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Proposal No. 2010-9 (No. 2-7) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- EXEMPTED ALUMNI CONTEST (III)

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Intent: To permit institutions to conduct the exempted alumni contest at any time during the playing season including prior to the first permissible contest date.

Question No. 1: Does this proposal add an exempted contest?

Answer: No. This proposal does not add another exempted contest but rather allows an already existing exempted contest to be played during any portion of the designated playing season.

Question No. 2: Does this proposal increase the designated playing season?

Answer: No. This proposal does not increase the designated playing season. However, for some sports it increases the period of time within the designated playing season in which a team could conduct an alumni game.

Question No. 3: How does this proposal affect sports that permit exhibition contests in the preseason?

Answer: This proposal would not change those exhibition contests. It would allow the alumni contest to be played during the preseason in addition to those exhibition contests. If an institution previously conducted an alumni contest as one of those permissible exhibition contests, it no longer has to count the alumni contest as one of those exhibitions.

Question No. 4: How does this proposal affect the sports of golf and tennis when they choose to conduct their traditional segment in the fall?

Answer: If an institution chooses to conduct its traditional segment in the fall and uses the preseason practice formula to determine its first permissible practice date, then the institution may conduct the exempted alumni contest during the preseason prior to the first permissible date of competition.

Question No. 5: How many alumni contests would this proposal permit a team to play during the preseason?

Answer: One. The current rule only allows the team to exempt one alumni contest from the contest maximums. A team could compete in more than one alumni contest but any additional alumni contests would count against the contest maximums and must occur during the permissible competition period of the playing season. Because this proposal only allows the one exempted alumni contest to be played in the preseason, a team is limited to just one alumni contest during that preseason period.

Question No. 6: Would this proposal allow student-athletes to miss class for an alumni contest played during the preseason in the traditional segment?

Answer: Yes. The current rule allows for a student-athlete to miss class for contests during the traditional segment. Because this is considered a contest and not a practice, student-athletes would be permitted to miss class to participate in the alumni contest whether it is during the preseason or the competition portion of the traditional segment. A student-athlete may not miss class for practice or competition that occurs during the nontraditional segment.

Question No. 7: Would a student-athlete use a season of participation if the alumni contest occurs during the preseason?

Answer: No. A student-athlete who participates in an alumni contest during the preseason does not use a season of participation unless he or she continues to participate in or after the first contest of the traditional segment.

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