WBCA Division I Town Hall

September 22, 2020
"WE TIP WITH EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY"

OUR VISION
Unify and grow the women’s basketball community; empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential; celebrate and elevate the game; and create an inspiring experience for all involved.

TEAMWORK
We define success in terms of what we accomplish together.

INCLUSION
We embrace diversity and celebrate differences.

PASSION
We aspire to be the best we can be in all we do.

EXCELLENCE
We succeed in education, basketball and our lives.

INTEGRITY
We honor and respect the game and each other.

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2020-21 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Season

• Adopted concepts.

• Other priority areas.

• Questions.

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Background and Timeline

Practice and First Contest Model, etc.  Minimum and Maximum Contests

August/September  
- Stakeholder Feedback

September 1  
- Joint Division I Men's and Women's Oversight Committees' Meeting

September 8  
- DI Women's Basketball Committee

September 11  
- Joint WBOC/MBOC Meeting

September 16  
- DI Council Meeting
2020-21 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Season

1. Legislative changes.

2. Informational items.

3. Other priority areas.
2020-21 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Season

- Council adopted emergency temporary legislation in the following items:
  - First permissible contest date and preseason practice period.
  - Maximum number of contests.
  - Minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship and regular-season conference competition.
  - Scrimmages and exhibition games prior to the first permissible contest date.


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First Contest Date -
November 25, 2020, and Practice Model

September 21-October 13: Transition period based on first permissible contest date. A maximum of 12 hours per week of strength and conditioning activities, sport-related meetings and skill instruction, with not more than eight hours per week spent on skill instruction, and two days off per week.

October 14-November 24: Preseason practice period based on first permissible contest date. A maximum of 20 hours per week, four hours per day and one day off per week.

November 25, 2020: First permissible contest date.

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First Permissible Contest Date and Preseason Practice Period

• **Rationale:**
  o By November 25, at least 76% of Division I institutions will have concluded their fall term or moved remaining instruction and exams online and not expected to return for in-person instruction until January 2021. By November 20, 43% of Division I campuses will be in this position.
  
  o Provides a window of opportunity to begin contests while many institutions are not conducting in-person classes to help mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19 in a more controlled and less populated campus environment.
  
  o Anticipates availability of more widespread testing enhancements and rapid results by late November.
Scrimmages and Exhibition Contests Prior to First Permissible Contest Date

• **Intent:**
  - For the 2020-21 playing season, teams would be prohibited from participating in any scrimmages or exhibition contests prior to the first permissible date of competition.

• **Rationale:**
  - Participating in these games may jeopardize institution's ability to participate in countable contests and creates unnecessary risk for student-athletes, coaches and team personnel.
  - Anticipates availability of more widespread testing enhancements and rapid results by late November.
  - Institutions are not precluded from participating in scrimmages or exhibition contests on or after the first permissible contest date.
Minimum and Maximum Number of Contests

Minimum Number of Contests
• Reduction in the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship by 50% (i.e., 13 contest minimum).

Maximum Number of Contests
• Reduction in the maximum number of contests by four.

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### Summary of Basketball Start of Season Actions Taken by Division I Council

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL 2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN
NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Basketball Committees

• Teams will meet sport sponsorship requirements and be considered for NCAA championship selection if they play 13 games. For NCAA championship consideration, all 13 games must be against another Division I opponent.

• Committees recommended teams play a minimum of four nonconference games for purposes of NCAA Division I Championship selection.
Other Legislative Areas

• Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events (NCAA Bylaws 17.4.5.1.1 and 17.4.5.2.1).

Agreed that qualifying regular season multiple-team events may operate under the normal parameters outlined in the legislation and the current application of qualifying regular season multiple-team events will be maintained.

• Three-Day Winter Break Period - Autonomy Legislation (Bylaw 17.1.7.9).

Agreed that this legislation be maintained at this time.
Other Priority Areas

• Resocialization of collegiate sport guidelines and testing protocols.*
• Game operation protocols.*
• Playing rules.
• Officiating.
• Championships.
Questions?
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