



NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball – Multiple-Team Events –
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Question and Answer Document

On February 3, 2025, the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees directed the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff to approve a legislative relief blanket waiver of the multiple-team event (MTE) legislation for the 2025-26 season.

The following information is designed to provide clarification to institutional and conference staff members and basketball coaches regarding the application of the blanket waiver.

Question No. 1: Which specific MTE events criteria did the blanket waiver change for the 2025-26 season?

Answer: The blanket waiver waives the one team per conference and participation in the same event once in a four-year period MTE criteria for the 2025-26 season.

Question No. 2: Which MTE criteria must be met in order to apply the blanket waiver for the 2025-26 season.

Answer: To apply the blanket waiver for the 2025-26 season, all other MTE criteria must be met including:

1. The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches (for men's basketball) or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (for women's basketball);
2. The event includes not more than three contests per institution. For men's basketball, an event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event. For women's basketball, the event concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
3. Each participating institution is using the same applicable option (i.e., 28 contests + a 3 game MTE or 29 contests + a 2 game MTE) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;
4. For men's basketball, each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and
5. For men's basketball, the event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

Question No. 3: Does the blanket waiver limit participation in the same MTE during the 2025-26 season to two teams per conference only?

Answer: No. There is no limit on the number of teams from the same conference that may participate in the same MTE during the 2025-26 season.

Question No. 4: If multiple teams from the same conference are participating in the same MTE during the 2025-26 season, are the teams permitted to play each other in the MTE?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 5: How does relief from the participation in the same event once in a four-year period criteria apply to the 2025-26 season?

Answer: A team may participate in the same MTE more than one time in a four-year period provided the team participates in the event during the 2025-26 season. For example, if a team participated in MTE A during any of the previous three seasons (i.e., 2022-23, 2023-24 or 2024-25 seasons), the team may participate in MTE A during the 2025-26 season. Similarly, if a team participates in MTE A during the 2025-26 season, the team may participate in MTE A again during a future season.

Question No. 6: Does the blanket waiver provide relief for events occurring during the 2026-27 season?

Answer: No. The blanket waiver only applies to MTEs occurring during the 2025-26 season.

Question No. 7: Should institutions who may need relief of the MTE criteria for a future season (i.e., 2026-27 season and beyond) submit a legislative relief waiver now?

Answer: No. The oversight committee is conducting a comprehensive review of the MTE legislation and anticipate sponsoring a legislative proposal into the June 2025 legislative cycle that may change existing MTE legislation as early as the 2025-26 season. Institutions are encouraged to wait until the oversight committee completes their comprehensive review before submitting a waiver of the MTE criteria for a future season.