



NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
BASKETBALL ON-COURT PRESEASON PRACTICE BLANKET WAIVER
APPROVED MARCH 14, 2018

NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball programs may begin on-court preseason basketball practice September 25, 2018, which is 42 days prior to the new first permissible contest date of Tuesday, November 6.

In granting this request, the staff noted:

1. NCAA Proposal No. 2017-73 was adopted in January 2018 with an immediate effective date;
2. At the time Proposal No. 2017-73 was adopted, many NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball teams had their schedules already set for the 2018-19 basketball season and are unable to move their first contest to occur prior to the former first permissible contest date (Friday, November 9, 2018) due to contractual obligations;
3. Allowing all Division I basketball programs to commence on-court basketball practice on September 25, 2018, eliminates any potential competitive advantage gained by those institutions who are able to schedule their first contest prior to November 9, 2018;
4. NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball teams shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before the institution's first regular-season contest;
5. National Association of Basketball Coaches and Women's Basketball Coaches Association support the waiver request; and
6. This waiver is only for the 2018-19 basketball season.

See Committee for Legislative Relief Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab Case No. 1003372 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief [homepage](#).

NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.3.2.1 (men's basketball) and 17.3.2.2 (women's basketball) and NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-73 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- TUESDAY BEFORE SECOND FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER.