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National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Management Council

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May 15, 2020
1:30 to 3 p.m. Eastern Time

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Chris Graham)
2. Review recommendations regarding possible changes to Division II championships selection, sports sponsorship requirements and maximum number of contests for 2020-21. [Supplement No. 2] (Markie Cook, Roberta Page, Angela Red and Karen Wolf)
3. Other business. (Graham)
4. Adjournment.



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Discuss Possible Changes to NCAA Division II Championships Selection, Sports Sponsorship Requirements and Maximum Number of Contests for 2020-21

Issue:

Whether changes need to be made to NCAA Division II minimum number of contests for championships selection, minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship and maximum number of permissible contests for the 2020-21 academic year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background:

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on Division II institutions and conferences, the Division II membership has been engaged in conversations related to the 2020-21 season. One of the issues being discussed by the membership and the Division II governance structure is possible changes to the minimum numbers for championships selection, the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship and the maximum number of permissible contests.

With the financial struggles Division II institutions are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, even if sports resume as scheduled in fall 2020, many institutions won't be able to afford the same level of regular-season travel or be able to meet current standards for championships selections or sports sponsorship. In addition, concerns have been stated that if maximum numbers for playing and practice seasons are not adjusted, there may be competitive inequity.

Due to the impact that these decisions can have, the Presidents Council will make the final decision in this matter, following recommendations from the Management Council and appropriate governance committees with oversight over these matters.

Attachment A presents recommendations from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) regarding possible reductions.

Due to the differences in numbers for championships selection, the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship, and the maximum number of contests, as well as the different committees that have oversight over each of these requirements, this discussion document will be separated into three parts, but were reviewed in its entirety by each group:

PART 1 – Championships Selection

Recommendations (see Attachment B):

Division II Bylaw 31.2 (eligibility for championships) requires teams to satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests) to be eligible for championships selection. The Division II Championships Committee has purview over the eligibility for championships, including the minimum number of contests for championships selection in each sport.

Division II Championships Committee and Division II Membership Committee: Recommend a 33% reduction in minimum contests for championship selections in Division II championship sports, with the exemption of rowing. Recommends an increase in rowing to four. One trip down the course counts as one contest, so it is possible to have three contests in one weekend. The increase to four ensures teams must compete on at least two weekends to be selected for the championship.

Division II Legislation Committee: Recommends a 33% reduction in minimum contests for championship selections in Division II championship sports.

Note: Championship selection minimums for National Collegiate Championship sports are determined by the Division I Competition Oversight Committee.

Possible Action by Management Council:

1. Recommendation to the Presidents Council to adopt policy to amend minimum number of contests for championships selection in 2020-21.
2. No recommendation.

PART 2 – Minimum Number of Contests for Sports Sponsorship

Recommendations (see Attachment C):

Division II Bylaw 20 (division membership) governs the minimum number of contests each sport must participate in during a given academic year to meet sports sponsorship. The Membership Committee has purview over the minimum contests required in each sport to meet sports sponsorship requirements.

Membership Committee, Championships Committee and Legislation Committee: Recommend a 33% reduction in minimum sports sponsorship requirements in all Division II sports, including National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey.

Possible Action by Management Council:

1. Recommendation to the Presidents Council to approve a blanket waiver to reduce the number of contests required for sports sponsorship for 2020-21.
2. No recommendation.

PART 3 – Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition

Division II Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) governs the maximum number of contests and dates of competition each sport can participate in during a given academic year. Each sport includes competition that is exempted from the limits, such as the NCAA championship, conference tournament and scrimmages. The Division II Legislation Committee has purview over the playing and practice seasons legislation, including the maximum contest and date of competition limitations in each sport.

Recommendations (see Attachment D):

Legislation Committee: Supports the CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests in cross country and football due to the small number of permissible dates of competition and contests, respectively. Recommends an average reduction of 16% in all other Division II championship sports.

Championships Committee: Supports the CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests by sport in Division II championship sports, with the exception of softball, golf and track and field. Recommends reduction to 44 (21.5% cut) in softball, 16 in men's and women's golf (24% cut) and 14 in track and field (23% cut). The recommendation will allow 11 weekends with two doubleheaders in softball and eight two-day tournaments in golf.

Membership Committee: Supports the CCA recommended reductions in maximum number of contests by sport in Division II championship sports, with the exception of softball and golf. Recommends reduction to 44 (21.5% cut) in softball and 16 in men's and women's golf (24% cut). The recommendation will allow 11 double doubleheaders in softball and eight two-day tournaments in golf.

Possible Action by Management Council:

1. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to reduce the maximum number of contests and dates of competition each sport can participate in 2020-21 (this requires a 3/4 majority vote).
2. Recommend that the Presidents Council call for a special virtual Convention on Monday, August 19 and recommend that the Presidents Council sponsor a resolution to be voted on at the special Convention to reduce the maximum number of contests and dates of competition each sport can participate in 2020-21.
3. Recommend that the Presidents Council approve a policy for championships eligibility that limits the number of contests an institution can play in a sport to be considered for championships.

4. No recommendation.

Additional Questions to Consider:

1. Basketball teams may exempt two contests played as part of a conference challenge event as well as games played in the Tip-Off Classic. Should those contests count toward the limit during the 2020-21 academic year?

Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Membership Committee:
Recommend these events not be exempted for the 2020-21 academic year.

2. Should discretionary exemptions (generally three per sport), such as scrimmages and exhibitions against a non-Division II four-year collegiate institution, count toward the limit during the 2020-21 academic year?

Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Membership Committee:
Recommend these events remain exempt for the 2020-21 academic year.

3. Should National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey (i.e., sports that do not have a Division II championship) also have a reduction in maximum contests for the 2020-21 academic year?

Championships Committee, Legislation Committee and Membership Committee:
Recommend no reduction at this time for National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey. If Division I reduces maximum contests and/or championship selection minimums, the committees were supportive of revisiting this issue.

Timeline:

The timeline for the discussion is listed below:

April 20-21	Initial discussion by Management Council
April 21	Initial discussion by Division II Athletics Directors Association and Conference Commissioners Association Officers
April 23	Championships Committee initial discussion
April 24	Membership Committee initial discussion
April 29	Presidents Council initial discussion

April 30	Legislation Committee discussion and potential recommendations
April 30	Championships Committee discussion and potential recommendations
Late April/early May	ADA and CCA discussion and feedback
May 5	Membership Committee discussion and final recommendations
May 7	Championships Committee discussion and final recommendations
May 11	Legislation Committee discussion and final recommendations
Week of May 11	Deadline for recommendations and feedback to Management Council
May 15	Management Council to review recommendations and feedback and make final recommendations to Presidents Council
May 19	Presidents Council reviews recommendations and takes action

ATTACHMENT A

D2CCA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020-21 ADJUSTMENTS TO NCAA DIVISION II MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

(Per D2CCA Study - Apr. 15-28, 2020 - Supported by D2CCA Action: Apr. 29, 2020)

Sport	Standard Min. Number of Contests for Sponsorship	2020-21 Sports Sponsorship Standard (33% Cut)	^Minimum Number of Contests for Selections	2020-21 Selections Minimum (33% Cut)	Maximum Number of Contests/Dates	2020-21 Reduction of Maximum Contests / Dates	Conference Schedules over Proposed Max Contests / Dates
Baseball	24	16	24	16	50 contests	40 (20%)	Lone Star (48)
Men's Basketball	22	15	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	26 contests	22 (15% Cut)	SAC (24)
Women's Basketball	22	15	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	26 contests	22 (15% Cut)	SAC (24)
Cross Country	5	3	5 with 5 participants (no double duals to count towards minimum)	3	7 dates	6 (16% Cut)	
Field Hockey	10	7	10; 6 in-region	7	18 contests	14 (22% Cut)	
Football	8	5	10 (8 Division II)	7	11 contests	10 (10% Cut)	NSIC (11), GAC (11), MIAA (11)
Men's Golf	6	4	7 (4 in championship segment); *12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	8 rds.	21 dates	15 (29% Cut)	
Women's Golf	6	4	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment); 12 of the 15 rounds must be 5 team tourn.	8 rds.*	21 dates	15 (29% Cut)	
Men's Lacrosse	8	5	10	7	17 dates	13 (24% Cut)	
Women's Lacrosse	10	7	10 (in-region)	7	17 dates	13 (24% Cut)	
Women's Rowing	6	4	5 including 3 in-region at 2,000 meters. Contest = trip down the course.	3	20 dates	14 (30% Cut)	
Men's Soccer	10	7	15 (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference Division II opponent)	7*	18 contests	14 (22% Cut)	
Women's Soccer	10	7	10 (in-region)	7	18 contests	14 (22% Cut)	PSAC (16), NSIC (15), MEC (15)
Softball	24	16	24	16	56 contests	42 (25% Cut)	
Swimming/Diving	8	5	Sponsorship (Min. 8 contests with 11 participants) per gender	5	16 dates	12 (25% Cut)	
Men's Tennis	10	7	10 (DII contests)	7	25 dates	17 (32% Cut)	
Women's Tennis	10	7	10 (DII contests)	7	25 dates	17 (32% Cut)	
Track and Field – Indoor	4	3	4 with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	18# dates	12 (33% Cut)	
Track and Field – Outdoor	4	3	4 with 14 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	18# dates	12 (33% Cut)	
Women's Volleyball	15	10	15 Division II matches (60 % of total matches must be against Division II teams)	10	26 dates	20 (23% Cut)	
Wrestling	12	8	None	N/A	16 dates	12 (25% Cut)	

^For 2020-21 all minimum number of contests for selections will be NCAA Division II opponents; all in-region requirements will be waived.

#In Track and Field number of dates reflects total number of permissible dates (combined) for indoor and outdoor track & field.

**Recommended increased cut to selections minimums to provide similar relief to both genders of the same sport.*

Minimum Number of Contests for Championships Selection

Sport	Minimum Number of Contests for Championship Selections	Notes	Championships Committee Recommendation	Legislation Committee Recommendation	Membership Committee Recommendation
			33% Cut in All DII Championship Sports*, Except Rowing	33% Cut in All DII Championship Sports*	33% Cut in All DII Championship Sports*, Except Rowing
Acrobatics & Tumbling			N/A - Emerging Sport		
Baseball	24		16	16	16
Basketball, Men's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	15	15
Basketball, Women's	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	15	15	15
Beach Volleyball, Women's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Bowling, Women's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Cross Country	5	5 with 5 participants (no double duals to count towards minimum)	3	3	3
Equestrian			N/A - Emerging Sport		
Fencing			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Field Hockey	10	10; 6 in-region	7	7	7
Football	10	10 (8 Division II)	7	7	7
Golf, Men's	12	7 (4 in championship segment); 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	8	8	8
Golf, Women's*	15	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment); 12 of the 15 rounds must be 5 team tourn.	8	8	8
Gymnastics, Men's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Gymnastics, Women's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Ice Hockey, Men's			N/A - No Division II Championship		
Ice Hockey, Women's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Lacrosse, Men's	10		7	7	7
Lacrosse, Women's	10	10 (in-region)	7	7	7
Rifle			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Rowing, Women's	5	5 including 3 in-region at 2,000 meters. Contest = trip down the course.	4	3	4
Rugby, Women's			N/A - Emerging Sport		
Skiing			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Soccer, Men's	10	15 (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference Division II opponent)	7	7	7
Soccer, Women's*	10	10 (in-region)	7	7	7
Softball	24		16	16	16
Swimming/Diving	8	Sponsorship (Min. 8 contests with 11 participants) per gender	5	5	5
Tennis, Men's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	7	7
Tennis, Women's	10	10 (DII contests)	7	7	7
Track and Field – Indoor	4	4 with 10 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	3	3
Track and Field – Outdoor	4	4 with 14 participants (no double duals to count toward minimum)	3	3	3
Triathlon, Women's			N/A - Emerging Sport		
Volleyball, Men's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Volleyball, Women's	15	15 Division II matches (60 % of total matches must be against Division II teams)	10	10	10
Water Polo, Men's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Water Polo, Women's			N/A - National Collegiate Championship		
Wrestling, Men's	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wrestling, Women's			N/A - Emerging Sport		

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Minimum Number of Contests for Sports Sponsorship

Sport	Minimum Number of Contests for Sponsorship	Championships Committee Recommendation	Legislation Committee Recommendation	Membership Committee Recommendation
		33% Cut in All DII Sports	33% Cut in All DII Sports	33% Cut in All DII Sports
Acrobatics & Tumbling	6	4	4	4
Baseball	24	16	16	16
Basketball, Men's	22	15	15	15
Basketball, Women's	22	15	15	15
Beach Volleyball, Women's	8	5	5	5
Bowling, Women's	8	5	5	5
Cross Country	5	3	3	3
Equestrian	6	4	4	4
Fencing	6	4	4	4
Field Hockey	10	7	7	7
Football	8	5	5	5
Golf, Men's	6	4	4	4
Golf, Women's	6	4	4	4
Gymnastics, Men's*	6	4	4	4
Gymnastics, Women's	6	4	4	4
Ice Hockey, Men's	20	13	13	13
Ice Hockey, Women's	20	13	13	13
Lacrosse, Men's	8	5	5	5
Lacrosse, Women's	10	7	7	7
Rifle	8	5	5	5
Rowing, Women's	6	4	4	4
Rugby, Women's	9	6	6	6
Skiing	5	3	3	3
Soccer, Men's	10	7	7	7
Soccer, Women's	10	7	7	7
Softball	24	16	16	16
Swimming/Diving	8	5	5	5
Tennis, Men's	10	7	7	7
Tennis, Women's	10	7	7	7
Track and Field – Indoor	4	3	3	3
Track and Field – Outdoor	4	3	3	3
Triathlon, Women's	4	3	3	3
Volleyball, Men's	9	6	6	6
Volleyball, Women's	15	10	10	10
Water Polo, Men's	15	10	10	10
Water Polo, Women's	10	7	7	7
Wrestling, Men's**	9	6	6	6
Wrestling, Women's**	9	6	6	6

* No DII institutions currently sponsor men's gymnastics (as of 9/2019)

** Pending approval of Proposal No. NC-2021-11

Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition Per Bylaw 17

Sport	Maximum Number	Contests or Dates of Competition	Notes	Championships Committee Recommendation		Legislation Committee Recommendation		Membership Committee Recommendation	
				Recommended Maximum	% Cut	Recommended Maximum	% Cut	Recommended Maximum	% Cut
Acrobatics & Tumbling	12	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Baseball	50	Contests		40	20%	42	16%	40	20%
Basketball, Men's	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%	23	12%	22	15%
Basketball, Women's	26	Contests	Can exempt two games played as part of a Conference Challenge Event and contests played in the DII Tip-Off Classic	22	15%	23	12%	22	15%
Beach Volleyball, Women's	16	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Bowling, Women's	32	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Cross Country	7	Dates		6	14%	6	14%	6	14%
Equestrian	15	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Fencing	11	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Field Hockey	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Football	11	Contests		10	9%	10	9%	10	9%
Golf, Men's	21	Dates		16	24%	17	19%	16	24%
Golf, Women's	21	Dates		16	24%	17	19%	16	24%
Gymnastics, Men's	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Gymnastics, Women's	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Ice Hockey, Men's	32	Contests		N/A - No Division II Championship					
Ice Hockey, Women's	34	Contests		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Lacrosse, Men's	17	Dates		13	24%	15	12%	13	24%
Lacrosse, Women's	17	Dates	5 dates in other segment	13	24%	15	12%	13	24%
Rifle	13	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Rowing, Women's	20	Dates		14	30%	16	20%	14	30%
Rugby, Women's	16	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Skiing	32 (Alpine) 32 (Nordic)	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Soccer, Men's	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Soccer, Women's	18	Contests	5 dates in other segment	14	22%	15	17%	14	22%
Softball	56	Contests		44	21%	46	18%	44	21%
Swimming/Diving	16	Dates		12	25%	13	19%	12	25%
Tennis, Men's	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%	21	16%	17	32%
Tennis, Women's	25	Dates	7 individual singles and/or doubles tournaments	17	32%	21	16%	17	32%
Track and Field – Indoor	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	14	22%	15	17%	12	33%
Track and Field – Outdoor	18	Dates	Combined with outdoor track and field	14	22%	15	17%	12	33%
Triathlon, Women's	6	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					
Volleyball, Men's	28	Dates	4 dates in other segment	N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Volleyball, Women's	26	Dates	4 dates in other segment	20	23%	22	15%	20	23%
Water Polo, Men's	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Water Polo, Women's	21	Dates		N/A - National Collegiate Championship					
Wrestling, Men's	16	Dates		12	25%	13	19%	12	25%
Wrestling, Women's	9	Dates		N/A - Emerging Sport					

Differences from D2CCA recommendations

Recommend Conference Challenge and DII Tip-Off Classic Contests would not be exempt for 2020-21 academic year

Note 1: All three committees recommend that sports retain the three permissible discretionary exemptions (e.g., scrimmages, exhibitions).

Note 2: All three committees recommend leaving National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men's ice hockey maximums as is. Potentially revisit if Division I adjust championship selection requirements.