



**NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-123**  
**Division I Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events**  
**Question and Answer Document**

In order to educate the membership and event operators on application and contractual issues pertaining to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-123, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee developed the following question and answer document. This information is only applicable if the proposal is adopted in January 2020.

**Qualifying Multiple-Team Events for the 2020-21 Men's Basketball Season.**

When evaluating whether an institution's men's basketball team may participate in a four-game multiple-team event during the 2020-21 season, institutions are encouraged to review the following guidance.

- In order to participate in a four-game multiple-team event 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 multiple-team event did not have all contracts signed before June 26, 2019, then the event operator and participating institutions must modify the multiple-team event to meet the new legislation.
- In most cases, the fourth games can still be played as a regular season game outside of the multiple-team event structure.
- No new teams may be added to a multiple-team event contract on or after June 26, 2019.
- If an institution or event operator has questions about whether or not documentation constitutes a signed contract, 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.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of Proposal No. 2019-123.

**Example No. 1: Event A**

- Event A is a men's basketball four-game event that includes a 12-team field.
- Each participating institution is guaranteed three contests in the Bahamas and one campus game.
- All institutions signed contracts before June 26, 2019, to participate in the event.

**Question No. 1:** May Event A be conducted as a four-game multiple-team event during the 2020-21 basketball season?

**Answer:** Yes. Event A may be conducted as a four-game multiple-team event as all institutions signed contracts to participate in the event before June 26, 2019. The four-game event must meet the following requirements:

- a. The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association, or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;

- b. The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
- c. Participation 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; and
- d. Each participating institution is using 27 contests + one multiple-team event (not to exceed four contests) as its maximum contest limitation for the 2020-21 season.

**Question No. 2:** How does an event operator or institution that did not sign a contract before June 26, 2019, but entered into an agreement and had an intent to sign the contract before June 26, 2019, seek permission to participate in Event A?

**Answer:** Event operators or institutions that do not have a signed contract to participate in a four-game multiple-team event before June 26, 2019, should submit documentation to Abbie Markey, associate director of academic and membership affairs, so that the NCAA staff (in conjunction with the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs) can evaluate and determine if the documentation demonstrates an agreement and intent to have signed the contract before June 26, 2019. If so, the event is permitted to be conducted as a four-game multiple-team event for the 2020-21 season.

**Question No 3:** If one or more institutions withdrew from Event A on or after June 26, 2019, for the 2020-21 basketball season, may the event operator add a new team to honor the contracts signed by the other institutions?

**Answer:** No. The event operator for Event A may not add a new team to participate in the event during the 2020-21 season. Event A must meet the new legislation.

**Example No. 2: Event B**

- Event B is a men's basketball four-game event that includes an eight-team field.
- Each participating institution is guaranteed two contests in Indianapolis and two campus games.
- The four institutions that will host the campus games signed contracts before June 26, 2019, to participate in the event.
- Three institutions that will travel to play the campus games signed contracts before June 26, 2019.
- One institution that will travel to play the campus games has not yet been identified.

**Question No. 4:** May Event B be conducted as a four-game multiple-team event during the 2020-21 basketball season?

**Answer:** No. Event B may not be conducted as a four-game multiple-team event as not all institutions signed contracts before June 26, 2019. Therefore, Event B must meet the new legislation.

**Question No. 5:** May the event operator of Event B find a new team to be added to the 2020-21 event in order to honor the contracts signed by the seven institutions?

**Answer:** No. No new teams may be added to Event B as not all institutions participating in the event had contracts in place before June 26, 2019.

**Question No. 6:** How should the event operator engage with the seven institutions that signed contracts to participate in Event B now that the event must meet the new legislation?

**Answer:** The event operator has the following options:

- a. The event operator may schedule the game that was originally intended to be the fourth game in Event B as a regular season contest for the institutions with another institution that is not participating in the event. Please note the regular season contest may not be advertised as part of Event B, the contest may not appear on the institution's schedule as being a part of Event B and the contest may not be included in the event bracket for Event B; or
- b. The event operator may agree to modify the contract to allow the institutions to schedule the regular season contest on their own.

**Question No. 7:** What should the event operator of Event B do between November 2019 through January 2020 prior to the NCAA Division I Council's vote on the proposal?

**Answer:** The event operator should be in communication with participating institutions to consider the development of a contingency plan to allow any fourth contest to be scheduled as a regular season game.

This information is also being shared with Division I conference commissioners, athletics directors, men's basketball conference administrators, CCACA, National Association of Basketball Coaches and multiple-team event operators and an announcement will be posted on LSDBi.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.3.3.1(b) (exhibition against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution), 17.3.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional) and 17.3.5.3 (annual exemptions)]