

POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE APPLICATION OF SPORTS-SPONSORSHIP WAIVERS PURSUANT TO NCAA BYLAW 20.9.6.3.10.1

In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 20.9.6.3.10.1, a Division I member institution may petition for waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest. Pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.3.10.1, The Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) may approve waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest when unforeseen circumstances beyond the institution's control have prevented the completion of a scheduled competition or the participation of the required minimum number of individuals and, despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to engage in at least the required minimum number of intercollegiate contests. The following policy guidelines provide 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 20.9.6.3;
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 not be approved, 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 will be expected to schedule an additional contest in order to meet 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; and
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 20.9.6.3.10.1 within the past five years.