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MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL MEET IN OCTOBER – DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE LEGISLATION AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Council's first meeting since April will occur October 16–17. Two of the most important areas of review include: (i) changes to the governance process; and (ii) legislation forwarded by the Championships/Competition Cabinet (CC), the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance (AEC) Cabinet, and conferences.

Governance Process

The Council will review suggested modifications to the current Division I Governance Process forwarded by a governance subcommittee. The subcommittee is recommending that the full Council consider the following new governance structure for Division I ("Model Six"):

Eliminate the current Division I Management Council and in its stead, establish a Leadership Council, which would serve as more of a leadership/policy body rather than a legislative body. Additionally, establish a separate Legislative Council, which would consider (as a subservient group to the Leadership Council) all proposals in the Division I structure. Also, replace the two current cabinets with a number of smaller issues specific cabinets.

This model includes maintaining the Board of Directors as the "primary leadership body" and keeping the current Division I-AA/I-AAA Presidential Advisory Committee. Other details about the proposed plan, including the number of representatives on the new committees, have not been determined. Any changes to the Division I structure would become effective at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Legislation

The Management Council will initially review legislation forwarded from the two cabinets. Below is some of the legislation that relates primarily to women's basketball that received initial support from the AEC Cabinet:

- 1) **Recruiting – Limitations on Number of Evaluations – Spring Evaluation Weekend -- Women's Basketball.** Would specify that evaluations at non-scholastic events may occur during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period. [Proposal No. 2006-30]
- 2) **Recruiting – Telephone Calls to Prospects – Time Period for Telephone Calls -- Women's Basketball – April Call to Juniors.** Would indicate that the one permissible telephone call in April of a prospect's junior year in high school may not be made until the Thursday after the conclusion of the Women's Final Four of Division I Women's Basketball Championship. This proposal is already on the Management Council's agenda as non-controversial. [Proposal No. 2006-33]

- 3) **Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Other Recruiting Materials.** Would permit an institution to print and provide other recruiting information that is posted on the institution's Web site to prospects via regular mail as attachments to general correspondence or during official or unofficial visits. [Proposal No. 2006-33]
- 4) **Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Men's Basketball – March Contact Period.** Would establish a contact period March 16 through 22. [Proposal No. 2006-52]
- 5) **Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Men's Basketball – Championship Dead Period.** Specifies that the dead period surrounding the Division I Men's Basketball Championship shall be from Thursday prior to the championship game until noon on Thursday following the championship game. [Proposal No. 2006-53]
- 6) **Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Training-Table Meals – Cost to Student-Athlete Not Receiving Board Scholarship.** Would specify that a student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training-table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs. [Proposal 2006-75]

The AEC Cabinet Opposed the Following Proposals, which also will be Considered Initially by ManCo in October:

- 1) **Amateurism – Involvement with Professional Teams – Professional Basketball Draft – Four-Year College Student-Athlete – Men's Basketball.** Would specify that an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in the sport, provided that within 30 days after the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game, the student-athlete requests that his name be removed from the draft list and declares his intention to resume intercollegiate athletics, the student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics, and the student-athlete is not drafted. [Proposal #2006-25]
- 2) **Recruiting – Recruiting-Person Days – Women's Basketball – 130 Recruiting-Person Days.** Would increase the number of recruiting-person days in women's basketball from 85 to 130. The cabinet indicated it would support the proposal if modified to increase the number of recruiting-person days from 85 to 100. [Proposal No. 2006-28]
- 3) **Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Recruiting Opportunities – Women's Basketball – Seven Opportunities.** Would increase the number of recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) from five to seven. [Proposal No. 2006-34]
- 4) **Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Electronic Transmissions.** Would specify that electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospect is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. [Proposal No. 2006-40]
- 5) **Recruiting – Official Visit Requirements and Written Offers of Athletically Related Financial Aid – Registration with NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and Institutional Request List.** Would specify that an institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospect until he or she registers with the clearinghouse and is placed on the institutional request list. Further, the proposal would specify that an institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospect a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has registered with the clearinghouse and the institution places the prospect on the institutional request list with the clearinghouse. [Proposal No. 2006-46]
- 6) **Recruiting – Official Visit – Length of Official Visit – Exception for Extenuating Circumstances.** Would establish an exception to the 48- hour official visit for reasons beyond the control of the prospect and the institution and specify that in such instances, the institution shall

submit a report to the conference office noting details of the circumstances. [Proposal No. 2006-47]

- 7) **Recruiting – Tryouts – Non-scholastic-Based Basketball – Non-coaching Staff Members with Basketball-Specific Duties.** Would permit a non-coaching institutional staff member with basketball-specific duties to participate in non-scholastic-based basketball coaching activities with teams that are of the opposite gender than the team the staff member is associated with at the institution. Involvement in non-scholastic basketball activities may become the expectation for individuals employed in non-coaching, basketball-specific positions. The cabinet noted that the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee opposes the proposal. [Proposal No. 2006-49]
- 8) **Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women's Basketball – July Quiet Period.** Would modify the recruiting calendar to designate July 16 through July 21 as a quiet period (as opposed to a dead period). [Proposal No. 2006-54]
- 9) **Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Hardship Waiver – Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition.** Would increase the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate in a season and remain eligible for a hardship waiver to four scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition or 40 percent of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition. [Proposal No. 2006-64]

The CC Cabinet Recommended Legislation Related to Bylaw:

- **30.16, Basketball Event Certification** – Sponsored by both basketball issues subcommittees. The recommendation primarily addresses welfare concerns related to basketball prospects participating in certified events, and would revise current legislation by: (a) requiring qualified medical personnel (e.g., certified athletic trainers) to be present at an event; (b) precluding athletically related activities from beginning before 8 a.m. on a given day and to require the last athletically related activity to begin not later than 10 p.m.; and (c) limiting prospects to participating in no more than five games over a rolling two-day period with no more than three games on any given day.
- **30.11.1-(e), Dead Period Surrounding NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship** – The legislation would expand the dead period following the Men's Basketball Championship from Tuesday noon after the championship game until Thursday noon after the championship game.
- **13.1.3.1.3, Telephone Calls to Prospects** – Exception, in women's basketball, and would provide that the one telephone call, which may be made to a prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)) during the month of April, may not be made until the Thursday after the conclusion of the Women's Final Four.

NCAA POPL Released

The NCAA posted its 2007 Division I [Publication of Proposed Legislation](#) (POPL) on August 15. The POPL includes all legislative proposals and amendments thereto for the 2006-07 legislative cycle submitted by Division I conferences, NCAA cabinets, Management Council and Board. To access the publication from the NCAA's website, click on the following:

[Legislation & Governance > Rules & Bylaws > Legislative Actions & Issues >](#)

NCAA PUBLISHED INTERPRETATION OF NOTE

Electronic Correspondence while a Prospect is at the Site of Competition. The committee determined that an institution's coaching staff member may not send electronic correspondence (e.g., text or instant messages, e-mail) to a prospect while he or she is on call for competition at the site of the competition (e.g., arena, stadium). Electronic correspondence may be sent to the prospect while the prospect is on call and not at the site of competition or while the prospect is at any location once he or she has been released by the appropriate authority. The committee noted that in men's and women's basketball, additional restrictions preclude communication with prospects during summer certified events and the July evaluation periods, respectively. [References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.2 (practice at competition site) and 13.1.7.2.2 (additional restrictions; men's and women's basketball)]



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