



The Missouri Valley Conference has proposed legislation as outlined by proposal 2004-52 that would modify NCAA Bylaw 17.27.2 and 17.27.3. The intent of this proposal is to permit an institution to engage in its first women's volleyball competition earlier than is currently permissible. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) has reviewed this proposal as it's been submitted and the membership supports this proposal.

The proposal as it was presented to the AVCA is as follows:

To permit an institution to engage in its first women's volleyball competition the Friday prior September 1; further, to specify that if September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition shall be the preceding Friday; further, to specify that if September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition shall be two Fridays preceding September 1.

The AVCA supports this proposal for various reasons. A few of those are outlined below:

- This proposal would open another weekend for institutions to compete rather than squeezing all 28 competitions in a shorter time period as current legislation dictates.
- This proposal would reduce the amount of missed class time as institutions won't be forced to play mid week to get in matches.
- This proposal would be a cost savings as it would provide the opportunity for one trip weekends to one site rather than competing in several mid week dates to various sites.

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

Based on our coaches' membership, the AVCA would be supportive of this type of legislative change as proposed by the Missouri Valley Conference