

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MAY 16, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

### ACTION ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative Items.
  - a. Recruiting Contacts and Evaluations Contactable Individuals Notification of Transfer Undergraduate Student-Athletes Reduce from 45 to 30 Days Men's Basketball.
    - (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. That the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation at its June 2024 meeting into the October 2024 Division I Council-governance legislative cycle process to reduce, from 45 days to 30 days, the duration of the notification of transfer windows for undergraduate four-year transfer student-athletes. Further, the 30-consecutive day period would begin the day after the end of the second round of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.
    - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
    - (3) Rationale. When the windows into the notification of transfer process were adopted, there was recognition that the timing and duration of the windows would need to be monitored and potentially, adjusted. Summer access is unique to football and basketball. An earlier transfer window deadline allows more time for student-athletes to engage in the recruitment process and make decisions on where to enroll prior to the start of institutions' summer classes and summer access activities. The deadline for the 30-day transfer window would be in late April each year, prior to the end of most institutions' final exam periods when student-athletes depart campus. Further, 68% of teams conclude their season by Selection Sunday and this model allows a majority of studentathletes a week or more to catch up on their academic work and decide whether to enter the portal following the conclusion of their season and prior to the opening of the window. This model moves the current opening of the transfer window one week later than current window (day following Selection Sunday) to avoid conflicts with many teams' participation in postseason tournaments. Additional data shows 91% of team's seasons have concluded on Monday after Second Round and the 30-day transfer window is consistent with data demonstrating the majority of aided undergraduate men's basketball studentathletes, 74%, entered the NCAA Transfer Portal within the first four weeks in 2023 and 83% within the first four weeks in 2024.
    - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
    - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

- b. Amendment to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-16 -- Athletics Personnel and Recruiting Limitations on The Number of Off-Campus Recruiters Women's Basketball.
  - (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee requests the council amend NCAA Proposal No. 2024-16 to add men's basketball and specific in men's basketball, that six countable coaches may contact and evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus; however, the institution's head coach must designate four countable coaches to engage in off-campus recruiting on a day-by-day basis during any recruiting or evaluation period.
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate (for the amendment).
  - (3) Rationale. National regulation prohibiting two countable coaches from recruiting off-campus is not necessary and hinders the development of the coaching pipeline in basketball. The adoption of Proposal No. 2022-30 increased the number of countable coaches in basketball but prohibited those additional coaches from recruiting off campus. Experience contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus is imperative to the development of coaches and the overall coaching pipeline. Permitting no more than four of six countable coaches to recruit off-campus on any one day ensures at least two coaches remain available to current student-athletes for practice and/or skill instruction. Further, in men's basketball, the amendment will permit flexibility for men's basketball coaching staffs to determine their off-campus recruiters on a day-to-day basis during any recruiting or evaluation period.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
- Committees Division I Committees Men's Basketball Committee –
   Addition of Committee Position to the Group of Seven Highest Ranked
   Conferences Based on Basketball Success.
  - (1) <u>Recommendation</u>. That the council adopt expedited legislation to modify NCAA Bylaw 21.10.6.1.1 during its June 2024 meeting, to specify that the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, four members selected from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on basketball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences.
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) <u>Rationale.</u> With the change to the number of autonomy conferences, there is a need to determine how the composition of the Men's Basketball Committee should be adjusted. The Men's Basketball Committee and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee endorsed a model that would allocate that open seat to the group made up of the seven highest ranked nonautonomy conferences based on basketball success. This will allocate four committee seats equally among the three groups, while still allowing each eligible conference to have the opportunity to be represented on the committee.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
- 2. Nonlegislative Items.
  - None.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. Review Men's Basketball Oversight Committee-sponsored Division I proposals for June 2024 legislative cycle. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and adopted Proposal Nos. 2024-11, 2024-13 and 2024-14. The proposals will be adopted as final pending council review in June 2024.

Further, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed Proposal No. 2024-15 but did not take action. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee agreed to continue discussions on the proposal with the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee for consideration of anticipated action, including possible amendment, during the Men's Basketball Oversight committee's June in-person meetings.

Finally, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee amended Proposal No. 2024-12, to include clarification that the preseason practice scrimmages and/or exhibition contests must occur at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution or a facility that is regularly used by prospective student-athletes for practice or competition. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee anticipates action on the proposal during its June 24-25 in-person meeting.

2. First permissible contest date for men's basketball discussion. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee continued its discussion on the lack of standard length of season in the sport of men's basketball and recommended a concept that would standardize the playing season to 22 weeks from the first permissible contest date to the Final Four beginning the first Wednesday in November. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee noted that under this concept there would not be variability in the season length based on calendar, length of season would be standardized regardless of when the Final Four occurs each year, conflicts with election day and first contest date would be avoided and

scheduling compression is alleviated during years when the playing season is 21 weeks. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee will share this concept with the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee for its review and potential sponsorship in women's basketball. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee will continue to discuss the first permissible contest date concept during its June 24-25 with plans to sponsor a legislative proposal into the October 2024 legislative cycle. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will review this topic at its June 24-25 in-person meetings.

- 3. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships and National Invitational Tournament update. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update regarding the 2024 Division I Men's Basketball Championship. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee also received updates from the latest Division I Men's Basketball Committee meeting and the 2024 National Invitation Tournament.
- **4. Outside competition update.** The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the May 9 Outside Competition Working Group call. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee will continue to receive updates from the Outside Competition Working Group during future meetings.
- **5. National Association of Basketball Coaches update.** The committee received an update from the NABC.
- 6. Identification of discussion topics for upcoming NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' joint meeting agenda. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee was asked to identify any topics to be discussed during the next joint Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' meeting.
- 7. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee April 25 videoconference report. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its April 25 videoconference report.

Committee Chair: Eddie Nuñez, University of New Mexico Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships

Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

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### **Attendees:**

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.

Stu Jackson, West Coast Conference.

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Alicia Jessop, Pepperdine University.

Eddie Nuñez, University of New Mexico.

Matt Painter, Purdue University.

Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Brad Walker, America East Conference.

John Williams, Big 12 Conference.

**Absentees:** 

Patrick McCaffery, University of Iowa.

**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, Judy Delp, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Greg Johnson, Abbie Markey, Jeremy McCool, Ty Medd and JoAn Scott.