

**POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE APPLICATION OF SPORTS-SPONSORSHIP  
WAIVERS PURSUANT TO NCAA BYLAW 20.9.3.3.8.1**

Under NCAA Bylaw 20.9.3.3.8.1, a Division I member institution may petition for a waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest. Bylaw 20.9.3.3.8.1 states that the NCAA Division I Management Council Membership Subcommittee may recommend approval of waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest involving situations beyond the control of the institution. The following provides the framework for the approval of such waivers:

1. An institution seeking a waiver of the minimum-contests or minimum-participants requirement within five years of a similar request must demonstrate that it has scheduled in excess of the minimum number of contests as required in Bylaw 20.9.3.3;
2. A petition for a waiver of the minimum-contests or minimum-participants requirement in a particular sport that is made within five years of a similar request in the same sport will be denied, absent a showing of exceptional circumstances to justify such a waiver;
3. The expectation of rescheduling a contest will be greater when that contest is cancelled early in the institution's playing season (e.g. the first half of the playing season). Accordingly, an institution generally is expected to schedule an additional contest to satisfy the minimum-contests or minimum-participants requirement;
4. An institution seeking a waiver of the minimum-contests or minimum-participants requirement for multiple sports during the same academic year must provide an explanation for the repeated need for waivers by the institution during that year;
5. All petitions for a waiver of the minimum-contests or minimum-participants requirement must be accompanied by a detailed narrative explaining the circumstances surrounding the need for the waiver and a history of other waiver petitions presented by the institution pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.3.3.8.1 within the past five years; and
6. In general, a petition filed for purely revenue distribution purposes (i.e., the waiver is not needed to satisfy Division I membership requirements) will be denied.