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WBCA takes no position on efforts to override newly adopted NCAA recruiting regulations

ATLANTA (March 15, 2013) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) will not take a position on calls by some Division I institutions to override newly adopted NCAA regulations relating to governing recruiting and summer activities in the sport, the WBCA office announced today.

Women's basketball specific proposals 2013–1, 2013–2 and 2013–3, which establish a new recruiting model, allow for on–campus evaluation and permit eight hours per week of summer activities in conjunction with summer school, were adopted by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in January. The NCAA Division I board also adopted 25 proposals submitted by the NCAA's Rules Working Group (RWG), which is charged with reviewing and recommending changes to streamline NCAA rules. Many of the RWG's proposals are approaching the 75 override requests needed to require the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to revisit its adoption of the proposals. The three women's basketball specific proposals, however, have received few override requests to date.

The deadline for submitting override requests to the NCAA national office is March 20.

The WBCA, which worked closely with the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee for more than a year in developing the women's basketball specific proposals and an additional year in shepherding them through the NCAA's legislative process, will take no official position on any requests for their override because there remains no consensus among WBCA–member Division I head coaches for or against some of the components of the new recruiting model.

"The WBCA is grateful to the NCAA Division I Leadership Council and its subcommittees for including the WBCA membership's feedback in the year–long process of developing the new recruiting model," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "The override period gives our members and their respective institutions an opportunity to directly affect the enactment, reconsideration or overturn of these proposals.

"Absent a clear consensus of our Division I members to guide us, we do not believe it appropriate for the WBCA to take a position on this matter. However, we respect our WBCA individual members' rights to act as permitted within the NCAA legislative framework according to their convictions."

The outcome of the override process and the new rules governing Division I women's basketball will be discussed in detail during the upcoming WBCA National Convention, which will be held April 5–9 in New Orleans.

About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. For more information on the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.