

**Legislative Item - Request for Action by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors**

**NCAA Proposal No. 2009-94**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION --  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENT**

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to specify that in order for a basketball event to be certified, participants on nonscholastic teams in a certified event must be legal residents of the state in which the team is located or a geographically adjoining state and not more than a total of three prospective student-athletes from adjoining states may participate on any one nonscholastic team.

**Administrative:** Amend 30.16, as follows:

**30.16 BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION – WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

In women's basketball, in order for a basketball event (e.g., camp, league, tournament or festival) to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office 45 days prior to the start of the event. An event review form for each event also must be submitted to the NCAA national office not later than three months following the event sessions. The following criteria must be met by each event in order to be certified:

[30.16-(a) through 30.16-(n) unchanged.]

(o) The price of an event packet must be listed on the event certification application and the price must be made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event; ~~and~~

(p) The event operator must provide proof of medical insurance coverage for event participants; **and**

**(q) Prospective student-athletes on nonscholastic teams must be legal residents of the state in which the team is located or a geographically adjoining state and not more than a total of three prospective student-athletes from adjoining states may participate on any one nonscholastic team.**

**Source:** NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Proposal Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Administrative Regulations

**Rationale:** This proposal creates an "adjoining state" rule that discourages the "rental" of elite prospective student-athletes by teams across the country, while providing prospective student-athletes who reside in geographically remote areas the opportunity to participate on a nonscholastic team. The same provision has been in place for men's basketball since 2003. In recent years there has been an increase in the number of elite prospective student-athletes who participate on nonscholastic teams located several states away from their legal residence. According to the NCAA basketball event certification staff, in the summer of 2008, 189 of 3,050 teams would not have met the adjoining state rule and in the summer of 2009, 240 of 3,098 teams would not have met the rule. In 2008, Ninety-nine teams had players from states that did not adjoin at all, and 90 teams had more than three players from adjoining states. This proposal should be adopted as emergency legislation so it can be effective for the summer of 2010 and provide ample time to notify the event operators and coaches of this change.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time:** None

**History**

*Sep 15, 2009:* Submit; Submitted for consideration.

*Sep 16, 2009:* Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Sponsored

*Sep 16, 2009:* Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, Recommends Approval as Noncontroversial Legislation

*Oct 19, 2009:* Leg Council Init Review; Recommended that the NCAA Board of Directors sponsor the proposal into the 2009-10 legislative cycle.