



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Division I Conference Commissioners, Athletics Directors,  
Men's Basketball Coaches, Men's Basketball Conference Administrators,  
CCACA, National Association of Basketball Coaches and Multiple-Team  
Event Operators.

FROM: Judy MacLeod  
Chair, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-123 (Men's Basketball Qualifying  
Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events) Adopted for the 2020-21 Men's  
Basketball Season.

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee hopes this communication finds you healthy and safe.

As a reminder, at the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, at its June 2019 meeting, the NCAA Division I Council introduced NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-123 (playing and practice seasons -- men's basketball -- number of contests -- 28 or 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event) into the 2019-20 NCAA legislative cycle.

The Council adopted Proposal No. 2019-123 during its recent April 2020 meeting. The new legislation is effective for the 2020-21 men's basketball season and changes the maximum contest limitations in men's basketball to the following:

- Twenty-eight contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed three contests); or
- Twenty-nine contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed two contests); or
- Twenty-nine contests (without participation in a multiple-team event).

Additional multiple-team event criteria required in Proposal No. 2019-123 includes:

- Must be sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association, or the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

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- Participation in each event is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period.
- All participating institutions must use the same maximum contest limit.
- A three-game multiple-team event must conclude within 10 days.
- A two-game multiple-team events must conclude within five days.
- All institutions must participate in the same number of games in the event.
- Non-Division I institutions may only participate if the non-Division I institution is serving as host of the event.

Consistent guidance has been provided since the Council introduced Proposal No. 2019-123 in June 2019 that in order to participate in a four-game multiple-team event during the 2020-21 men's basketball season, all institutions participating in the event must have signed a contract before June 26, 2019. Further, if the scheduled four-game multiple-team event contracts were not signed before June 26, 2019, then the event operator and participating institutions must modify the multiple-team event to meet the new legislation.

Finally, during its April 2020 meeting, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee noted it is not inclined to support any waivers of the multiple-team event legislation in the future.

In order to educate the membership and event operators on application and contractual issues pertaining to the proposed legislation, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee developed the following question and answer document. This document was originally sent on November 25, 2019, and minor updates have been included based on the adoption of Proposal No. 2019-123. Additionally, an NCAA.org article detailing the adoption of Proposal No. 2019-123 can be found at: <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/council-passes-men-s-basketball-multiple-team-event-proposal>.

If you have questions about the effective date and contracts, please reach out to Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at [amarkey@ncaa.org](mailto:amarkey@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6562.

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