

**REPORT OF THE OCTOBER 19-20, 2009,  
NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**ACTION ITEM.**

- **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 [Attachment A]**
    - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Legislative Council recommends that the Board of Directors sponsor Proposal No. 2009-94 into the current 2009-10 legislative cycle.
    - (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
    - (3) Rationale. Proposal No. 2009-94 was sponsored by the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet and recommended to the Legislative Council for adoption as emergency legislation. The proposal was not supported as emergency legislation; however, the Legislative Council agreed that the merits of the proposal should be considered by the membership in the 2009-10 legislative cycle. If the proposal is sponsored into the 2009-10 legislative cycle, the membership will have an opportunity to review the proposal without delaying its potential implementation. In addition, sponsorship of the proposal will serve as notice to women's basketball event operators regarding potential additional restrictions for certification of future events.
    - (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
    - (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Actions.**

- a. **Legislation Recommended as Emergency or Noncontroversial.** A list of the Legislative Council's actions are in Attachment B, and voting results are in Attachment C.

[Note: Per NCAA Constitution 5.3.2.2.4.1, legislation adopted by the Legislative Council shall be subject to possible review by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may ratify, amend or defeat legislation adopted by the Legislative Council.]

- b. Actions, Preliminary Positions, Points to Consider, Comments and Mootnicity Implications Related to 2009-10 Legislative Cycle Proposals.** The voting results related to the Legislative Council's sponsorship of alternative proposals are listed in Attachment C. Reference Attachment D for details regarding the actions, positions, points to consider, comments and mootnicity implications related to legislation scheduled for initial consideration in January 2010.
- 2. Report of NCAA Division I Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee.** The Legislative Council approved the minutes of the Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee as distributed.
- 3. Expression of Academic Impact in Legislative Proposals.** The Legislative Council received a report from the NCAA Division I Communications and Coordination Committee in which it requested that the Legislative Council consider a policy revision that would require an explanation of the academic impact be provided by the sponsor in its development of a legislative proposal. The council approved a revision to the title of the current "Impact on Student-Athlete's Time" field on legislative proposals. The title of the field will now be "Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics)." Information regarding the requirement will be included in the annual "Call for Proposals" notification that is provided to the membership. In addition, the NCAA staff will review each proposal and work with sponsoring entities to ensure that the academic impact information is included.
- 4. Report of the NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.** (Voting results may be found in Attachment B.) (For additional information, Supplement No. 12 of the Legislative Council meeting materials and the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief page are available on the NCAA Web site.)
  - a.** The Legislative Council approved a revision to the information standards for waiver requests in which the institution requests a waiver of the transfer year-in-residence requirement and asserts that a student-athlete's transfer was necessitated by a financial hardship. Effective immediately, the revised standards specify additional information and documentation necessary for the NCAA staff and the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief to process such requests.
  - b.** The Legislative Council approved information standards and guidelines for waiver requests involving the baseball varsity squad size limitation (NCAA Bylaw 17.2.8.3). Effective immediately, the guidelines specify that for waiver requests of Bylaw 17.2.8.3 involving assertions of an incapacitating injury or illness to a student-athlete who is a counter, relief may be provided if the student-athlete suffered a season-ending incapacitating injury or illness prior to any participation in countable athletically related activities (e.g., on-field practice, skill-related instruction) during

the nonchampionship or championship segments. No relief will be provided if a baseball student-athlete who is a counter suffers an incapacitating injury or illness and has participated in one or more days of countable athletically related activities during the nonchampionship or championship segment, absent other extenuating or extraordinary circumstances.

- c. The Legislative Council approved a revision to the streamlined review thresholds for waiver requests involving student-athletes who are certified with conditions through the NCAA Amateurism Certification Process. Effective immediately, Bylaw 14.2.3.5 (21st birthday) has been removed from the streamlined review process. Waiver requests related to Bylaw 14.2.3.5 will be processed through the regular waiver procedures.

**5. Future Meeting Dates.**

- a. January 13-14, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention.
- b. April 19-20; Indianapolis.
- c. October 18-19; Indianapolis.

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