



# Indiana State University Athletics

## PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON DECLARATION



**HEAD COACH:** Per NCAA Bylaws 17.1.1-17.1.3, you are required to submit to the athletic director a declaration of your playing season prior to the beginning of your season. Please provide the information requested below and submit to the Compliance Office. Any revisions to the information provided below must be submitted to the Compliance Office by submitting an amended form. **MEN'S BASKETBALL IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THIS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.**

**NCAA Bylaw 17.1.2 Segments of Playing Seasons:** For all sports other than football and basketball, each member institution may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments.

**NCAA Bylaw 17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Seasons:** Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.12. Declaration of the institution's playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to the beginning of the institution's playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution's athletics director.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTICE:** NCAA Bylaw 3.2.4.14 requires that you provide an "**athletics participation schedule**" indicating all anticipated dates your student athletes will miss class time due to athletic participation. This must be reviewed and approved by the Faculty Athletic Representative BEFORE EACH SEMESTER. Therefore, please hand write all dates of anticipated missed class time next to each contest/tournament reflected on the attached schedule. (A calendar or other document can be provided also).

**ATTACH COPY OF GAME SCHEDULE. INCLUDE ALUMNI, EXHIBITIONS & SCRIMMAGES**

1. Sport  If men's or women's basketball, will you be playing in a Qualifying Regular-Season Multi Team Event this season? (See rules on back)  Yes  No

2. Academic Year  If QRMTE, event name:

3. **Date of First Practice**  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DATE MUST BE 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST SCHEDULED REGULAR SEASON GAME Attach calendar identifying 30 practice dates during 40 day period:**

**Date of First Practice**  
**MEN'S BASKETBALL DATE MUST BE 42 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST SCHEDULED REGULAR SEASON GAME Attach calendar identifying 30 practice dates during the 42 day period:**

4. Date of Team Physicals

5. Date of First Regular Season Contest

6. Beginning Date of MVC Tourney  Ending Date of MVC Tourney

7. Dates of NCAA Championships

8. Number of Contests  (Excluding conference championships & NCAA's)

9. Are you dividing your season?  Yes  No If "Yes," complete fields below:

Segment One Beginning Date  End Date  Total Days in Segment One

Segment Two Beginning Date  End Date  Total Days in Segment Two

Head Coach Signature  Date

Compliance Signature  Date

FAR Approval (MBB) Only  Date

**NCAA Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1 -- Basketball - Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event (I)**

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**Educational Column:** The following information is designed to provide clarification to institutional and conference staff members and basketball coaches regarding the application of NCAA Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1 to qualifying multiple-team events. Each section of the rule is presented below with direction on how that particular section should be applied.

**1. The event must be sponsored by the NCAA, an active or affiliated member or a member conference and must take place in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico or the United States or one of its territories.**

a. The NCAA, an institution or conference, or an affiliated member of the NCAA may sponsor multiple events during the same academic year, provided the events are separate and distinct events (e.g., different names, different participants).

b. The requirement that these entities serve as the sponsors of events is designed to promote and protect the integrity of the event and preclude a sponsor from simply lending its name to the event.

**2. The event includes no more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event.**

a. This requirement is designed to promote a multiple-game event that is structured like a traditional tournament (i.e., bracket format, round robin). While new formats were established last year and permitted, some formats were clearly contrary to the intent of the rule and were used as an attempt to play additional games.

b. For example, an event that conducts round-robin play among four teams at two different sites (eight total teams) with a predetermined fourth game between one of the participating teams from each site is permissible. On the other hand, under this format, if the fourth game is to include a team (or two teams) that did not participate in the round-robin portion of the event, the institutions that participate in the fourth game must count it against the maximum contest limit.

**3. Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period.** It may be permissible for an institution to host distinctly separate events in consecutive years or more than once in any four-year period. However, the following should provide guidance on whether the events are the same event:

(1) An event that has the same name is considered the same event, regardless of the venue or sponsorship arrangements.

(2) An event may be considered a different event, provided it is wholly separate and distinct. One obvious example is that an institution may have hosted a game in the NIT Season Tip-Off in 2010, and may also host a game in the Conference X Classic in 2011. However, it would not be permissible for an institution to have hosted the Sponsor A Classic in 2010, and host the Sponsor B Classic in 2011 if the Sponsor A Classic does not continue in 2011. Such an arrangement appears to be the same event occurring in consecutive years, the only significant change was in the name of the event. Such situations may require review by a conference office or the NCAA on a case-by-case basis to determine appropriate compliance with the intent of the rule.

(3) An event that involves 50 percent or more of the same participants, regardless of venue, the title or sponsorship arrangements is considered the same event. For example, if Sponsor D Classic was conducted in 2010 with four teams, it may become Sponsor F Classic for 2011 and move to a different venue; however, if two (or more) of the teams from the 2010 Sponsor D Classic are participating in the 2011 Sponsor F Classic, it will be considered the same event.

**4. Each institution participating in a qualifying multiple-team event must use Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.**

· This requires that every participating institution in an event is limited to a maximum of 27 contests, plus one qualifying multiple-team event.