

## Definition of Competition, Contest, Outside Competition, Countable Date of Competition

### NCAA Bylaws – applicable bylaws per NCAA Division I Manual:

#### 14.02.7 Intercollegiate Competition (page 144 of 2012 NCAA Division I Manual):

Intercollegiate Competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or four-year collegiate institution: (Revised: 1/10/95)

- (a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; (Revised: 1/10/01)
- (b) Competes in the uniform of the institution or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or (Revised: 1/1/03, 1/11/94, 1/9/06)
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition

#### 17.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS (pages 235 & 236 of NCAA Division I Manual)

**17.02.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities.** Countable athletically related activities include any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaw 17.1.6.1 and

**17.02.2 Contest.** A contest is any game, match, exhibition, scrimmage or joint practice session with another institution's team, regardless of its formality, in which competition in a sport occurs between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (Revised: 1/10/91)

**17.02.3 Contest, Countable, Institutional.** A countable contest for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of contests, is any contest by the member institution against an outside team in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw. Contests, including scrimmages, by separate squads of the same team against different outside teams shall each count as one contest.

**17.02.5 Date of Competition.** A date of competition is a single date on which any game(s), match(es), meet(s), exhibition(s), scrimmage(s) or joint practice session(s) with another institution's team takes place, regardless of its formality, between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (Revised: 1/10/91)

**17.02.6 Date of Competition, Countable, Institutional.** A countable date of competition for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of dates of competition, is a single date on which the institution's team in a sport engages in competition in that sport against an outside team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

**17.02.7 Date of Competition, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete.** A countable date of competition for an individual student-athlete is any date on which a student-athlete competes while representing the

institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8) individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

**17.02.8 Intercollegiate Competition.** Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following:  
(Revised:1/10/95)

(a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; (Revised: 1/10/91)

(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/9/06)

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

**17.02.8.1 Exempted Events.** Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.3-(a) and (b) is exempted from the application of this legislation. (Revised: 1/10/92)

**17.02.8.2 Participation on an Institution's Club Team.** Participation on a collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. (Adopted: 6/24/09)

**17.02.9 Outside Competition.** Outside competition is athletics competition against any other athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution.

**17.02.10 Outside Team.** An outside team is any team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the member institution or a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution (e.g., members of the coaching staff, ineligible student-athletes, members of the faculty).