

Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8, 2017  
Division I Caucus Minutes

## **AGENDA**

### BYLAW APPROVAL

Improve Bylaws for NFCA

Membership Vote – check whether you approve them or not, vote yes or not

### NISC TOURNAMENT

- Dave King

Recap of the 2017 tournament

Talked about 2018 Changes

8 sites x 4 teams , 24 – 32 teams

Start date 1 day later

Add bad weather day

Host sites required to stream

Coaches need to get support from their AD's

Get conference and league backing

Funding – get yourself ready

Postseason- players and coaches want to be there

Need to web stream

### NCAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Jenny Allard – Harvard University

Selection process – need to educate people about the process

Proposed a convention walk through next year for people to understand the difficulty in selecting

Goal of committee is to make fair decisions for all based on the information the committee has.

Need to understand the process, difficult decisions that have major impacts for lots of people.

TV instant review is vital

Change in Super Regional format – well received

Attendance – all time high

1.7 million viewers

Facility update – Hall of Fame Stadium renovations will be completed by 2020

### NCAA COMPLIANCE

- Maureen Hardy & Jody Sykes

Division I Council Legislative Process

Review of dates for proposals; look at effective dates of proposals that are accepted

Proposals that are adopted or defeated are in existence for 2 years, cannot make changes or re-submit the proposal

### 15 PROPOSAL UPDATES

Recruiting bylaw proposals - publicity, materials, questionnaires, videos, decorations in common areas, publicity prior to commitments by current student athletes

Transportation on recruiting trips

Financial aid during summer school at other institutions

Playing practice season – eliminate 2 hours skill instruction or change to 4 hours of skill instruction

Publicity in practice – allow people to watch practice

Day off variation – gives you flexibility in your days off

### AUTONOMY PROPOSALS

Volunteer coach opportunities – give volunteers the same benefits of recruits

Increase the entertainment budget to \$75 per day for recruits

Allow more snacks on an official visit for recruits

### RECRUITING DEFINITION of PSA

Tryouts, camps, clinics

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders become prospects

Could change which camps you can work and when

### NCAA STUDENT ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

Reviewed SAEC Proposed Model For Early Recruiting

Reviewed Recently Adopted Lacrosse Legislation

NCAA is requesting feedback on the models from the coach associations for adoption in April  
PROPOSALS 111, 112, 113

Discussion about the models by regions

NFCA WILL SEND OUT A SURVEY FOR FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERSHIP

### HCC REPS BY REGION

List of reps – communicate with them

### HOT TOPICS DISCUSSIONS BY REGION

Current proposed legislation – refer to provided documents

- Early Recruiting

- Definition of prospective student athlete
- Visit legislation
- 3 Proposals are in the cycle

Need feedback from softball on:

- Official visits
- Unofficial visits
- Recruiting conversations

#### VOTES BY REGION

- Effort to determine if the group is in support of the SAEC model or wish to amend the proposal

#### STRAW VOTE RESPONSE

- 200 institutions for Single Date Model
- 3 institutions for SAEC model

NFCA will gather information about this topic. A survey will be sent to the membership for feedback.

#### CONTINUATION

- Increase in staff
  - 4<sup>th</sup> paid coach (SEC proposal)
  - ABCA also in favor
  - Replacement of the Volunteer Assistant
    - Institutional Decision on what level to fund
- Scholarship increase
  - 12 to 14 equivalency scholarships
  - Big Ten supported (SWA and FAR backing)
  - Climate is currently right to ask for increase

Communication from the NFCA will continue on these topics