Basketball Hot Topics
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Agenda
- Scholastic and Nonscholastic Events.
- Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple Team Events.

Scholastic and Nonscholastic Events
History
- Limited academic year evaluations to:
  - Scholastic practices and competition; and
  - Regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution.

History
Allowed observations of nonscholastic events during the April contact period that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state or national high-school, preparatory school or two-year college association only on weekends during which national standardized tests are not administered.

History
Proposal 2007-30-C:
- Prohibited observations of all nonscholastic activities.
History
September 2012:
- An institution requested official clarification of the definition of “scholastic” in regards to home school.
- LRIC issued September 20, 2012 official interpretation.

September 20, 2012 Official Interpretation
- The committee confirmed that a team made up of prospective student-athletes (e.g., home school or academy team) that is not organized or administered under the auspices of a scholastic governing body is considered a nonscholastic team.
- (Interpretation is now archived.)

Under the Auspices of Scholastic Governing Body
- Subject to the rules and regulations of the governing body, including any disciplinary action; and
- Eligible for events, including championship events that are conducted by the governing body.
- December 19, 2012 Educational Column
History

Timeline:
- February 24, 2014, a conference office asked that the September 20, 2012 official interpretation be reviewed by LRIC.
- March 20, 2014, LRIC reviewed the official interpretation and recommended the Division I Legislative Council revise the official interpretation.
- April 15, 2014, the Division I Legislative Council revised the official interpretation.

New Interpretation

The Legislative Council determined that a team comprised of PSAs that are formally affiliated with a specific secondary institution and includes only students who are enrolled full time at the specific secondary institution with which the team is formally affiliated is considered a scholastic team. A team that does not meet the abovementioned criteria may be scholastic only if the team is organized or administered under the auspices of a scholastic governing body and is eligible for events that are conducted by the governing body, including championship events.

New Interpretation

The revised interpretation allows:
- Coaches to evaluate teams that are formally affiliated with secondary institutions;
- Coaches are precluded from evaluating a team of PSAs that is not affiliated with a specific scholastic institution (e.g., team of home schooled PSAs) unless it is organized or administered under the auspices of a scholastic governing body and is eligible for events conducted by that body, including championship events.
New Interpretation

- Coaches can evaluate nonscholastic teams in competition against scholastic teams or;
- At an event that is conducted and administered under the auspices of a scholastic governing body that established eligibility requirements for such competition.

Bylaw 13.1.7.8.3

- In Men’s Basketball it only applies in the summer not during the academic year.
- In Women’s Basketball it applies during the academic year.

Best Practices

- How do you know what teams your coaches are going to evaluate?
- How do you confirm teams are formally affiliated with a specific secondary institution?
- How do you confirm teams under the auspices of a scholastic entity and eligible for championship events?
Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple Team Events (QRSMTE)

History
- 28 contests.
- One certified event per academic year.
- Two certified events in a four-year period.
- Certified event counts as single contest.
- Championships/Competition Cabinet subcommittee certified events.

Proposal No. 2006-14
- Established QRSMTE.
- Goal was to simplify the rules and process related to these events and provide flexibility in scheduling.
Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1

- Sponsored by the NCAA, an active or affiliated member or a member conference;
- Must occur in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico or the United States or one of its territories;
- Maximum of four contests;
- Must conclude 14 days after the first contest;

- Limit of one team per conference;
- An institution may only participate in the same event once every four years; and
- Each participating Division I institution must use 27 contests + 1 QRSMTE as its maximum contest limitation.

QRSMTE Format

- Requirements regarding contest limits and duration of event designed to promote an event that is structured like a traditional tournament (e.g., round robin).
- No requirement to conduct tournament in traditional format.
- No requirement that all participating teams play the same number of contests.
- Educational column 8/16/2011.
Case Study No. 1

- Five Division I teams.
- Each team plays three contests at neutral site.
- Within the 14-day window, Team A and Team B play a predetermined contest at a separate site.

May Team A and Team B count their contest toward the QRSMTE?

- Yes, provided the contest is considered to be part of the event.

May Team A play a fourth contest against a team that did not compete at the neutral site and count the game toward the QRSMTE?

- No. This contest must count toward one of Team A's maximum contest limit.
Case Study No. 2
- Four Division I teams, four Division II teams.
- Each Division I team plays three contests at neutral site.
- Within the 14-day window, each Division I team plays a Division II team at the respective Division I team’s campus.

Case Study No. 2
- May the contests against the Division II teams count toward the QRSMTE?
- Yes, provided the contests are considered to be part of the event.

QRSMTE Format
- Contests are included in QRSMTE contract.
- Contests are advertised by the participating institutions, event operator and sponsor.
- Contests appear as part of the QRSMTE on participating institution’s schedules.
- Contests are included in the event bracket.
Other Considerations

- Four game limit against non-Division I members.
  - Bylaw 20.9.8.1.
  - Educational Column 3/7/2012.
- Contests against non-Division I members in QRSMTE count toward the four-game limit.
- Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (SLR) blanket waiver granted for institutions that had scheduled more than four contests during 2013-14.

Same Event

- Institution may host distinctly separate events in consecutive years or more than once in any four-year period.
- An event with the same name is the same event.
- An event with 50 percent or more of the same teams is the same event.
  - Educational column 8/16/2011.

Case Study No. 3

- Kennedy College hosts the Alphabet Classic in 2013-14.
- Kennedy College wants to host the Numbers Invitational in 2014-15.
- The Numbers Invitational is a new event.
- The Alphabet Classic is not continuing.
Case Study No. 3

May Kennedy College host the Numbers Invitational in 2014-15?

No. The Numbers Invitational is not a separate and distinct event, since the only apparent change was the name of the event.

May Kennedy College participate in the Numbers Invitational during 2014-15?

Yes, provided the event has a different host and the event involves less than 50 percent of the same participants as the Alphabet Classic.

Host and participating institutions cannot be in the same conference as Kennedy College.

May Kennedy College host the Playground Shootout in 2014-15?

Yes, provided the event involves less than 50 percent of the same participants as the Alphabet Classic.

The Playground Shootout has existed since 2009-10.
Other Issues

May an institution participate in more than one QRSMTE during an academic year?

No. Institutions may only participate in one QRSMTE per academic year.

An institution may not participate in more than one, even if it counts contests in the second QRSMTE toward it’s 27-game limit.

Current legislation was examined as part of the former Rules Working Group initiative and charge by the Board to review how basketball contests are counted.

In fall 2013, Legislative Initiatives Group and Championships/Sports Management Cabinet supported potential legislative action for a 31 contest limit.

Are there any plans to review and/or change the legislation?

Not at this time, due to governance review.
Other Issues

- Do QRSME’s need to be approved or sanctioned by the NCAA national office.

- No. The event host and participating institutions are responsible for ensuring events are conducted in accordance with the legislation.

Questions?