



## Post-Presidential Retreat Updates December 7, 2011

**NOTE:** For the working groups other than Resource Allocation, the November 30 update document remains current. We intend to send an update next week as well, following meetings of the Collegiate Model: Enforcement and Collegiate Model: Rules working groups.

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### Resource Allocation Working Group

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**Presentation to Board: January 2012**

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No additional  
meetings are  
required.

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### DEVELOPMENTS

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The Resource Allocation Working Group met on December 2. The focus of the meeting was to review previously considered proposals against the Association's enduring values, which are:

- Student-athlete success academically and athletically is paramount.
- The collegiate model, in which athletics is embedded in the values of higher education including shared responsibility and accountability, should be protected and sustained.
- Amateurism defines the relationship between students and institutions in the collegiate model of athletics.
- Competitive equity and fairness of opportunity among institutions of similar commitment to intercollegiate athletics should guide the administration of the college model.

As outlined below, several of the previously considered proposals were eliminated or modified. In addition, the group discussed proposals related to non-coaching staff members and the minimum number

of sports required for Division I membership. It was the decision of the Working Group that there should be no change made to the minimum number of sports required for Division I membership.

The group will continue to work on its final report to the Division I Board of Directors through December; the deliberations of the group, however, have concluded.

## **FINAL APPROVED PROPOSALS**

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The following are the approved proposals that will be recommended to the Division I Board in January, along with the working group rationale for each proposal.

1. The working group felt that a more thoughtful approach to looking at the number of competitions was necessary before making a recommendation. Therefore the proposal related to the number of competitions is:

That an immediate moratorium be instituted to cap the number of contests/dates of competition at the levels that currently exist in all sports. It is also recommended that the NCAA commission a study to determine the maximum number of contests/dates of competition during the championship segment of the playing season that is essential to the success of each NCAA sport. In addition, the Working Group recommends that the scope of this study specifically examine how contests in the sport of basketball are counted.

The working group further recommends that once the study is completed and the new contest/dates of competition limits are in place for each sport, that those new limits remain in place for 10 years.

This new proposal replaces prior discussions on elimination of non-championship segment competition and a 10 percent reduction in regular-season competition for all sports.

Rationale: It is important for the student-athlete to have the appropriate number of competitions in place that allow them to be successful as athletes, while maximizing the time available for academic success and campus life pursuits.

2. Reduction in scholarships as follows:
  - a. FBS football scholarships from 85 to 80.
  - b. FCS football scholarships from 63 to 60, with 80 overall counters.
  - c. Women's basketball scholarships from 15 to 13. [Note: The working group will no longer recommend a requirement that the scholarships eliminated from women's basketball be reallocated to other women's sports. The working group noted that it should be at each institution's discretion as to how the dollars are to be reallocated.]

In addition, the working group also agreed they would **not** request the Committee on Academic Performance to consider incentives that would allow institutions above a certain APR score to maintain the current levels of scholarships for football and women's basketball. The working group and President Emmert reaffirmed their position and support of Title IX.

Although a reduction in the number of men's basketball scholarships was discussed, the working group believes that the current number of men's basketball scholarships at 13 is an appropriate number. Therefore no change is recommended.

Rationale: The proposed scholarship numbers allow for continued success of football and women's basketball programs while providing institutions with the opportunity to reallocate dollars to other initiatives that benefit student-athletes. The proposed scholarship reductions also will allow for athletics talent to be dispersed across more intercollegiate athletics programs.

3. Elimination of institutional foreign tours that may be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution's official catalog.

Rationale: Institutions feel a growing pressure to provide a foreign tour opportunity to each student-athlete. As a result, providing a foreign tour has become tied to the recruiting process. Student-athletes are encouraged to use institutional study abroad programs that are available during these time periods.

4. Provide the following constraints on non-coaching personnel:
  - a. In the sport of football, the Working Group will recommend a limit of 12 non-coaching staff members, whose duties include support of the football program in any capacity, including third-party contractors that may be employed by an institution. The 12 non-coaching staff members will not include athletics trainers, academic support and compliance staff members.
  - b. In the sport of men's basketball, the Working Group will recommend a limit of six non-coaching staff members, whose duties include support of the basketball program in any capacity, including third-party contractors that may be employed by the institution. The six non-coaching staff members will not include athletics trainers, academic support and compliance staff members.

NOTE: The non-coaching personnel limitations do include videographers, strength and conditioning coaches, and operations and administrative personnel. The Collegiate Model—Rules Working Group is asked to work with staff to refine the list of what would be included in the non-coaching staff limits.

Rationale: The membership and the Board of Directors have expressed significant concern with the proliferation of non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities. Dollars spent on these personnel can be allocated to areas that will more directly benefit the student-athlete and better align with enduring values.