

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Length of Season and Number of Contests.

1. Reduce contests in all nonchampionship segments.
2. In men's and women's ice hockey, consider reducing the length of the season and number of contests.
3. Establish one number for total competitions (including traditional and nonchampionship segments).

Travel Costs.

1. No overnight travel, no missed class time for nonchampionship segments.
2. Evaluate actual versus reimbursed expenses (e.g., per diem).
3. Increase travel mileage to 400 for all sports, but with some common sense exceptions (e.g., 422 miles).
4. Review per diems (make consistent with IRS standards).

Preseason.

1. Reduce volleyball to 21 preseason practice opportunities.
2. Have CSMAS tell us what the reasonable time is to prepare for each sport.
3. Count preseason Sundays when calculating preseason practice opportunities.
4. Reduce to 18 the number of practice opportunities in all sports.
5. Consider eliminating travel to preseason practice.
6. Consider eliminating travel for practice during break.

Student-Athletes' Welfare.

1. Prohibit hotel accommodations on the night before home contests.
2. Evaluate the number of complimentary tickets student-athletes are permitted to receive for NCAA championships.
3. Eliminate all exceptions to the 48/36 hour rule.

Revenue Generation.

1. Evaluate criteria for determining sites, not just reduce flights but weigh that against possibility of generating revenue.
2. Consider bracket expansion for men's basketball (to generate more money).

Reduce National Office Cost.

1. NCAA, reduce hard copy printing (e.g., brochures).
2. Evaluate food provided to media at NCAA events.
3. Look at impact of reducing committee member per diem.
4. Evaluate the cost of "back of room operations" (e.g., cookies and drinks at NCAA events).

Officials' Fees.

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

Principles to Consider.

1. Consider input from coaches.
2. Be cautious in reducing in-person meetings.
3. Do not reduce student-athlete opportunities (travel party).

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

Ivy League Preseason Practice Regulations.

1. Ivy Fall Pre-season Practice Regulations – Field Hockey, Men’s and Women’s Soccer, Women’s Volleyball and Men’s Water Polo
 - a. The first permissible practice date is 14 days prior to the first permissible contest date. Within the 14 days there must be 2 days off (one per week) that include no athletically related activity that is required or expected or supervised by a coach. The 12 practice days include 6 days during which there is a limit of 5 hours of practice per day, and 6 days during which there is a limit of 3 hours of practice per day.
 - b. Practice hour limitations do not include team meetings or strength training.
2. Ivy Fall Pre-Season Practice Regulations – Football
 - a. In football, practice may begin on the date allowing for 35 practice units as determined by the provisions of B.17.02.11. Only 29 actual practices may be held prior to the first contest.
 - b. In accordance with 17.11.2.4, the first five days of football practice will serve as an acclimatization period. See NCAA 17.11.2.4 for limits on activities and equipment during this period.
3. Ivy Nontraditional Practice and Contests
 - a. Fall team sports are allowed 12 practice opportunities with coaches during the spring that must be declared as part of the NCAA playing and practice season. Teams are limited to a maximum of three, two-hour sessions per week.
 - b. Fall team sports may use a maximum of two non-traditional practice opportunities as competition dates provided those dates involve no missed class time and no overnight travel.

Please see the [Attachment](#) for proposals from Division II.