



## 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) Application and Contractual Issues  
Questions and Answers.

### Background:

Two years ago, during its October 2017, meeting, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee began a comprehensive review of qualifying regular-season multiple-team events. The committee determined a multiple-team event examination was necessary as the legislation was a decade old and primed for review and in response to membership confusion about the legislated qualification requirements for participation in the events.

At the conclusion of its review, the committee affirmed the importance of multiple-team events to allow teams to participate in quality nonconference competition and noted the impact participation in these contests may have on postseason selection. While the committee strongly supports the ability for institutions to compete in multiple-team events, they recognize that the legislation needs to be amended to fulfill the original intent as the environment continues to evolve.

At the recommendation of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, at its June 2019 meeting, the NCAA Division I Council introduced NCAA Proposal No. 2019-123 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 + one multiple-team event (not to exceed two contests); or
- Twenty-nine contests (without participation in a multiple-team event).

As a part of Proposal No. 2019-123, there was support to maintain the following current qualifying regular-season multiple-team event criteria:

- 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.

Additionally, Proposal No. 2019-123 would establish the new following criteria:

- Three game multiple-team event must conclude within 10 days and 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.

If adopted by the Council in January 2020, the new legislation would be effective for the 2020-21 basketball season. Also, it is important to note, that any contracts signed before June 26, 2019, and in compliance with the current legislation [i.e., 27 contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed four contests)] may be honored during the 2020-21 basketball season only.

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.

Information regarding Proposal No. 2019-123 can be found [here](#).

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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