

Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)

Foresight Committee Process Overview 2008-09

Mission: To have 100% of the women's basketball specific proposals come through the WBCA legislative process so that they can be voted on by the entire WBCA Division I membership prior to reaching the NCAA legislative cycle. This process encourages inclusion and gives "one voice" to legislative issues that directly affect the great sport of Women's Basketball.

Composition: Foresight Committee is part of the WBCA's new internal legislative process that began in Fall 2006. The process of the Foresight Committee gives all WBCA Division I members the opportunity to voice their opinion through their Conference Captains and then vote on the issues to be put forth to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee. The Foresight Committee is comprised of Division I Conference Captains and Division I members of the WBCA Board of Directors.

Voting: Voting takes place during the WBCA Convention Division I Business Meeting in April each year. Each issue is up for discussion and debate prior to a vote and must be supported by a minimum of 70% majority vote before they are submitted to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee as a proposal to be put forth to the NCAA. Every institution receives one vote by the Head Coach. If the head coach is unable to attend, he/she must transfer, in writing, their voting rights to one of their assistant coaches by Mid-March to the WBCA. The following is the WBCA Division I Timeline for Proposing New Legislation.

WBCA Division I Timeline for Proposing New Legislation

May-September

1. Coaches discuss legislative issues during conference spring meetings.
2. Conference Captain Representatives discuss issues with conference coaches.
3. Foresight Committee Conference Call – September 15, 2008.

October

4. Legislative Issues are submitted to the WBCA through the WBCA Foresight Committee which was established in September 2006 and is comprised of Conference Captains and DI members of the WBCA Board of Directors. Once an initial list of legislative issues is compiled from the Foresight Committee, it is discussed on a conference call within each conference for feedback and additions. Issues are due to the WBCA by October 15, 2008.

March

5. WBCA Submission of New Issues. Due to WBCA by March 19, 2009.
6. WBCA Transfer of Voting Rights faxed to WBCA Office. Due to WBCA by March 19, 2009.

April

7. During the DI Business Meeting each issue is openly debated on the floor by the DI membership and then each issue is voted on separately. Only institutions head coaches present are permitted to vote.

May

8. Those legislative issues that received 70% majority support are sent to Conference Offices and the Women's Basketball Issues Committee for their support and possible draft into a proposal.

July

9. Those proposals supported by the Women's Basketball Issues Committee are submitted to the NCAA by the July 15th deadline.

November - December

10. Conference ADs/FARs/SWAs determine conference position on proposals.

January

11. NCAA Legislative Council initial vote:
 - a. Those with greater than 67% support to adopt immediately are adopted and go to the Board of Directors.
 - b. Those with greater than 50%, but less than 67% go out for comment.
 - c. Those with less than 50% are defeated.

February – March

12. Comment Period.

April

13. NCAA Legislative Council, Board of Directors second consideration of proposals.
 - a. Greater than 50% adopted.