



**Position Statement by the American Volleyball Coaches Association
(Men's Volleyball): 2005-143**

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I men's volleyball coaches are opposed to Proposal 2005-143 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS -- FIELD HOCKEY, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL which is sponsored by the Big Ten Conference.

The intent of this proposal is to specify that competition during the nonchampionship segment shall count against the maximum contest/dates of competition limit for that segment (nonchampionship segment) only if the competition results in no missed class time or final examinations. If participation in competition during the nonchampionship segment causes the student-athletes to miss class time or final examinations, the competition would count against the contest/dates of competition for the championship segment.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I men's volleyball coaches have reviewed this proposal and are opposed to the proposal for the sport of men's volleyball.

The Division I men's volleyball coaches oppose this proposal for various reasons. A few of those are outlined below:

- Due to the limited number of Division I men's volleyball teams that are sponsored, the tournaments and competitions that are available to participate in are generally not within driving distance during the nonchampionship segment. If this proposal was adopted, it would create an impossible scenario for these programs to compete during the nonchampionship segment without missing a few days of classes.
- In the sport of men's volleyball, the student-athletes are generally not at-risk students and do not have challenges academically. The federal graduation rates for the sport of men's volleyball have historically been high. The NCAA APR and GSR for the sport of men's volleyball have not been in jeopardy of being penalized.

This is not an exclusive list but represents significant advantages and benefits to this legislative proposal.

In conclusion, please take into consideration as Proposal 2005-143 is reviewed and voted on that the AVCA Division I men's volleyball coaches are opposed to this proposal.

(NOTE: The AVCA refrains from taking an official position on Proposal 2005-143 as it applies to the sport of women's volleyball.)