



**Length of Playing Season Declaration  
NCAA Bylaw 17.1**



Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

*HOW TO: Please note, per Bylaw 17.1.2 all sports other than football and basketball may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments. Each segment must consist of consecutive days and exclude only one required off day per week and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. Count six days for each week giving off only one day per week.*

***Team Sports (except basketball and football): A 132-day season  
Baseball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball***

Segment 1: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_  
Segment 2: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_

***Individual Sports: A 144-day season  
Cross-Country, Golf, Tennis***

Segment 1: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_  
Segment 2: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_

**Track & Field only: 156 day season for indoor and outdoor track combined.**

Segment 1: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_  
Segment 2: From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Days: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete the additional information requested below for the Athletics Compliance Office.***

First Date of Practice (8 hours of conditioning)	_____
First Date of Practice (20 hours of on-court, on-field activity)	_____
First Competition Date (including any scrimmages)	_____
Number of Scheduled Contests or Dates of Competition	_____

***Return by Friday, August 1, 2003***

***Don't forget to attach a copy of your 03-04 schedule and calendar with counted days.  
All information will be reviewed and you will be sent a copy with approval.***

## ***First Date of Practice***

The first date of practice for the following sports shall not be conducted prior to:

- Football           The date that permits 29 practice opportunities prior to the first contest.
- Basketball        Conditioning activities: Beginning of the academic year (Division I).  
On-court practice: The Saturday nearest October 15.
- C.Country  
Soccer            The date that permits 21 practice opportunities prior to the first contest.  
[Note: See Bylaw 17.02.11 – practice opportunities]
- Golf  
Softball  
Baseball  
Track/Field  
Tennis             September 7 or the first day of classes for the fall term, whichever date occurs first.
- Volleyball        The date that permits 29 practice opportunities prior to the first contest.  
[Note: An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA Championship is not conducted until January 1.]

## ***First Date of Competition***

The first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition for the following sports shall not occur prior to:

- Football           The Thursday preceding Labor Day.  
[Note: See Bylaw 17.10.3 for exceptions.]
- Basketball        136 days (including Sundays) prior to the Div. I men's basketball championship game.
- C. Country        September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday.
- Soccer            The Friday prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. [Note: See Bylaw 17.19.3 for exceptions.]
- Golf  
Softball  
Baseball  
Track/Field  
Tennis             September 7 or the first day of classes for the fall term, whichever occurs first.
- Volleyball        September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. [Note: an institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.]