

DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL HOT TOPICS



Session 1

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OVERVIEW

- COVID-19 Impact on Men's Basketball.
- Selected New Legislation.
- Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events.





COVID-19 IMPACT ON MEN'S BASKETBALL



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COVID-19 Impact

- Summer athletic activities.
- Playing and Practice Season update.
- Possible recruiting calendar updates.
- NBA Pre-Draft process.



Summer Athletic Activities

- NCAA Division I Council action:
 - Eight hours of virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activity per week through June 30.
 - Basketball student-athletes (including freshman and transfers) permitted to participate in voluntary on-campus summer athletic activities beginning June 1, 2020.
- Required summer athletically related activities will be reviewed by the MBOC and the Division I Council during their June meetings.



Playing & Practice Season Update

- Internal staff working group formed to evaluate options on return to play matters for 2020-21 sports season.
- Working with all stakeholders and appropriate medical personnel to assess health and safety concerns.
- Working group recommendations will be reviewed by appropriate sports oversight committee (e.g., MBOC).
- Updates will be provided as decisions are made.



Recruiting Calendar

- Temporary recruiting dead period through July 31.
- Impacted spring and summer events:
 - Two April evaluation weekends for certified nonscholastic events;
 - National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp;
 - Two weekends of June scholastic events and two-year intercollegiate events;
 - July certified nonscholastic events; and
 - NCAA College Basketball Academy.



Recruiting Calendar

Possible Action to be Taken:

- Modify recruiting calendar for missed evaluation opportunities to be rescheduled for August, September and October 2020.
- Staff collaborating with National Association of Basketball Coaches and other stakeholders on potential dates of modified evaluation opportunities.
- Recommendations will be provided to MBOC for review.



Recruiting Calendar

- NABC developed guiding principles for possible modified recruiting calendar.
 - Health, safety and well-being of all stakeholders is central priority.
 - Provide scholarship and participation opportunities to prospects.
 - Care for current student-athletes.
 - No missed class time for prospects.
 - Fiscal responsibility.
 - Collaboration between all stakeholders
 - Working through appropriate timelines.
 - Coaches' Commitment.
- Reviewed and endorsed by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.



Fall 2020 Recruiting Calendar (As Legislated)

August 2020						
SU	M	T	W	R	F	SA
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- New August dead period will occur every August 6-15.



Fall 2020 Recruiting Calendar (As Legislated)

September 2020						
SU	M	T	W	R	F	SA
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year recruiting periods shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.
- September 29: First permissible practice date.



Fall 2020 Recruiting Calendar (As Legislated)

October 2020						
SU	M	T	W	R	F	SA
		1	2	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Fall 2020 Recruiting Calendar (As Legislated)

November 2020						
SU	M	T	W	R	F	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

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- November 9-12: dead period for early signing period.
- November 10: First contest date.



Recruiting Calendar

Other Related Issues.

- Institutional camps;
- On-campus tryouts;
- Official and Unofficial visits;
- Number of recruiting person-day days.
- What other issues should be addressed?



NBA Pre-Draft Process

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NBA postponed the 2020 NBA Draft Combine.
- Postponement of the NBA Draft Combine impacted the NCAA withdrawal deadline for men's basketball student-athletes to withdraw from the NBA draft and retain their eligibility.
- NCAA's pushed back its current withdrawal deadline of June 3.
- Men's basketball student-athletes now have until 10 days after the NBA draft combine or August 3, whichever comes first, to withdraw from the 2020 NBA draft and retain their eligibility.
- Note: Any financial aid implications of the new date will be discussed by MBOC during its June 15 meeting.





Selected New Legislation



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Proposal No. 2019-35

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete who attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere) may not be provided an official visit earlier than the opening day of classes of his junior year in high school and an unofficial visit may not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of his sophomore year in high school.

Effective Date: Immediate.



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Proposal No. 2019-96

Intent: In men's basketball: (1) To specify that all communication with a prospective student-athlete's coach or an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp or the USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp; and (2) To permit communication with a prospective student-athlete's family member during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating the National Basketball Players Association Top 100 Camp or the USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp.

Effective Date: Immediate.



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Proposal No. 2019-110

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that official visits for high school juniors shall occur from August 1 – July 31 of the junior year and official visits for high school seniors shall occur from August 1 of the senior year - October 14 after the senior year.

Effective Date: Immediate.



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Proposal No. 2019-113

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that the Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31 shall be a quiet period; further, to specify that August 6-15 shall be a dead period.

Effective Date: Immediate.

* Possible change for 2020 due to temporary recruiting calendar*



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Qualifying Regular- Season Multiple-Team Events



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Proposal No. 2019-123

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its regular season playing schedule to:

28 contests + one MTE (not to exceed three contests);

29 contests + one MTE (not to exceed two contests); or

29 contests.



Existing MTE Criteria

- Sponsored by NCAA, active or affiliate member or conference or NABC.
- One team per conference and by institution, to not more than once in same event in any four-year period.
- All participating institutions must use the same maximum contest limit.



Additional MTE Criteria for 2020-21 MBB Season

- Three game MTE must conclude within 10 days.
- Two game MTE must conclude within five days.
- All institutions must participate in the same number of games in the event; and
- Non-Division I institutions may only participate if the institution is serving as host of the event.



Proposal No. 2019-123

- Adopted April 2020.
- Effective for the 2020-21 men's basketball season.
- Four-game MTEs are not permitted.
 - Contracts signed before June 26, 2019, may be honored.



Contract Issues

- 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 MTE 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 MTE contracts were not signed before June 26, 2019, then the event operator and participating institutions must modify the MTE to meet the new legislation.



MTE Case Study No. 1

- Event A is a men's basketball four-game event that includes an eight-team field.
- Seven institutions signed contracts before June 26, 2019, to participate in the event.
- One institution signed a contract in January 2020 to participate in the event.
- Can Event A be conducted as a four-game event during the 2020-21 men's basketball season?



MTE Case Study No. 1

- No. Event A may not be conducted as a four-game event as not all institutions signed contracts before June 26, 2019. Therefore, Event A must meet the new legislation.
- Event operator may schedule the game that was originally intended to be the fourth game in Event A as a regular season contest for the institutions provided the contest is separate and wholly distinct from Event A; or
- Event operator may agree to modify the contract to allow the institutions to schedule the regular season contest on their own.



MTE Case Study No. 2

- Two Division I institutions from two different conferences are going to play in a home and home series within a five-day period.
- Can the institutions consider this scheduling agreement to be the institutions' participation in a multiple-team event for the upcoming men's basketball season, provided the institutions meet all remaining multiple-team event criteria?



MTE Case Study No. 2

- No. The MTE legislation is designed to apply to an institution that it is participating in contests against multiple institutions (i.e., minimum of three institutions in the event) and does not apply to a scenario involving two teams from different conferences that play each other twice within a five-day period.



MTE Resources

- [November 25, 2019, memo.](#)
- [February 7, 2020, memo.](#)
- [May 8, 2020, memo.](#)
- [Proposal No. 2019-123 Question and Answer document.](#)



QUESTIONS



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