

MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Web Conference

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Leah Nilsson, NCAA

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated “sense of the meeting”) in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee’s agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience or reference.]

The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee Web conference was called to order at 11 a.m. Eastern time by the chair, Ms. Slabik. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and Announcements. Ms. Slabik welcomed the committee and staff to the Web conference.

2. Instructions on Web Conference. Ms. Nilsson informed the committee of some of the functionality of the Web conference and reminded the committee that a Netspoke representative is available to assist with any user-support issues while the Web conference is conducted. Ms. Nilsson reminded the committee that the Web conference format originated from the NCAA national office campaign to use more technology for committee business in an effort to potentially increase committee efficiency and reduce costs.

3. Review of Previous Minutes. The committee reviewed the March 8 teleconference minutes via the Web conference portal. Through the Web conference voting instrument,

It was VOTED:

“That the March 8 teleconference minutes be approved.”

4. One Contest Date for Junior-Varsity and Varsity Teams. The committee reviewed NCAA Bylaw 17.1.9.4 (traditional and nontraditional segment length - baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and women's volleyball), an official interpretation (Reference: 8/22/90, Item No. 23) and an official interpretation (Reference: 7/9/87 Item No. 8) and a question and answer that was included with the 2004 NCAA Convention application guide to determine whether institutions that sponsor multiple teams (e.g., varsity, junior varsity, freshman) in a particular sport specified in Bylaw 17.1.9.4 are limited to the same, single date of competition in the nontraditional segment for all teams or whether each team in the same sport could use its one date of competition on separate days respectively.

It was VOTED

“To recommend archiving the 7/9/87 official interpretation and issue an official interpretation in which the committee determined that multiple teams in one sport (e.g., varsity soccer, junior varsity soccer, freshman soccer) at a member institution may participate separately in the prescribed number of contests or scrimmages during the traditional segment with outside competition. The committee confirmed that each sport team is permitted to have 16 days of athletically related activity per sport during the nontraditional segment and that all levels of teams (e.g., freshmen, junior varsity, varsity) within a sport would be treated as the same sport. Therefore, if any member (any level) of a team participates in athletically related activities on a particular day, that day must count as one of the 16 days for the entire sport (all levels). The committee further confirmed that an institution’s multiple teams in one sport (e.g., freshman, junior varsity, varsity) that use the permissible one date of competition in the nontraditional segment must use its permissible one date of competition on the same actual day. [References: Bylaws 17.1.9.4 (traditional and nontraditional segment length - baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and women's volleyball) and Bylaw 17._.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional); and a July 9, 1987 official interpretation (Reference: Item No. 8), which has been archived.]”

5. Amateur Athletics Union (AAU)/Nonscholastic-Based Basketball. The committee reviewed whether the prohibition of coaches being involved with nonscholastic-based basketball per Bylaw 13.11.1.4 (nonscholastic-based basketball) should extend beyond solely the Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) to include all organizations that sponsor nonscholastic-based basketball. The committee noted that Division III intended to only specify AAU in its prohibition based on floor discussion at the 1995 NCAA Convention. The committee agreed that the rule intended to prohibit a coach's involvement with AAU nonscholastic-based basketball and that coaches should be able to work with youth-centered organizations (e.g., Boys and Girls Club, Special Olympics, etc) that happen to operate basketball programs. The committee took no action.

6. Legislative Services Database for the *internet* (LSDBi) Tutorial. Mr. Banker guided the committee through a PowerPoint presentation outlining the basics and functionality of LSDBi. Mr. Banker described how to access LSDBi, what resources are available on LSDBi and other helpful tips for maximizing LSDBi's usefulness. The committee accepted the information and confirmed with Mr. Banker that this presentation will be used at the 2006 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars, incorporated into other Division III programming (e.g., provisional membership education program, conference meetings, etc) and made available on the NCAA's Web site throughout the year.

7. Adjournment. Ms. Slabik noted the future meeting times, including confirmation that the June meeting will be an in-person meeting in Indianapolis. Ms. Slabik adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m. Eastern time.

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