

Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) 2009 DI Business Meeting Voting Results WBCA Convention April 6, 2009

During the WBCA National Convention the Division I WBCA members vote on legislative issues that have been brought forth through the membership and conference captains program. This is referred to as the Foresight Committee Process. Issues receiving a 70% majority support vote are sent forward to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee for their consideration and possible support. If issues received 60-69% majority support vote, we encourage the membership to continue discussing those issues in their conference meetings for possible support and conference proposal. Through this process there is an open forum of pro's and con's and each institution is permitted one vote by the head coach or a member of their staff that they have transferred their voting rights to.

2008-2009 WBCA Division I Foresight Committee Legislative Issues Receiving 70% Support by WBCA Membership

4-II. Support 86%

Legislate that evaluations during the fall and spring nonscholastic weekends are limited to Friday, Saturday and Sunday events which have been certified by the NCAA and do not coincide with weekends in which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized test are administered, regardless of where the event occurs. [WAC]

Pro: Sends the correct message that academics come first and also to eliminate the pressure put on PSAs who have to decide whether to take the SAT or play for their club team so they can be seen by college coaches;

Con: Would lead to constant change in the calendar year; Would subject the NCAA calendar to the whims of testing organizations; There are only a certain number of weekends, so avoiding the test dates could be tough; Many colleges use this as an opportunity to evaluate the upcoming junior class and see kids they don't have time to see during the summer.

4-III. Support 82%

Include Easter Weekend in the above proposal.

7. **Current Rule: 13.1.8.8(b)(2) Summer Evaluation Period.** During the summer evaluation period, a member institution's basketball coaching staff may attend noninstitutional nonorganized events (e.g., pick-up games), institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 30.16.

7-I. Support 70%

Prohibit evaluations at non-institutional non-organized events (e.g., pick-up games, open gyms) during the summer evaluation period.

Pro: Take away abuses of individual workouts, feigned open gyms, as it relates to pick-up-games in the summer; cut down on babysitting dimension of an AAU coach or parent; Eliminates the pressure on high school coaches to hold events and pick-up games and allows them to have their summer; more clarity.

Con: Allows less access to PSA's.

15-I. Support 78%

Allow incoming freshman to have the ability to play on a foreign tour if they have or are currently attending summer school. (Feedback for WBIC Summer Access Package) [Mountain West]

Pro: Experience helps freshman get acclimated to the team; allows freshman to experience the foreign tour and not miss out because it only happens every four years; Already on the team, taking classes, allows them to bond with teammates; Allows coaches to prepare for season with actual team and not missing anyone; creates a less stressful environment to get to know freshmen as well as promoting team bonding.

Con: Too much too soon; huge financial commitment and an opportunity that should be earned over time; Summer school sessions for freshman could be affected; Would eliminate the flexibility of when programs could take their tour; Possibility of some eligibility issues if a freshman went on a foreign tour prior to the start of her first year and then decided to transfer; They may not be ruled eligible through the clearinghouse when the team goes because of how long the process takes; What if they are ruled ineligible and they already went and played with your team.

19-I Support 87%

Allow incoming freshman to have the ability to work camps if they have or are currently attending summer school. (Feedback for WBIC Summer Access Package) [Big 12]

Pro: Already on campus and seems inclusive for them to be able to work camps on campus; Incoming freshmen could earn money; They are already there in the summer – no additional advantage; this would give freshmen a more productive structure to their day, make them feel more a part of the camp that their teammates are involved in and alleviate homesickness; gives them a means to earn money.

Con: Not sending the right message; Freshman need to be focused on getting adjusted to academic life and strength and conditioning-they already have a lot on their plate.

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8. 64%

Do you support the model of a 40-day practice window prior to the start of the first permissible contest?

8-I. 69%

30 days of practice in a 40 day period prior to first permissible contest date (still one day off per week). [SEC]

Pro: Allows flexibility but remains level playing field for quarter schools; With the increased number of games-this flexibility would help prepare teams for the early start; there has been support from NCAA Committees on past proposal.

Con: Would be difficult to monitor the actual number of practice days used when it is not in a defined calendar; Abuses through oversight are likely to occur, causing an unfair playing field; Would require more compliance monitoring; Would elongate the season even more by

starting earlier – cuts down on preseason workout and individual workout times; does not allow for enough time between home visits and start of practice to adequately plan for practices; makes the season even longer; Proposal 2007-88 was defeated by Management Council even though supported by other NCAA Committees.

18. 66%

Institution's basketball camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus, within the state in which the institution is located or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus.

Pro: Similar to the football rule, Bylaw 13.12.1.1.2 and would allow for some flexibility of local development off an institutions campus.

Con: Could result in a recruiting advantage based on coaches' relationship with a high school coach.

11-I. 50%

Reduce contests from 29 to 28. **(Included for reference.)** [Big East]

Pro: Make scheduling non-conference games easier; Less wear and tear on the student-athlete if they are playing less games; easier to fit all the allowed contests in; It would be easier to schedule 28 games rather than 29 considering school breaks and exam schedules; it would rein-in bidding wars for guarantee games; giving coaches the choice to have a scrimmage or not is more cost effective than having to schedule the 29th game.

Con: Possibility of taking away programs flexibility to meet their individual needs; Hurts those teams that are trying to make sure they get 20 wins and really need that extra win; not enough time has passed to accurately evaluate how the current system is working.