



NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Outside the Playing Season Concept

Background and Rationale



- The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee (MBOC) has been discussing what the period outside the playing season should look like for Division I men's basketball student-athletes and coaches.
- Significant concerns were raised regarding the current transfer environment and turnover of teams annually.
- MBOC expressed a desire to change the period of time outside the playing season to provide appropriate time for individual and team development, relationship building, and to gain a better sense of what teams will look like prior to the competitive season.

Identification of the Problem



- Due to high transfer rates, most teams have brand new rosters each year.
- Student-athletes want to play against individuals other than their teammates by the end of summer.
- NCAA college basketball is the only level that does not have summer competition against “like” opponents (i.e., youth, high-school and professional).
- Teams must travel abroad to play games in the summer.
- Coaches feedback suggests competition on foreign tours is subpar.
- Consistent with decentralization efforts, increased flexibility in national rules for outside (non-institutional) competition is being considered.
- There is inconsistency in the number of skill instruction hours between out-of-season during academic year and summer.

Background and Rationale



Objective: Develop an out-of-season model, including summer access, that acknowledges the current transfer environment, which has created significant turnover rates impacting every Division I men's basketball program, while providing coaches and student-athletes opportunities for individual player and team development and meaningful competitive opportunities ahead of the playing season.

Priorities for development:

- **Development of individual student-athletes and teams** must be prioritized in a concept that recognizes Division I men's basketball teams are rebuilding their rosters annually.
- Allow **institutional flexibility** to determine the timing of summer access and the activities that should be conducted each week outside the playing season.
- **Maintain the current benefits associated with foreign tour participation** while allowing institutional decision-making regarding location of institutional contests occurring outside the playing season.



MBOC Concept – Align Foreign Tour and Summer Access Legislation

Anticipated implementation April 2027

Summary of MBOC Recommendation: Align Foreign Tour and Summer Access Legislation



Align foreign tour and summer access legislation in men's basketball and require all practice and competition in a foreign country that occurs outside the playing season to be conducted during an institution's designated eight weeks of summer access.

- Maintain eight-week period for summer access designated by each institution.
- Eliminate legislation permitting 10 days of practice prior to a foreign tour and reallocate that time to the permissible number of hours permitted each week during summer access.
- Increase from eight to 10 hours during each week of summer access based on reallocation from 10 foreign tour practices and adequate preparation for competition.
- Reduce number of contests permitted during a foreign tour from 10 to three and permit institutional competition to occur domestically or in a foreign country (no hybrid) during summer access – provided contests occur at least 30 days prior to first practice date.

Summary of MBOC Recommendation: Align Foreign Tour and Summer Access Legislation



Align foreign tour legislation in men's basketball with summer access and require all practice and competition in a foreign country that occur outside the playing season to be conducted during an institution's designated eight weeks of summer access.

- Permit institutional contests occurring domestically to be against any four-year collegiate institution.
- Maintain current rule that institutional contests occurring in a foreign country must be against a non-US opponent. May not compete against other American teams.
- Generally, maintain current academic requirements for foreign tour permitting incoming, transfer and returning student-athletes to participate in summer access activities and competition provided they are eligible for ensuing fall term.
- Maintain the developmental and competitive opportunities that currently exist within the foreign tour legislation while providing institutions with the flexibility to play contests domestically or abroad.

Out of Season Activities Current v. Concept – Example Calendar*



Current Foreign Tour & Summer Access

May '27						
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Concept

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Outside of Playing Season

Contest

Foreign Tour Practice (10 days) & Tour (10 games)

Summer Access Period: Outside the Playing Season (8 weeks)

*8 weeks of summer access activities determined at institution's discretion. Dates shown are example only.

Current vs. Concept



		Summer Access -- Current	Foreign Tour -- Current	Concept
<i>Timing</i>		Summer vacation period	Vacation period & end at least 30 days prior to first practice date	During summer access period & end at least 30 days prior to first practice date
<i>Duration</i>		8 weeks	Up to 10 days of practice prior to, No limit on length of tour	Maintain 8-week summer access; and eliminate 10 days of practice prior to foreign tour
<i>CARA</i>		Max 8 hours per week	No weekly limit	Max 10 hours per week; Contests do not count towards limit

Current vs. Concept



		Summer Access -- Current	Foreign Tour -- Current	Concept
<i>Institutional Contests</i>		Not permitted	Up to 10 contests; Excluded from max contest limit & championship selection	Up to 3 domestically <i>OR</i> up to 3 internationally
<i>Opponents*</i>		Not applicable	Foreign (non-U.S.)	Domestic: Four-year collegiate institutions Foreign: Foreign opponents (non-U.S.)
<i>Academic Enrollment</i>		Required for freshmen & transfers. Continuing SAs eligible for exception based on academic achievement.	Must be eligible for competition during the previous academic year or academic year immediately following tour.	Required only for SAs not eligible for competition during ensuing fall term

* Institutions may not engage in competition against a US National team during domestic or international competition.



MBOC Concept – Remove Skill Instruction Limit Outside the Playing Season

Anticipated Implementation April 2027



Summary of MBOC Recommendation: Remove Skill Instruction Limit Outside the Playing Season

Remove restriction on skill instruction during out of season activities similar to summer access.

- Maintain the limit of eight hours of CARA outside the playing season.
- Remove the four-hour restriction on skill instruction.
- Bring out of season activities CARA restrictions in line with summer access CARA restrictions.
- Give institutions autonomy to determine what activities to conduct within eight-hour CARA limit each week outside the playing season.

Current vs. Concept



		Out-of-Season Activities -- Current	Concept
<i>CARA</i>		Max 8 hours per week	Maintain max 8 hours per week
	<i>Skill Instruction</i>	 Max 4 hours per week	Remove skill instruction limit; Institutional discretion to determine activities each week outside the playing season



Outside Competition (Non-Institutional) Outside the Playing Season

MBOC is considering changes to the outside
competition legislation

Concept Summary



Summer Access

- Maintain eight weeks for summer access.
- All practice and competition outside the playing season must occur during summer access.
- Permit up to three institutional contests – may occur domestically or in a foreign country.
- Domestic opponents limited to four-year collegiate institutions.
- Foreign opponents limited to foreign teams (non-U.S.).
- Increase from eight to 10 hours per week CARA limit.
- Summer enrollment not required provided SA is eligible for competition for ensuing fall term.

Outside the Playing Season

- Maintain eight hour per week CARA limit.
- Remove four-hour limit on skill instruction during out of season activities.

Outside Competition (Noninstitutional)

- MBOC considering changes to outside competition legislation.

Stakeholder Feedback



The following stakeholder groups are being requested to provide feedback on the concept prior to the June 25 MBOC meeting.

- Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (WBOC) – Concept shared with WBOC on June 2.
 - *WBOC is collecting stakeholder feedback on a women's basketball concept for initial review during its June 22 meeting.*
- Men's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group (SAEG) – Week of June 8
- National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) – Week of June 8
- NCAA Sports Science Institute/Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. (CSMAS) – Week of June 15
- Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) – Week of June 15
- Faculty Athletics Representatives (FARA) – Week of June 15
- Conference Feedback via MBOC members – Before June 25

MBOC Potential Legislative Changes: October Legislative Cycle



Introduction of Legislation (*standard legislative process*)

October Legislative Cycle

MBOC introduces legislation on June 25 videoconference



MBOC required action on introduced legislation (*adopt, defeat, table etc.*)

MBOC action on August 28 videoconference



NCAA Division I Cabinet action (*potential action*)

DI Cabinet action on October 6-7, 2026



SPRING/SUMMER 2027: New Outside the Playing Season Concept begins