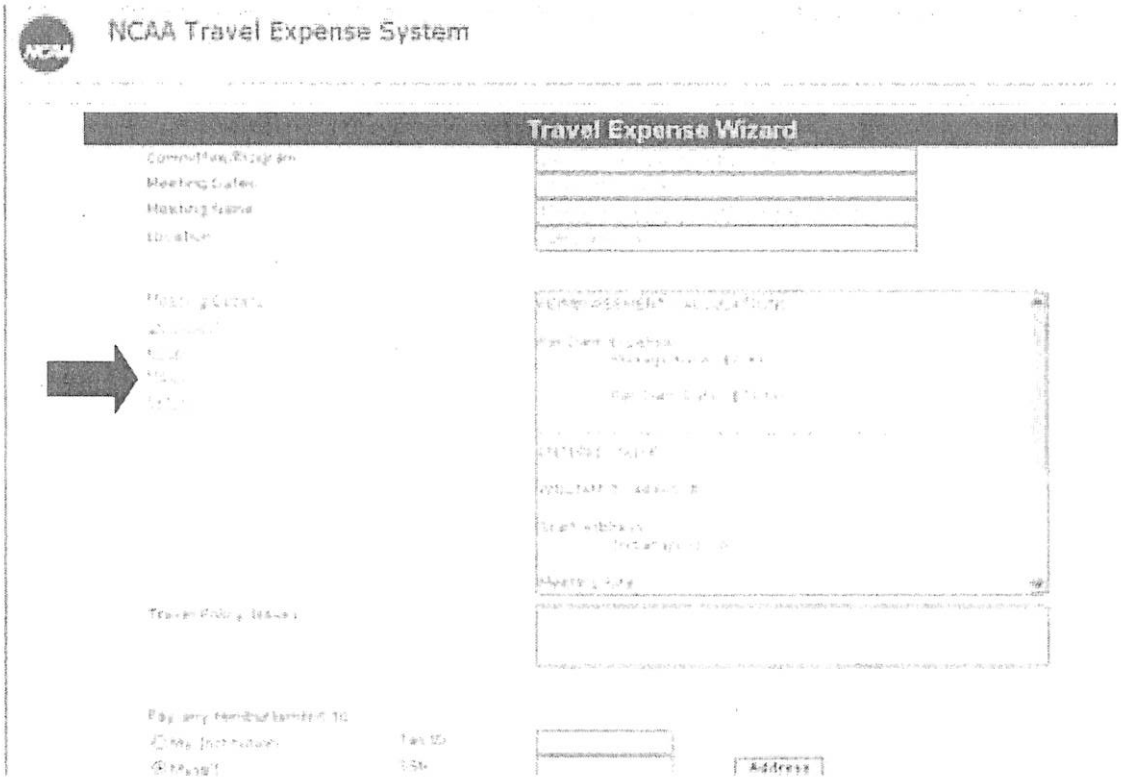
13. If you have Miscellaneous Expenses, click Add, choose the type of expense you are claiming, give the justification or explanation of the expense and the amount. This page will allow you to add as many expenses here as you need. Once you have finished entering your expenses click Continue at the bottom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



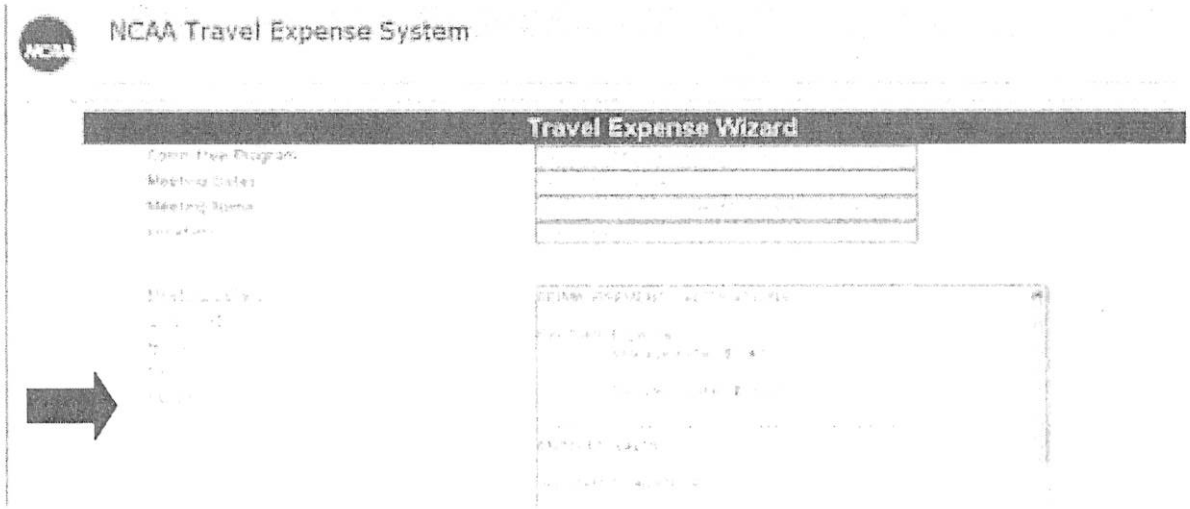
14. The details of your trip, including airports, and any miscellaneous expenses will be listed here. If you need to edit any of the information, click the appropriate link and follow the steps outlined above to make modifications. Once your information is correct, click Continue again to be directed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



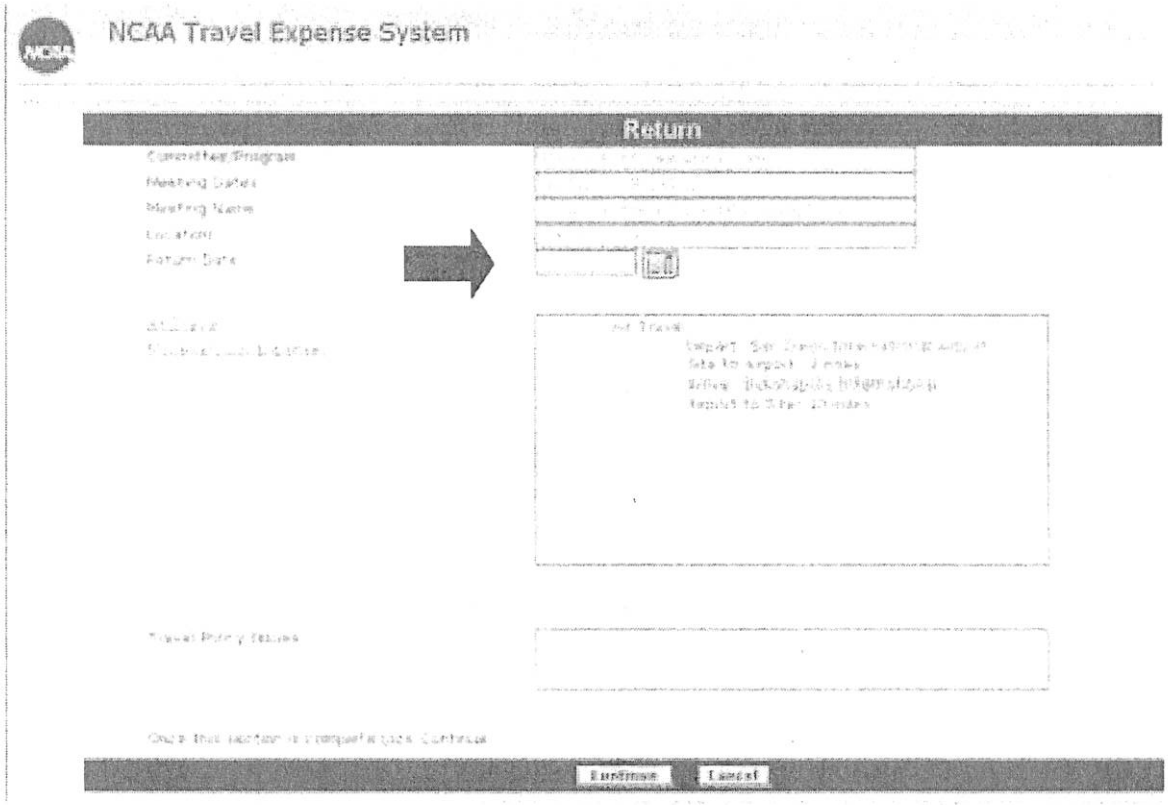
15. Once back on the Main or Travel Expense Wizard screen you have the option of adding Hotel and Meal expenses. These screens will operate just as the Miscellaneous Expense screen did. Most committee members will not use these functions as hotels are directly billed to the NCAA and meals are either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



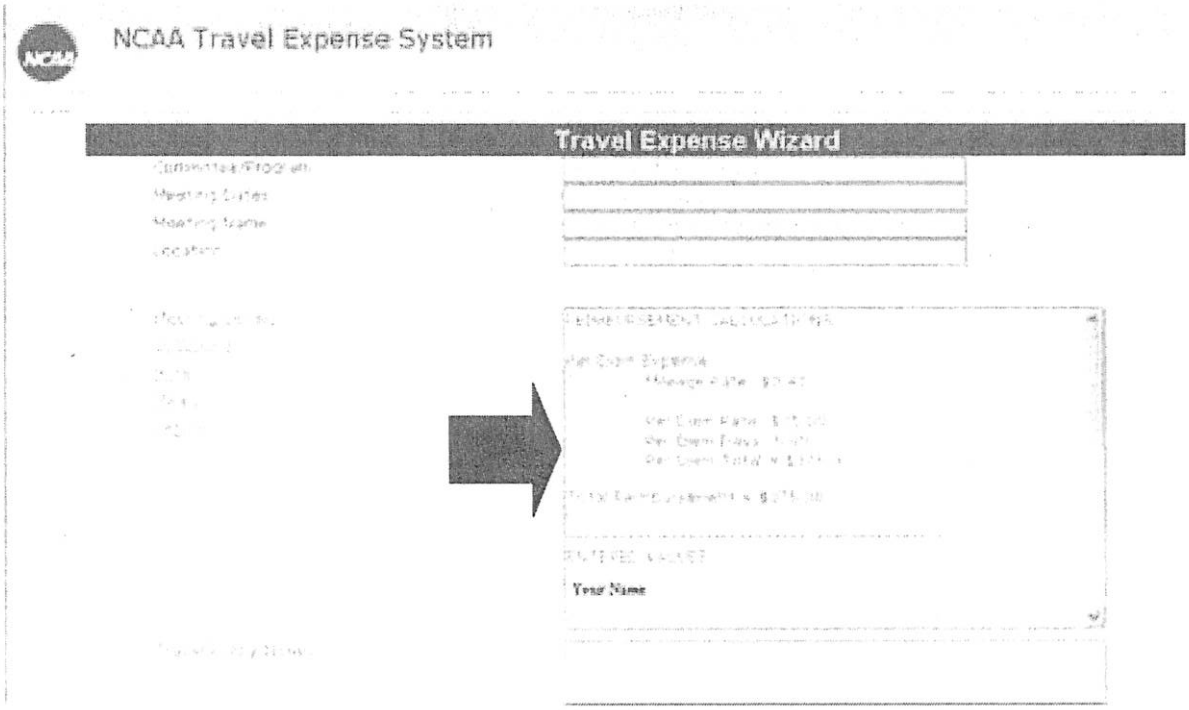
16. The next step will be to provide your return trip details, similar to how you provided your outbound details, by clicking Return.



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.

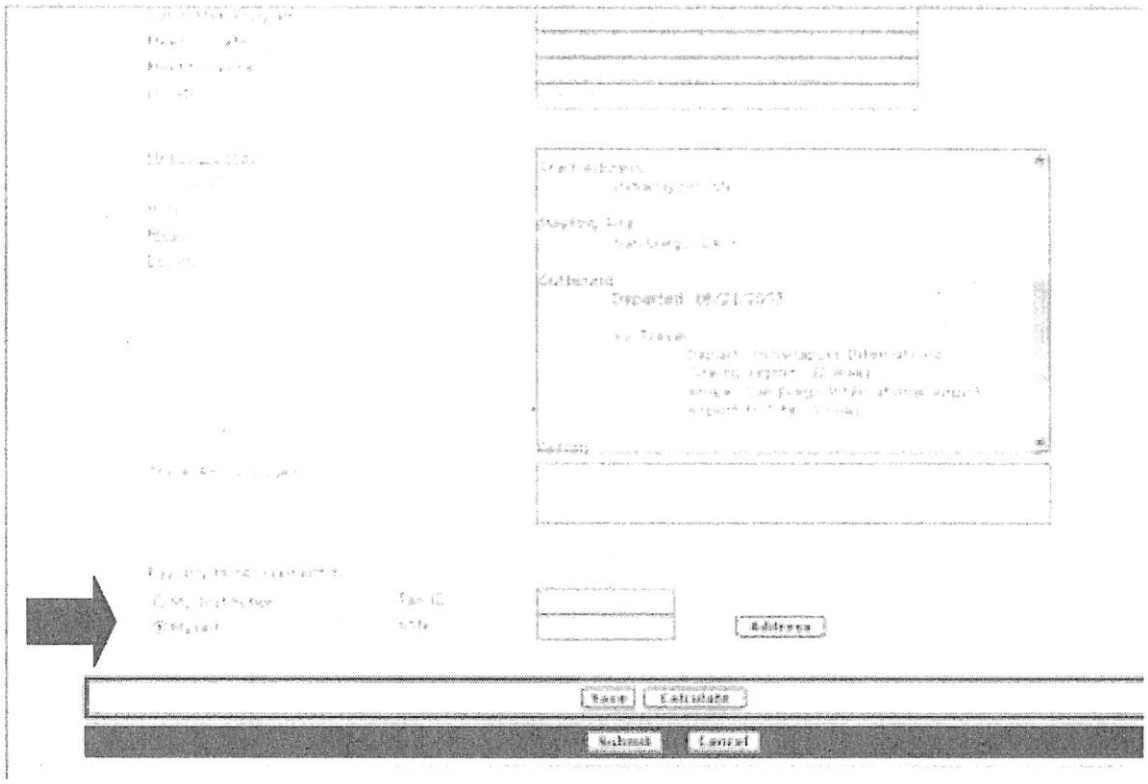


18. The main or Travel Expense Wizard page will contain all the detail you have entered as well as the calculation of expenses to be reimbursed. If any of the information is incorrect, repeat the appropriate step above to make modifications and return to the main page.



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.

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

***ACTION ITEM*.**

2011 West Regional – Hosting Adjustment.

1. Recommendation. That the West regional be conducted March 5, 2011, one week earlier than the prescribed date format. Currently it is scheduled to be conducted March 12, 2011.

2. Rationale. The West region has only four institutions that sponsor men's and women's fencing. The member institutions each host on a rotating basis. The U.S. Air Force Academy is scheduled to host the West regional in 2011 according to that rotation. However, the date of the West regional in 2011 conflicts with an annual event at Air Force. Per Air Force rules, no other events are allowed to occur on campus during this time, so Air Force would not be able to host the event. This conflict will occur at least until 2013 and maybe beyond but only impacts the fencing team when it is Air Force's turn to host the regional competition.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. The committee felt that it would not be fair to the institution or its student-athletes to not allow Air Force to host for several years. The opportunity to host gives a school relief from travel and lodging costs (which are absorbed by the institution). Hosting also allows the student-athletes an opportunity to compete "at home," providing a similar experience to other student-athletes at the remaining institutions in the West region.

5. Championships Group Comments.

   a. Historical treatment. There has been no precedent set by the committee requesting a date change for one region.

   b. Operational concerns. The fencing committee discussed at length whether this adjustment would give a competitive advantage or disadvantage to the West region student-athletes, and no advantage or disadvantage was indicated. The weekend prior to regionals is used mainly by other regions to conduct their conference competition or championship. The West does not have a conference championship, so this weekend often is idle for those institutions. The committee unanimously agreed that having two weeks off before the championships would not advantage a fencer like it might for other sports. The fencing selections are based on regional placement and fencer seeding factor of each fencer (from regular season). The other regions having knowledge of who will advance from the West does not advantage them in any way.

c. Summary of likely opposition. The West region coaches were unanimously in favor of moving the date to allow Air Force to host. The committee is confident that there would not be any opposition to this change from the other regions due to fencing being a small tight-knit community that looks after the best interests of the student-athletes who compete in the sport.

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

REPORT OF THE NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM.

Championships Format.

1. Recommendation. To permit the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee to maintain the Super Six format for the national championship, effective with the 2011 championships.

2. Rationale. In September 2009, the committee supported a recommendation from the National Association Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) to move from the current Super Six national championships format to a four-team format effective with the 2011 championships. However, since that time the committee received feedback from the NACGC/W changing its original position to allow sufficient time for the development of a strategic plan for the entire championship. Making a change to the final team championships event is premature without this comprehensive evaluation.

3. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

4. Student-Athlete Impact. The current student-athlete experience would continue to be enhanced since no change to the Super Six format would occur.

5. Championship Group Comments.

    a. Summary of likely opposition to proposal. Minimal since the coaches association submitted the proposal to strategically review the entire championship.

    b. Due to the new CBS-Turner Broadcast agreement the status of television for the women's gymnastics championships is unknown.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Start Time for Regional Competition. The committee agreed to permit host institutions to establish the start time for regional competition to begin anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. local time effective with the 2011 regionals. Starting times for regional contests will be determined by the host institutions, subject to the approval of the Women's Gymnastics Committee. Host institutions must submit their recommended start to the committee not later than January 15. The goal for each host site shall be to maximize attendance, and what one site believes is the best time to start within the time frame may differ from other institutions due to other campus activities and fan base.

Committee Chair: Paul Plinske, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Championship Manager: D'Ann Keller, Championships

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