



## 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 Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 (Men's Basketball  
Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events) Update.

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 that would change 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).

In December 2019, seven NCAA Division I conferences co-sponsored NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-123-1 (playing and practice seasons – men's basketball – number of contests – multiple team events -- eliminate "29+2" option) into the 2019-20 legislative cycle that would change 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 (without participation in a multiple-team event).

At the 2020 NCAA Convention, the Council accepted a recommendation from the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee to delay the vote on Proposal Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 until the April 23-24 Council meeting in order for the committee to provide additional data and education to the membership and key stakeholders (e.g., event operators) to ensure clarity in preparation for April voting and implementation of whichever proposal is adopted.

Further, the Council charged the committee with reviewing the effective date for Proposal Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 due to the delay on the vote. Men's Basketball Oversight Committee has affirmed its support to maintain the August 1, 2020, effective date based on widespread

membership support for changes in the multiple-team event environment and a desire to implement these changes as soon as possible.

The committee has reviewed the potential implications of the adoption of either Proposal No. 2019-123 or 2019-123-1 on the 2020-21 men's basketball season and provides the following guidance:

- If Proposal No. 2019-123 is adopted, the committee is not supportive of any legislative relief waivers from institutions seeking to permit an institution to play 27 regular season contests + one multiple team event (not to exceed four contests). All events and institutions will be expected to meet all criteria of the legislation (e.g., one team per conference, no non-Division I participation unless serving as host of the event, two game events must conclude within five days and three game events must conclude within 10 days, all teams must participate in the same number of contests in 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 basketball season, all institutions participating in the event must have signed a contract before June 26, 2019.
  - If the scheduled four-game multiple-team event did not include all contracts signed before, June 26, 2019, then the event operator and participating institutions must modify the multiple-team event to meet the new legislation.
- If Proposal No. 2019-123-1 is adopted, the committee will request a legislative relief blanket waiver seeking to permit institutions to participate in 29 regular season contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed two contests) for the 2020-21 men's basketball season only, if all institutions participating in the event signed a contract to participate in the multiple-team event on or before February 21, 2020. All events and participating institutions will be expected to meet all remaining criteria of the legislation.\*
  - Since the Council sponsorship of Proposal No. 2019-123 in June, the NCAA staff, at the direction of the committee has engaged with institutions and event operators to help educate them on the application of the proposal, including both two game and three game event formats.
  - Due to the timing of Proposal No. 2019-123-1 being introduced into the legislative cycle in December 2019, the possibility of removing the 29+2 option was not widely communicated until January 2020.
  - The blanket waiver would provide flexibility and an appropriate window of time to sign contracts for those institutions and events that had developed plans to conduct two-game events prior to January 2020.

\* E.g., one team per conference, no non-Division I participation unless serving as host of the event, two game events must conclude within five days, all teams must participate in the same number of contests in the event.

- If both Proposal Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 are referred, tabled or defeated, the current legislation permitting an institution to participate in 27 regular season contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed four contests) will remain in place for the 2020-21 men's basketball season. If this occurs, the committee will request a legislative relief blanket waiver seeking to permit institutions to participate in 28 regular season contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed three contests) or 29 regular season contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed two contests) for the 2020-21 men's basketball season only, if all institutions participating in the event signed a contract to participate in the multiple-team event on or before April 24, 2020. All events and participating institutions will be expected to meet all remaining criteria of Proposal No. 2019-123. \*\*
  - Since the Council sponsorship of Proposal No. 2019-123 in June, the NCAA staff, at the direction of the committee has engaged with institutions and event operators to help educate them on the application of the proposal, including both two game and three game event formats.
  - Based on membership survey feedback, it was assumed that Proposal No. 2019-123 would be adopted for the 2020-21 men's basketball season.
  - The blanket waiver provides relief to those institutions and events that could be detrimentally impacted due to Proposal Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 being referred, tabled or defeated for the 2020-21 basketball season only.

Men's Basketball Oversight Committee will provide additional multiple-team event information and data to conference commissioners in March 2020, including an analysis of conference-specific multiple-team event data. The committee encourages conference and institutional administrators to discuss the multiple-team event proposals and data with its men's basketball coaching staff members in preparation for the April 2020 vote.

Complete text of Proposal Nos. 2019-123 and 2019-123-1 are attached or can be found [here](#).

Please contact Abbie Markey, associate director of academic and membership affairs at [amarkey@ncaa.org](mailto:amarkey@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6562 if you have questions regarding the multiple-team event proposals or effective date.

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Attachment

cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members

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