

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. NCAA Bylaw 13.8.8.1-(b)-(1) Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Basketball Evaluations – Women's Basketball – Nonscholastic Evaluations During Academic Year – National Standardized Testing Weekends.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee recommends that the cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2009-10 legislative cycle to specify that, in the sport of women's basketball, evaluations during the fall and spring nonscholastic weekends may not occur on any weekends during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2010.
- (3) 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. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) supports and has requested this legislative change to the women's basketball recruiting calendar.
- (4) Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Impact on Time Commitment of Student-Athletes. None.

b. Bylaw 13.1.8.8.1-(b)-(1) Contacts and Evaluations – Basketball Evaluations – Women's Basketball – Summer Evaluation Period – Noninstitutional Nonorganized Events.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee requests that the cabinet sponsor legislation for the 2009-10 legislative cycle to prohibit, in women's basketball, evaluations at noninstitutional nonorganized events (e.g., pick-up games, open gyms) during the summer evaluation period.
- (2) Rationale. There has been an escalation in the number of impermissibly arranged activities disguised as open gym or pick-up games during the summer

evaluation period. These activities subject coaches to potential rules violations and can create an environment in which contact between NCAA coaches and outside influences occur. During the summer evaluation period, evaluations will be limited to institutional basketball camps and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified through the basketball certification process. The WBCA has requested this legislative change to the women's basketball recruiting model.

- (3) Budget Impact. None.
- (4) Impact on Time Commitment of Student-Athletes. None.

2. **Nonlegislative Items.**

- None.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Update on 2008-09 Division I Legislative Proposals Related to Women's Basketball. The Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee received an update on actions relative to legislative proposals impacting women's basketball that were reviewed during the 2008-09 legislative cycle.

NONLEGISLATIVE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update from the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group.** The Women's Basketball Issues Committee received an update on the ongoing efforts of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group and learned of minor changes to that group's preliminary recommendations. The committee was informed that the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group will present its recommendations to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in August, which will provide the Board with an opportunity to introduce legislation into the 2009-10 legislative cycle. The committee will continue discussions regarding an academic enhancement model for women's basketball during its August 2009 meeting.
2. **Report from the NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Cabinet.** The committee was informed that the Recruiting and Athletics Personnel plans to engage in a review related to coaching limits and the proliferation of noncoaching, sport-specific positions. Feedback from the governance structure, including this committee, and membership is welcomed.

3. **Update from the NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet.** The committee learned that the Amateurism Cabinet has continued its discussions regarding the definition of a professional team and its impact on the eligibility of prospective student-athletes. The cabinet is contemplating sponsoring legislation in the 2009-10 legislative cycle but prior to doing so would like feedback from the membership, especially coaches groups.
4. **Update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** The committee received a report of the recent meeting of the Women's Basketball Rules Committee, noting specifically that the rules committee proposed modifications to the uniform rule as well as expanded the use of the monitor in order to better address unsporting behavior.
5. **Next Meeting.** The committee's next in-person meeting is scheduled for August 20-21, 2009 in Indianapolis.

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