

Impact of NCAA Proposal No. 2004-40 on the Sport of Wrestling

Background:

NCAA Proposal No. 2004-40 is the result of over two years of discussions within the Division I governance structure surrounding the issue of student-athlete time demands. Over this two year period, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet has received feedback from not only the cabinet, but from coaches' associations, sports committees (via a fall 2002 survey) and student-athletes. At the request of the coaches associations, the subcommittee considered each sport separately in its examination and ultimately developed the recommendation that each contest or date of competition shall count as one of the contests or dates of competition against the maximum contest limits in NCAA Bylaw 17 in all sports. This philosophy will provide a more accurate picture of the number of contests in which a student-athlete competes. That philosophy has resulted in Proposal No. 2004-40, which, if adopted, would become effective August 1, 2006.

Proposed Changes and the Impact of the Change:

1. Eliminates the process for certifying contests/events.
 - a. This was a recommendation forwarded by the Championships/Competition Cabinet Certified Contests Subcommittee.
 - b. Institutions will continue to be permitted to play in events that have sought certification in the past; however, each date of competition must count against the maximum limit in Bylaw 17.
2. Eliminates annual exemptions for the following dates of competition:
 - a. Alumni meet;
 - b. Foreign team in United States;
 - c. Fund-raising activity;
 - d. Celebrity sports activity; and
 - e. NWCA All-Star Meet.

Institutions will continue to be permitted to play in these events; however, each date of competition must count against the maximum limit in Bylaw 17.

Next Steps:

Proposal No. 2004-40 will be considered on the same timeline as other proposals in the 2004-05 legislative cycle. That timeline is as follows:

Initial Web-Based Publication of Legislative Proposals Included in the 2004-05 Division I Legislative Cycle. The proposals may be found on the NCAA's Web site at <https://goomer.ncaa.org/wdbctx/LSDBi/LSDBI.home>

Now until October 19 at 5 p.m. – Initial Amendment Period. From July 15 through October 19 at 5 p.m., either of the Division I cabinets or any conference, whether the sponsor of the proposal or not, may submit a suggested amendment to a proposal for consideration by the Division I Management Council in January.

November 15, 2004 - Publication of the Division I Official Notice. This publication will include every legislative proposal, including amendments, subject to consideration in the 2004-05 legislative cycle.

January 8, 2005: NCAA Convention. Division I membership discussion of pending legislation during the Division I Legislative Forum held at the NCAA Convention.

January 11, 2005: Management Council Initial Consideration of pending legislative proposals (including amendments) subject to consideration in the 2004-05 legislative cycle.

January 11 through March 12, 2005: 60-Day Comment/Amendment Period. Cabinets and conferences have 60 days to offer amendments to any legislation initially approved by the Management Council at its January 2005 meeting. During this period, legislative amendments that do not increase the modification specified in the original proposal are permitted. Additionally, during this time period, the membership, including coaches' associations, may submit comments on the pending legislation.

April 11-12, 2005: Management Council second consideration of legislation.

April 28, 2005: NCAA Division I Board of Directors final consideration of legislation.

April 28-June 27, 2005: 60-Day Override Period. Member institutions may override (e.g., rescind) the adoption of legislation enacted by the Board at its April meeting.

Coaches are encouraged to forward any comments on this proposal to their conference office so that their comments and suggestions may be shared with their conference representatives to the Management Council or Board of Directors.