Bylaw 20
Membership Requirements, Sports Sponsorship and Scheduling

Agenda

- Sports sponsorship.
  - Contests versus dates of competition.
  - Multiteam events in individual sports.
- Scheduling requirements.
  - Sports other than football and basketball.
  - Basketball scheduling requirements.
  - Multiteam events in individual sports.
- Penalties and waiver process.

Sports Sponsorship
Counting Contests in NCAA Bylaw 20

- Minimum contest and participant requirements.
  - Must be met for sports sponsorship.
  - Must also be met for revenue distribution.
- This is a different calculation than the maximum dates of competition legislation in Bylaw 17.

Bylaw 20.9.6.3

Sports Sponsorship: Minimum Contest Requirements

In order to count towards minimum contest requirements:

- Contests must be against four-year institutions.
- Cannot use contests against two-year institutions, national teams, professional teams or alumni.
  - These still count for Bylaw 17 against contest maximums.

Bylaw 20.9.6.3

Sports Sponsorship: Minimum Contest Requirements (cont.)

Counting Multicontest Events in Team Sports

- Count each contest in the event.
  - Even in a “date of competition” sport.
- Example: Two-day tournament in women’s volleyball with two matches on day one and one match on day two.
  - Bylaw 20.9.6.3 = three contests.
  - Bylaw 17 = two dates of competition.

Bylaw 20.9.6.3.2
Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports

- No more than three institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in a multiteam event.
  - Must be scored at the time of the event (no rescoring).
  - Must be scored by the operator of the event.
  - Can be used on multiple occasions.
  - If there is a single score, the event counts as one contest.

Bylaw 20.9.6.3.3

Example: Counting Multiteam Events

- A 54-hole golf tournament occurs over two days.
- Six NCAA Division I and six NCAA Division II teams are in the event.
- The event keeps a team scoreboard for all 12 teams.
- One Division I coach separately scores his team against the other Division I opponents.
  - They earn four wins and one loss.

Example: Counting Multiteam Events (cont.)

- How many contests has the golf team completed for sports sponsorship?

- Is it permissible for tournament organizers to rescore the event after its conclusion on an institution-versus-institution basis for the Division I teams?
Individual Sports – One or More Sites

If the number of student-athletes participating at multiple sites on the same day equals or exceeds the minimum participants required for sports sponsorship, the institution may count the event as a contest.

Example: 14 track and field student-athletes.

Multiday Meets – Track & Field

If the number of student-athletes participating during a multiday meet held on consecutive days equals or exceeds 14, the institution may use the competition as a contest.

Bylaw 20.9.6.3.4.1
Scheduling Requirements

- Ensures that institutions engage primarily in competition with members of the same division (subdivision in football).
- Must meet scheduling requirements in all sports that institution used to meet sports-sponsorship minimums.
- 14 sports or 16 sports (bowl subdivision football).

Scheduling Requirements (cont.)

- A non-FBS institution sponsors 20 sports.
- Does it have to meet the scheduling requirements in all 20 sports?

Scheduling Requirements (cont.)

- Sports other than football, basketball, men’s swimming and diving, men’s indoor and outdoor track and field and wrestling.
- Must schedule and play 100% of contests used to meet sports-sponsorship minimums against Division I opponents.
- Must schedule and play 50% of contests beyond the sports-sponsorship minimums against Division I opponents.
Example

♦ Soccer.
  ♦ Institution schedules 20 contests.
  ♦ Soccer is used for sports sponsorship.

♦ How many contests must occur against Division I opponents?

Scheduling Requirements (cont.)

♦ Men’s swimming and diving, men’s indoor and outdoor track and field and wrestling.

♦ Must schedule and play 50% of contests used to meet sports-sponsorship minimums against Division I opponents.

Example

♦ Men’s swimming and diving.
  ♦ Institution schedules 12 contests.
  ♦ Men’s swimming and diving is used for sports sponsorship.

♦ How many contests must occur against Division I opponents?
Basketball.

Four game limit against non-Division I opponents.

Includes scrimmages, exhibitions, qualifying regular-season multiple team events (QRSMTE).

* Educational Column (3/7/2012)

Example

Institution schedules:
  * One practice scrimmage against NAIA institution.
  * One exhibition contest against Division II institution.
  * Two contests against reclassifying institution in conference in year one.
  * One contest against Division II opponent in QRSMTE.

Example (cont.)

Does institution meet scheduling requirements?
Basketball Blanket Waiver for 2013-14

♦ NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (SLR).

♦ Provides relief for institutions that had already scheduled more than four contests against non-Division I opponents for 2013-14.

♦ Issued January 17, 2014.

Scheduling Requirements

♦ Basketball.

♦ Must play at least one-third of regular season contests in the arena regularly used for home games.
  ♦ May use more than one arena, if each arena is:
    ▪ Located within 30 miles of main campus; and
    ▪ Used at least twice annually for home contests.

Scheduling Requirements (cont.)

♦ Women’s basketball only.

♦ Must play one-third of its regular season contests away from home or at a neutral site.
Reclassifying Opponents — All Sports

- An institution may count a contest against a reclassifying institution as a Division I opponent during year two of the process.

- Inclusion in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) during year one has no impact on scheduling requirements.

Scheduling Requirements — Exception All Sports

- Requirements do not apply in sports in which the only championship opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship; or

- No NCAA sponsored postseason opportunity.

Multiteam Events in Individual Sports

- If event is scored by division or only involves Division I, then contest may count toward scheduling requirement if minimum number of participants is satisfied.

- If not scored by division, then at least two-thirds of the participating institutions must be Division I and minimum number of participants satisfied in order to meet scheduling requirement.
Two-thirds standard only includes institutions that are competing in the contest, not all event participants.

- Number of Division I institutions/total number of institutions competing.

- Every institution that has at least one participant in the contest counts as an institution.

Two-thirds standard is based on the entire competition, not on specific events in which the institution competes.

Two-thirds standard is based on the number of participating institutions at the time of the event.

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Educational Column (3/26/2013)

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Women's outdoor track.

Institution is using sport to meet sports-sponsorship minimums.

Institution competes in 10 contests, with 18 participants.
Example (cont.)

How many contests must meet scheduling requirements?

Example (cont.)

ABC Relays.

- 50 teams.
- 40 institutions.
- 30 Division I institutions.
- Two scores, overall team champion and collegiate team champion.

Example (cont.)

If the institution is using the contest as one of its eight contests that must meet scheduling requirements, does the two-thirds standard apply?

Does the contest meet the two-thirds standard?
What if the event only had 20 Division I participating institutions?

May the institution still compete in the event?

May the institution still count the contest toward the sports sponsorship minimum?

May the institution score the event by division following completion of the event?

Educational Column (8/17/2012)
Bylaw 20
PENALTIES and Waiver process

Bylaw 20 Penalties

- Penalties for failure to meet sports-sponsorship requirements.
  - One-year probationary period.
  - One probationary period every 10 years.
  - A failure to satisfy requirements during probationary period = restricted membership.

Bylaw 20.2.5.1.2

Bylaw 20 Penalties (cont.)

- Penalty for failure to meet scheduling requirements.
  - Restricted membership.
    - No championships in that sport.
    - Loss of voting.
Bylaw 20 Penalties (cont.)

♦ February 2014 NCAA Division I Administration Cabinet discussion.
  ♦ Consideration of alternative penalties.
    ▪ Ten-year probationary period;
    ▪ Reduced number of contests; and/or
    ▪ Fines.

Bylaw 20.2.5.1.3

Bylaw 20 Waiver Process

♦ No need to submit an infractions report.

♦ Bylaw 20 waivers are submitted via Request/Self-Reports Online (RSRO).

♦ Reviewed by the Administration Cabinet.