



## **Division I Educational Document: Proposal 2005-143**

### **Proposal 2005-143: PLAYING SEASONS -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS -- FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL**

- Competition during the non-championship segment shall count against the maximum dates of competition limit for that segment ONLY if the competition results in no missed class time or final examinations;
- If such competition during the non-championship segment results in missed class time and/or missed finals, the competition dates shall count against the dates of competition for the championship segment.

**NOTE:** The sponsors of the proposal have confirmed that an institution is still limited to only four competition dates during the non-championship segment regardless of where they will count. They are working to clarify the language officially.

#### **Rationale In Support of Proposal 2005-143:**

- Some programs do not use all 28 dates during the championship segment anyway.
- Allows for some flexibility during the non-championship segment.
- Encourages institutions to avoid impacting a student-athlete's academic responsibilities when scheduling non-championship segment competition.
- May even the playing field between those institutions that can afford to travel a distance and those that cannot (may prevent some institutions from traveling great distances because they are missing class).

#### **Rationale Opposed to Proposal 2005-143:**

- Does not guarantee no missed class time during non-championship segment.
- Although championship segment dates would be used, does not count in RPI or for post-season selection.
- May make it more difficult for schools that are more isolated as they do not have the ability to compete in spring tournaments without traveling and missing class.
- Some institutions will be forced to compete against those institutions they always schedule (championship segment) rather than traveling a little bit further to compete.

**NOTE:** The NCAA Championships/Competition Cabinet supports this proposal.