



**REPORT OF THE NCAA
DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 29, 2024, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative action.**
 - **Playing and Practice Seasons – Skill Instruction – Men's Basketball.** That the NCAA Division I Council adopt expedited legislation to permit out-of-season skill instruction in men's basketball to be publicized and conducted in view of the general public provided the activity occurs on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution's men's basketball team for practice and competition.

Effective date. Immediate.

Rationale. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee charged the NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball Summer Basketball Initiative Working Group with identifying and recommending specific areas, related to men's basketball, for potential legislative change. Currently, men's basketball is the only sport that has this restriction. Deregulation of this rule allows for institutional autonomy regarding who may attend practice out of season and during the summer. The proposal also provides institutional men's basketball programs the opportunity to engage with fans outside the playing season and during the summer and allows returning and incoming men's basketball student-athletes the opportunity to be exposed to the fanbase during time periods throughout the year when they have not been previously able. Allowing fans and community members to have this additional exposure to a basketball team outside a competition setting would assist with growing their support year-round. Such individuals may also develop a greater appreciation for the team and share the appreciation with other potential fans. Further, restricting the location of such activities to the institution's campus or a facility regularly used by the institution's men's basketball team for practice and competition eliminates any real or perceived recruiting advantage if such institutional team activities were to occur at other locations. Expedited review is requested to provide consistency in the application of the legislation during institutions' eight-week summer access period.

Estimated budget impact. None.

Student-athlete impact. May have a positive impact on student-athlete well-being and retention by creating an atmosphere during the summer and outside the playing season that is more akin to the environment that student-athletes experience during the playing season.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Legislative action.**

- a. **Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Exhibition Contests and Scrimmages – Men's Basketball.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2024 Division I pilot legislative process to permit an institution to play up to two preseason exhibition contest(s) and/or practice scrimmages against an NCAA four-year collegiate institution prior to the first permissible contest date. Further to eliminate the requirements that practice scrimmages must be conducted in privacy and without publicity or official scoring.

Effective date. Immediate for preseason exhibition contest(s) and practice scrimmages occurring on or after August 1, 2024. A contract signed for an exhibition contest or scrimmage before April 3, 2024, may be honored.

Rationale. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee charged the NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball Summer Basketball Initiative Working Group with identifying and recommending specific areas, related to men's basketball, for potential legislative change. Currently, a Division I institution may compete against another Division I team in a closed practice scrimmage or in public exhibition game when meeting specific waiver criteria. These publicized exhibition games have been positively received by the membership and allow student-athletes to prepare for regular season competition in a game environment rather than behind closed doors. NCAA legislation should not regulate whether preseason scrimmages against Division I collegiate teams are held within the view of the public as the determination of whether preseason scrimmages and exhibitions are closed or open to the public should be an institutional decision. Finally, limiting exhibition games to contests against NCAA member institutions is a healthier competitive environment for collegiate teams, eliminates potential recruiting advantages and improves the image of the game.

Estimated budget impact. Varies based on institutional decision-making.

Student-athlete impact. None.

- b. **Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Intrasquad Scrimmages – Men's Basketball.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2024 Division I pilot legislative process to permit an institution to play up to two preseason intrasquad scrimmages at an off-campus location within its state border or within a 400-mile radius of the institution's campus, except for at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution.

Effective date. Immediate for preseason intrasquad scrimmages occurring on or after August 1, 2024.

Rationale. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee charged the NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball Summer Basketball Initiative Working Group with identifying and recommending specific areas, related to men's basketball, for potential legislative change. The proposal permits institutional flexibility by expanding the location restriction of where an institution's men's basketball preseason intrasquad scrimmage may occur prior to the first permissible contest date and to allow institutions to build fan support for an institution's team by allowing intrasquad scrimmages to occur in locations within their state or within a 400-mile radius of the institution's campus. Existing NCAA legislation prohibits student-athletes from missing class time for practice activities, therefore, this proposal will not impact a student-athlete's academics. Lastly, restricting the location of such activities to within the institution's state border or a 400-mile radius of the institution eliminates the real or perceived recruiting advantage if such institutional team activities were to occur at other locations.

Estimated budget impact. None.

Student-athlete impact. None.

- c. **Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Men's Basketball.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2024 Division I pilot legislative process to eliminate the restriction in men's basketball that prohibits a men's basketball student-athlete from participating in more than one foreign tour per institution.

Effective date. Immediate.

Rationale. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee charged the NCAA Division I College Basketball Summer Basketball Initiative Working Group with identifying and recommending specific areas, related to men's basketball, for potential legislative change. Currently, basketball is the only sport that limits student-athletes from participating in no more than one foreign tour at a particular institution. The proposal modernizes the application of the time lapse between foreign tours legislation to permit men's basketball student-athletes to participate in more than one foreign tour per institution should they remain enrolled at the institution long enough for a second tour to occur. Further, the proposal would align men's basketball with the opportunity that student-athletes in other sports have to participate in more than one foreign tour at the same institution. Note this proposal would not modify the limitation that a team may only conduct a foreign tour once every four years.

Estimated budget impact. None.

Student-athlete impact. Opportunity for student-athletes to engage in an additional foreign tour.

- d. **Recruiting – Official Visits – Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limit – Men's Basketball Institutional Official Visit Limitation.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2024 Division I pilot legislative process to specify that an institution may provide 35 official visits over a rolling two-year period (up to 41 for national service academies) in men's basketball. Further, to specify that a national service academy shall not exceed 35 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date of the first year in each rolling two-year period. Finally, to eliminate the head coaching change exception.

Effective date. August 1, 2024.

Rationale. Currently, in men's basketball, the maximum number of permissible official visits an institution is permitted to provide is 28 over a rolling two-year period from August 1 through July 31. A blanket waiver was in effect to provide 35 official visits for men's basketball over the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2023, to address the changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., one-time transfer exception, NCAA Transfer Portal). This blanket waiver has now expired, and institutions have reverted to the legislation of 28-visit maximum over the rolling two-year period. Recent legislative changes to the one-time transfer exception, notification of transfer windows and unlimited prospective student-athlete official visits require an increase in the annual number of official visits an institution may provide. This legislative change also promotes responsible recruiting practices on an annual basis by eliminating the exception that provides an institution with additional visits if there is a head coaching change.

Estimated budget impact. Costs associated with an increased number of official visits.

Student-athlete impact. Time demands associated with student host duties for additional visits.

- e. **Playing and Practice Seasons - Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event – Men's Basketball.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2024 Division I pilot legislative process to permit two teams from the same conference to participate in a single site eight-team qualifying regular-season multiple-team (MTE) event provided: a) there is a maximum of two teams from any conference in the same year; b) the same conference may only be represented in the same event with two teams once every four years; c) and two teams from the same conference must be on opposite sides of the bracket.

Effective date. August 1, 2024, for events occurring during the 2024-25 men's basketball season.

Rationale. The realignment of and growth of Division I conference memberships has led to challenges associated with meeting the one team per conference MTE requirement. This proposal seeks to maintain the status quo of the current MTE environment by allowing the same amount of access to teams from larger conferences as they have had historically while prolonging the viability of eight-team MTEs with representation from at least seven different conferences. Without this limited increased flexibility, teams from larger conferences would be incentivized to participate in four-team MTEs that would limit interconference competition at strategic times during the year. All conferences would be eligible to use the exception regardless of size. The current waiver information standards for two teams participating in the same conference based on realignment would remain applicable.

Estimated budget impact. None.

Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. **Review NCAA Division I Men's Final Four stipend policy.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2024 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Final Four stipend policy.
- b. **Reviewed NCAA Division I Legislative Committee feedback requests.** At the request of the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Division I pilot legislative process and a recommendation that would move the Division I men's basketball recruiting calendar from NCAA legislation to policy overseen by the oversight committee. The oversight committee noted its strong support for extending the pilot process and removing the recruiting calendar from the legislation due to the opportunity for the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group to be directly involved in the rules making process that most impacts their sport while allowing the NCAA Division I Council to focus on broader priorities for all sports and the membership at large.
- c. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group update.** The committee received an update from the February 21 Men's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group videoconference.
- d. **NABC update.** The committee received an update from the NABC and its current work on the association's upcoming convention in conjunction with the 2024 Men's Final Four, which will be held in Phoenix.

- e. **Project Division I discussion.** The committee received an update on the Project Division I which includes discussions around the following key areas: (1) enhanced educational benefits to student-athletes; (2) name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes; and (3) establishing an alternative subdivisional structure. The committee will continue to receive updates as the Project Division I work progresses.
- f. **Name, image and likeness – NCAA championship licensing.** The committee received an update on the Championships Event Licensing Program, a group licensing opportunity for student-athletes who participate in NCAA championships which will be managed through The Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC).
- g. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee January 17 and February 13-15 meeting updates.** The committee received an update from the Men's Basketball Committee's January 17 and February 13-15 meeting.
- h. **Identification of discussion topics for upcoming NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' joint meeting agenda.** The committee was asked to identify any topics to be discussed during an upcoming joint Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' meeting.
- i. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee January 9 meeting addendum report.** The committee reviewed and approved its January 9 addendum report.
- j. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee February 5 videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the Administrative Subcommittee's February 5 videoconference report.
- k. **NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Subcommittee February 14 videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the Legislative Subcommittee's February 14 videoconference report.

Committee Chair: Eddie Nuñez, University of New Mexico
Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships
Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee February 29, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Scott Barnes, Oregon State University.	
Don Bruce, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference.	
Ed Cooley, Georgetown University.	
Julie Cromer, Ohio University.	
Bubba Cunningham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.	
Kery Davis, Howard University.	
Angie Jabir, Siena College.	
Stu Jackson, West Coast Conference.	
Sion James, Tulane University.	
Alicia Jessop, Pepperdine University.	
Patrick McCaffery, University of Iowa.	
Eddie Nuñez, University of New Mexico.	
Matt Painter, Purdue University.	
Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.	
John Williams, Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Kevin Pauga, Michigan State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Dan Gavitt and Charnele Kemper.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Tony Barone, Emily Capehart, David Clendenin, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Michele Forte-Osborne, Danny Haynor, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Jeremy McCool, Ty Medd, Austin Moutry, JoAn Scott and Andy Supergan.	