

COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS

MARCH 2003 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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The following items were considered and approved (two items tabled) by the Competition Committee on February 13. These items will go to the Management Council for approval:

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COA CONVENTION

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If approved, items become effective July 1, 2003

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS 1-21

CONSENT ITEMS

If approved by the COA Board: Effective July 1, 2003

All items were passed by a single, unanimous vote by the Eligibility Committee and need the approval of the COA Board:

PROPOSAL NUMBER	REFERENCE/ SPORT	PROPOSAL	INTENT	DECISION
Consent Item 1 P	Article 7.4.2	7.4.2. In compliance with the due process procedures of the <i>Constitution</i> , such sanctions may be imposed by <u>the conference commissioners</u> , conferences, appeals boards, and/or by the COA Board.	To clarify the responsibility of the conference commissioner in the due process procedure.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 2 P	Article 7.5.6.1	7.5.6.1. The primary entity responsible for the application and implementation of COA rules, regulations, and procedures is the member college. <u>The next level of enforcement of the rules, regulations, and procedures is the responsibility of the conference commissioner.</u>	To clarify the responsibility of the conference commissioner.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 3 P	Article 7.5.8.1	7.5.8.1. All requests for formal interpretation of the <i>Constitution</i> and/or appeals shall be submitted <u>in writing</u> to the Conference Commissioner.	To assure that all appeals are submitted in writing.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 4 P	Articles 7.5.8.3, 7.5.8.4, 7.5.8.5, 7.5.9.2.A, and 7.5.9.2.D	7.5.8.3. The Conference Commissioner shall interpret <u>and rule on</u> the provisions of the <i>Constitution</i> for colleges, students, college administrators, and employees of member schools in his/her conference. 7.5.8.4. The Conference Commissioner is responsible for the first level interpretation, <u>ruling</u> , and enforcement of this <i>Constitution</i> . 7.5.8.5. His/her recommendation shall be forwarded to the conference hearing board for modification, reversal, or ratification, <u>except for injury illness waivers</u> . 7.5.9.2.A. Written appeals from recommendations <u>the rulings</u> of the Conference Commissioner. 7.5.9.2.D. Recommendations <u>All rulings</u> by the Conference Commissioner that modify, extend, waive, or disregard any provisions of the <i>Constitution</i> , <u>except for injury illness waivers</u> .	To clarify the responsibility of the conference commissioner in the due process procedures.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee

PROPOSAL NUMBER	REFERENCE/ SPORT	PROPOSAL	INTENT	DECISION
Consent Item 5 P	Article 7.5.14.10	7.5.14.10. Penalties for violation of any Bylaw may be imposed on colleges and their coaches, students, employees, and/or college representatives. Such penalties may be imposed by the college, <u>the conference commissioner</u> , conference, appeals board, or the COA Board.	To clarify the role of the conference commissioner in the due process procedures.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 6 P	Article 7.5.14.10.1	7.5.14.10.1. Penalties for first violations(s) <u>probation</u> shall include:	To differentiate penalties for first violations from probation.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 7 O	Bylaw 1.17.1	1.17.1. If a sport is dropped before the first game, meet, or match, student athletes may request a waiver of Bylaws 1.10.1.A, 1.15.2, and 1.15.3 <u>any bylaw that would prevent the student athlete from transferring and being eligible at another California community college that semester</u> . The Conference Commissioner of the college where the sport was dropped has the authority to grant this <u>these</u> waivers and shall notify the conference hearing board and the State Commissioner of this action.	To consolidate the concepts in Bylaws 1.10.1.A, 1.15.2, and 1.15.3 in one sentence and prevent the need to search elsewhere in the Bylaws.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 8 O	Bylaw 1.17.2	1.17.2. If a sport is dropped by a college and falls under the following criteria, the student athlete may request a waiver of Bylaws 1.10, 1.15.2, 1.15.3, and 1.15.4 <u>any bylaw that would prevent the student athlete from transferring and being eligible at another California community college that semester or having the partial season count as a year of eligibility</u> .	The citations, which were lengthy, have been omitted and replaced with wording which covers all of the appropriate bylaws.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 9 O	Bylaw 2.1.1	<u>2.1.1 If not specifically permitted in 2.1, the activity is disallowed.</u>	To clarify the activities which are permissible in recruiting students within the recruiting area.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Consent Item 10 O	Bylaw 2.3.F.1	2.3.F.1. A student enrolled in and attending summer school <u>and/or intercession</u> at another college.	To place intercession in the same category as summer school when defining enrolled and attending in this section.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee

The following items have been submitted and approved by the respective coaches associations:

PROPOSAL NUMBER	REFERENCE/ SPORT	PROPOSAL	INTENT	DECISION
<p>Consent Item 11 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 2.A.</p>	<p>2. CONFERENCE COMPETITION A. All eConference competition shall be completed no later than the first Tuesday in November <u>ends four (4) Wednesdays prior to Thanksgiving.</u></p>	<p>To be consistent with new Bylaw 3.11, if approved.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 12 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 4.2.A. and 5.2.A.</p>	<p>4.2 SITE, DATE AND TIME (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11) A. The regional qualifying tournament shall <u>be held on the second Sunday and Monday or Monday and Tuesday in November. It shall consist of 36 holes to be played over a two (2)-day period during the second week of November.</u> 5.2 SITE, DATE AND TIME (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11) A. The state championship shall be held on the third Sunday and Monday or Monday and Tuesday in November. It shall consist of 36 holes to be played over a two (2)-day period with no practice rounds to be allowed prior to the start of the tournament.</p>	<p>To be consistent with new Bylaw 3.11, if approved.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 13 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 4.2.B and 5.2.B.</p>	<p>4.2. <i>(and 5.2)</i> SITE, DATE AND TIME <i>(Regional)</i> (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11) B. The event <u>tournament</u> must start prior to 9:00<u>10:00</u>AM each day <u>unless a later starting time has CCCLGCA Executive Committee approval. The event manager will generate a signed contract from the tournament site six months prior to the first day of the tournament. The event manager will provide a signed copy of the contract to the president of the CCCLGCA.</u> 5.2. SITE AND DATE <i>(State)</i> B. The event <u>tournament</u> must start prior to 9:00<u>10:00</u>AM each day <u>unless a later starting time has CCCLGCA Executive Committee approval. The event manager will generate a signed contract from the tournament site six months prior to the first day of the tournament. The event manager will provide a signed copy of the contract to the president of the CCCLGCA.</u></p>	<p>To insure completion of the tournament and to prevent the course administration from changing times of the tournament.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>

<p>Consent Item 14 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 4.2.C and 6.3.A-B</p>	<p>4.2. (and 6.3) SITE, DATE AND TIME (<i>Regionals</i>) (SEE COA BYLAW 3.11) C. Pairings for the regional tournament shall be: On the first day, the individuals shall go out first in reverse order of how they qualify. The team qualifiers will then follow the individual qualifiers and will be paired up in their respective line-up order. On the second day, the order will be reversed with the teams going out first. 6.3. PAIRINGS A. The pairings for the <u>regional and state</u> tournaments shall be as follows: In a two-day tournament, the order of the first 18 holes will be on both days of the two-day tournament. The team qualifiers shall go out first, followed by the individual qualifiers. The individual qualifiers shall go out in reverse order, with two players from the north and two players from the south in each group. On the first day, the individuals shall go out first in reverse order of how they qualify. The team qualifiers will then follow the individual qualifiers and will be paired up in their respective line-up order. In the State Tournament, two (2) players from the north and two (2) players from the south will be paired in each group. On the second day, the order will be reversed with the teams going out first. B. Regional pairings will be used unless the event manager receives an amended line-up within 24 hours of the completion of regional play.</p>	<p>To eliminate redundancy as this is stated in 6.3.A.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 15 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 6.</p>	<p>6. <u>PLAYING DETAILS AND OFFICIALS (REGIONAL AND STATE)</u></p>	<p>Clarification that Section 6 refers to both regional and state competition.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 16 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 6.1.F.</p>	<p>6.1 PLAYING RULES F. There shall be no substitutions after the start of the state tournament <u>each postconference tournament.</u></p>	<p>To give the regional and state tournaments consistent guidelines.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>

<p>Consent Item 17 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 6.1.I</p>	<p>6.1. PLAYING RULES I. Cell phones, pagers, and/or beepers are not allowed on the golf course at any time. <u>Follow NCGA or SCGA Rules. Players will be warned about this rule by the event manager prior to the start of competition.</u> Players who violate this rule will be disqualified <u>assessed a two (2)-stroke penalty. A second offense will result in a disqualification.</u> (Exception: in the event of emergency situations, the Tournament Committee may grant special permission for the use of a cell phone.)</p>	<p>To reduce severity of rule to fit intent.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 18 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 6.1.K</p>	<p>6.1 PLAYING RULES K. <u>Spectators, if allowed on the tournament course, must remain on the cart path only or a reasonable distance off the fairway. Spectators interfering with play will be removed from the site.</u></p>	<p>To improve pace of play, safety of players and spectators, and better the competition environment.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 19 O</p>	<p>Golf Guide, Women's 6.2.A. and B</p>	<p>6.2. SCORING A. The team championship shall be determined by totaling the lowest four (4) of six (6) players' scores for 36 holes <u>each stipulated round in the PC event.</u> B. The individual champion shall be decided by the participant with the lowest cumulative scores for the 36 holes <u>each stipulated round PC event.</u> All participants are eligible.</p>	<p>To allow flexibility for inclement weather or onset of darkness.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 20 O</p>	<p>Softball Guide 3.4.B</p>	<p>3.4 B. All post-conference competition shall be governed by NCAA Fastpitch Official Rules of Softball with no exceptions.</p>	<p>To allow for COA Sport Guide and CCCFCA modifications.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>
<p>Consent Item 21 O</p>	<p>Softball Guide 4.6.B.4.</p>	<p>4.6.B. 4. Home team shall be the higher seeded college <u>for game one (1). In subsequent games, a coin flip will determine the home team.</u></p>	<p>This will standardize post-conference competition procedures.</p>	<p>PASSED by the Eligibility Committee</p>

CONSTITUTION ITEMS 1-4

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If approved by the COA Board: Effective July 1, 2003

All items were passed by the Eligibility Committee and need the approval of the COA Board:

PROPOSAL NUMBER	REFERENCE/ SPORT	PROPOSAL	INTENT	DECISION
Constitution Article Item 1 P BD CC	Articles 2.3.1 2.3.2 2.3.3	<p>2.3.1 The members of the COA Board serve three (3)-year terms. Terms of the members shall be staggered to provide continuity.</p> <p>2.3.2 The COA chair is a CEO elected by the members of the COA Board to a three (3)-year term. The chair is limited to a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. There is no restriction on the number of terms the chair may serve.</p> <p>2.3.3 The COA Board membership is limited to a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. There is no restriction on the number of terms an individual may serve. Terms of office commence on July 1 and end on June 30 of the third year.</p> <p><u>2.3.1 The members of the COA Board shall serve a three (3)-year term. Members are eligible for a second three (3) year term. COA Board membership is limited to six (6) consecutive years on the Board. Terms of office commence on July 1 and end on June 30.</u></p> <p><u>2.3.2 Once a Board member has completed six (6) consecutive years and goes off the Board for a minimum of one (1) year, that member is eligible to again be nominated for Board membership.</u></p> <p><u>2.3.3. The COA Board chair is a CEO elected by the COA Board on an annual basis.</u></p>	To clarify the term of office for COA Board members and the selection process for the COA Board chair.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Constitution Article Item 2 P BD CC	Articles 4.3.2 4.3.3	<p>4.3.2. The MC chair will be elected by the members of the MC and will serve a three (3)-year term. The chair may be elected to an additional term but no more than two (2) consecutive terms. The members of the MC shall serve a three (3)-year term. They are eligible for a second three (3)-year term. MC membership is limited to six (6) consecutive years on the MC. Terms of office commence on July 1 and end on June 30. Once a MC member has completed six (6) consecutive years and goes off the MC for a minimum of one (1) year, that member is eligible to again be nominated for MC membership.</p> <p>4.3.3 MC members shall serve a three (3)-year term and shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. There is no restriction on the number of terms a member may serve. The MC chair is a member of the MC elected by the members of the MC on an annual basis.</p>	To clarify the term of office for the Management Council members and the selection process for Management Council chair.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee

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Constitution Article 3 P CCCADA	Article 4.4.1.G.6	4.4.1.G 6. The MC member filling the vacancy will be appointed for the duration of the term of the vacated position. <u>If the resultant appointment duration is for eighteen (18) months or more, then that appointment will be considered a full term relative to term limitations. (See 4.3.3) If less than eighteen (18) months, the person is eligible for two (2) consecutive terms.</u>	Legislation will set a rule as to when a filled vacancy term “counts” as a full term.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Constitution Article 4 P C CC	Article 7.5.14.10.2	7.5.14.10.2 Penalties for additional violations, <u>which would result in probation, by a college occurring during a probation year which occur during the year of probation or within three (3) following a the probation year, shall include:</u> A. The college shall be <u>again placed on further probation or its probation extended to include the loss of participation and shall be banned from participation in any PC in one, some, or all intercollegiate sports offered by the college.</u> B. The <u>Commissioner or the conference shall recommend in writing to the college president the immediate reassignment of / or other severe disciplinary actions against those administrators and/or staff members who are found believed to be responsible for repeated violations of this Bylaw.</u> C. The conference shall, <u>upon the call of the Commissioner, meet to evaluate the imposition of these additional penalties listed in Article 7.5.13 14 (Penalties) of the Constitution that deal with and consider recommending the suspension and/or expulsion of the college from the conference.</u> D. Other penalties as shall be imposed by <u>the Commissioner, the conference, the appeal board or the COA Board.</u>	Clarification of original intent.	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee

BYLAW ITEMS 1-3

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The following bylaws are policy items considered by the Eligibility Committee and need the approval of the COA Board:

PROPOSAL NUMBER	REFERENCE/ SPORT	PROPOSAL	INTENT	DECISION
Bylaw Item 1 P C	Bylaw 1.15.3	1.15.3 A student who attends any <u>intercollegiate athletic or physical activities</u> class at any California community college is considered as attending that college for athletic purposes and is not eligible at any other college during that season of sport. (Exception: multi-college competition Bylaw 1.9)	Clarifies the intention of Bylaw 1.15.3	PASSED by the Eligibility Committee
Bylaw Item 2 P \$ <i>Central Valley Conference Pacific Coast Conference Athletic Directors</i>	Bylaw 3.6	3.6 Physical Education Classes Physical education classes designed as off-season conditioning/skill development for intercollegiate athletes which are conducted outside of the normal season of competition (e.g., fall sports in the spring and spring sports in the fall) are required to meet the criteria listed below. Physical education classes conducted during the summer session must also meet the criteria listed below: A. The class is listed in the current college catalog and class schedule and is open to all students. Prerequisites for an advanced class may be established. B. The class is limited to the number of hours that are scheduled per week. C. No intercollegiate competition is allowed, including "field trips." D. Football shoulder pads and helmets shall be used only during the fall sport season.	To conform with changes made in Bylaw 3.18.3	PASSED by the Finance Committee and the Eligibility Committee
Bylaw Item 3 P \$ <i>Central Valley Conference Pacific Coast Conference Athletic Directors</i>	Bylaw 3.18	3.18.1 No college may schedule any varsity or separate squad scrimmages, practices, games, meets, matches, or tournaments outside the established sport seasons without the express written consent of the COA Board, <u>except under the conditions allowed by 3.18.2; 3.18.3; 3.18.4; and 3.18.5.</u> 3.18.2 Exceptions may be made by the State Commissioner when the following conditions have been met: A. The proposed contest(s) is(are) within the allowable number for that sport. B. The competition takes place no earlier than ten (10) days prior to the season of sport.	To sanction out-of-season competition. To regulate and restrict out-of-season competition for purposes of eliminating liability to the COA, its member schools, athletic directors, and coaches that is implied both by current practice and current wording of Bylaw 3.18.3.	PASSED by the Finance Committee and the Eligibility Committee

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		<p>C. The college president requests the exception in writing to the State Commissioner no less than two (2) weeks prior to the event.</p> <p>D. The State Commissioner shall notify the college president of the decision on the exception at least one (1) week prior to the proposed event.</p> <p>E. Exceptions may be requested for international travel and competition. (See Bylaw 3.19.)</p> <p>3.18.3 No college or district resources may be used to support any official or unofficial team, individual, club, or other athletic organization in any practice, competition, or other activity that takes place outside the COA season of sport. (See Bylaw 3.1.)</p> <p><u>External resources including fund raising activities shall be the primary financial support for out-of-season competition. College or district resources, with the approval of the college president or district chancellor, may be used to support any official or unofficial team, individual, club, or other athletic organization in any practice, competition, or other activity that takes place outside the COA season of sport. (See Bylaw 3.1)</u></p> <p>The Athletic Director or athletic administrator at the individual college is responsible for the enforcement of this bylaw. College coaches must consult with their athletic director or administrator before engaging in any activities that may be in violation of this bylaw.</p> <p>Violations will bring about sanctions as outlined in Constitution Article 7.4.</p> <p>The following are examples of college or district resources that may not be used to support <u>guidelines for the regulation of out-of-season teams competition:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Window Periods for competition are:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Fall Sports – 3rd Monday in March to May 15</u> <u>Spring Sports – 1st Monday in October to December 1</u> <u>Winter Sports – 3rd Monday in June to August 15</u> ➤ <u>Number of games allowed during the window periods are 25 percent of the COA maximum number of contests allowed for each sport.</u> 		

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		<p>(Ex.)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="527 310 1065 546"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sport</th> <th>max COA contests</th> <th>Out-of-season contests</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M/W Soccer</td> <td>22</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M/W Volleyball</td> <td>24</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M/W Basketball</td> <td>28</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Baseball</td> <td>36</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Softball</td> <td>52</td> <td>13</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>When computing the number of contests for out-of-season competition, if fractions occur, round up to the next number (ex. 22 contests = 5.5 contests, round to 6 contests.)</p> <p>A. Name. The college name, logo or mascot cannot be used to identify the out of season team or individual.</p> <p>B. Funds. College/district funds and funds raised under the college name may not be used.</p> <p>C. Equipment. No equipment purchased with college or district funds may be used by an out of season team, unless the equipment is part of a facility (i.e. bases on a softball or baseball field, or nets or poles for volleyball), and is equipment that is available for any non-college group that uses the facility. This includes equipment that might be discarded as new equipment is purchased.</p> <p>D. Uniforms. No uniforms, practice gear, or matching clothing with the college name, nickname, or logo that was purchased by the college may be used, regardless of the condition of the clothing.</p> <p>E. Supplies. No supplies of any type purchased by the college may be used. This includes athletic training supplies.</p> <p>F. Transportation. No college vehicles or coaches' personal vehicles (if reimbursed) may be used to transport athletes to practices or competitions outside the season of sport.</p> <p>G. Insurance. No insurance purchased by the college may be used for injuries that occur to individuals on out-of-season teams.</p> <p>H. Personnel. College support personnel shall not be utilized by out of season teams or groups. This includes secretaries, custodians, athletic trainers, grounds people, and business services, unless the individuals are compensated with non-college or district funds and the services are available to any outside</p>	Sport	max COA contests	Out-of-season contests	M/W Soccer	22	6	M/W Volleyball	24	6	M/W Basketball	28	7	Baseball	36	9	Softball	52	13		
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		<p>group at the same rate.</p> <p>I. Facilities. College facilities shall not be used for out-of-season practice or competition unless the appropriate college office has approved the use, according to college policy. The terms of approval, including facility and staff charges, must be identical to any other outside group.</p> <p>J. Coaches. Coaches shall not be involved in out-of-season activities, as part of their teaching load, nor shall they receive a stipend, reimbursement or other form of payment for these activities.</p> <p><u>3.18.4 During this period of COA sanctioned out-of-season competition, teams through an appropriate physical education class at their school, may participate in field trip competition against other schools. No eligibility rules apply to these competitions. No records or scores will be kept. No other outside competition is permitted.</u></p> <p><u>3.18.5 Any college team player or any college coaching personnel competing outside the period of COA sanctioned out-of-season competition will be automatically placed on probation for a period of one (1) year and denied eligibility for conference champion consideration and postconference competition participation during the term of its probation.</u></p>		

BYLAW ITEMS 4-13

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The following bylaws are operational items considered by the Competition Committee and need the approval of the Management Council:

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Bylaws Item 4 O C	Bylaw 1.1.4	Athletes cannot be paid to coach while competing in that sport during the sport season. <u>Full-time enrolled student-athletes cannot be paid by a community college to coach while eligible to compete in that community college sport.</u>	To clarify the intent of prohibiting conflict of interest that would occur if student-athletes were also paid to coach.	TABLED
Bylaws Item 5 O Baseball Coaches	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Baseball M** Max: 36 44 contests games <u>Maximum number of contests games 44.</u>	This change will increase flexibility in scheduling of contests. (This is not an increase in total number of games.) Currently, there are 36 games with four (4) tournaments counting as two (2) games each. 36 games plus eight (8) tournament games = 44 total games.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Bylaws Item 6 O Football Coaches	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Football M Practice/scrimmage may begin: See Bylaw 3 Game/meet/match may begin: Friday, 13 14 weekends prior to end of PC Conference competition ends: <u>2</u> Saturdays prior to Thanksgiving Postconference competition ends: 3 Saturdays after Thanksgiving	Move dates of the 1st and last games up one week earlier to allow an extra week at the end of the season to implement a playoff system that includes all conference/ division champions. No change to end of PC.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Bylaws Item 7 O Golf W Coaches	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Golf W Max: 22 contests Practice/scrimmage may begin: August 15 Game/meet/match may begin: August 27 Conference competition ends: 3 4 Wednesdays prior to Thanksgiving Postconference competition ends: <u>2</u> Wednesdays prior to Thanksgiving	To keep the season status quo regarding the fluctuating calendar.	PASSED by the Competition Committee

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Bylaws Item 8 O <i>Swim Coaches</i>	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Swimming M/W Max: 12 contests <u>meets</u>	To improve verbiage as it pertains to swimming.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Bylaws Item 9 O <i>Volleyball W Coaches</i>	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Women's Volleyball: maximum number of <u>contests: Twenty four (24) dates with no more than four (4) tournaments.</u>	To eliminate the need for COA form G. To provide consistency in the counting of contests.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Bylaws Item 10 O CC	Bylaw 3.11	Soccer M/W 22 contests <u>see section 3.14.2.G</u> Wrestling 21 contests <u>see section 3.14.2.B</u> Basketball 28 contests <u>see section 3.14.2.D</u> Tennis M/W 22 contests <u>see section 3.14.2.D</u> Volleyball M 24 contests <u>see section 3.14.2.F and G</u>	To direct the athletic director and the tournament director to the section of the Constitution that determines the number of contests awarded for each tournament	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Bylaws Item 11 O C All Sports	Bylaw 3.11	3.11 Sport Season Chart – <u>Refer to COA Constitution 3.14, Counting of Contest and 3.15, Counting of Contests Chart. For Tournament format approval, the Form G must be submitted to their Conference Commissioner by the noted dates.</u>	To quickly refer individuals to the section in the Constitution regarding how you count contests for tournaments.	TABLED
Bylaws Item 12 O Football Coaches	Bylaw 3.12	3.12 Football Practice College with football teams shall select one of the following two (2) options to decide a date for the start of their football practice. By July 1, using Form F, Football Practice Starting Dates, each college shall notify its Conference commissioner of the option and starting date it shall use. Option 1: The first day of practice shall be 19 consecutive days (excluding Sundays) prior to the date when the first game may be played as listed in Bylaw 3.11, the sport Season Chart. Option 2: There shall be 29 consecutive practice opportunities (excluding Sundays) prior to the date when the first game may be played as listed in Bylaw 3.11, the Sport Season Chart. When defining the starting date of football practice, the following guidelines shall apply to both options	To equalize the number of practice opportunities each college has before its first game, to have all colleges start on the same date, and to eliminate the use of two different options to calculate the beginning of football practice (adding clarity and uniformity to determining the beginning of practice and the number of practices each college may have before the first game, irregardless of when their fall semester	PASSED by the Competition Committee

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		<p>All colleges will be allowed 22 consecutive practice opportunities before the date that they can play their first game. (See 3.11).</p> <p>A. No change.</p> <p>B. No change.</p> <p>C. Once the college's fall semester/quarter has started, there shall be one (1) practice opportunity per weekday. Colleges are allowed one practice opportunity per day (except (two) 2 on Saturdays or holidays) from the practice starting date to the date of the first game.</p> <p>D. There shall be one (1) practice opportunity per day during the week prior to the date when the first game may be played. A practice opportunity is defined as any on-the-field activity and may not exceed 3 hours in length.</p> <p>E. The first three (3) practice days opportunities of the football season shall be classified as a physical conditioning period and counted as part of each option.</p> <p>1. These three (3) conditioning days opportunities are to be consecutive and at the start of the practice period.</p> <p>2. No change.</p> <p>3. No change.</p> <p>Activities during this three (3)-day practice opportunity period shall not include contact among players (i.e. or blocking sleds, blocking bags, tackling dummies, etc.)</p>	starts).	
<p>Bylaws Item 13 O Baseball Coaches</p>	<p>Bylaw 3.14.E</p>	<p>3.14.</p> <p>E. BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS Baseball teams are only allowed to use this format and play in no more than four (4) tournaments per season:</p> <p>1. Four (4)-game round robin tournaments may be played on any two (2) or three (3) consecutive days.</p> <p>1. 2.No more than two (2) games may be played per day, per college, for a total of four (4) games per college.</p> <p>3. This tournament format counts as two (2) contests.</p>	This change will increase flexibility in scheduling baseball tournaments.	<p>PASSED by the Competition Committee</p>

SPORT GUIDE

ITEMS 1-7

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If approved by the COA Board: Effective July 1, 2003

The following sport guide sections are operational items considered by the Competition Committee and need approval of the Management Council.

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Sport Guide Item 1 O	Cross Country Guide 4.4	<p>4.4 Qualifiers to the State Meet and Regional Championships</p> <p>A. State Qualifying</p> <p>There shall be 28 teams (14 north and 14 south) in the state championships. They shall qualify from the two (2) regional championships as follows:</p> <p>The top 14 teams from each region in the north and the south and the top 30 individuals from each regional not a member of a qualifying team and finishing in the top 50 percent of the starting field of athletes shall advance to the state championships.</p> <p><u>A minimum of ten (10) teams shall qualify from each region (north and south), with the possibility of four (4) additional teams from each region also being added, based on the following qualifying procedure: At the regional championships, 50 percent of the scoring teams will qualify to the state meet, with a guarantee of a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 teams per region, rounding up if an uneven number. The top 25 individuals placing in the top 50 percent of the finishers in the race would also qualify from each region to the state championships, if not a member of a qualifying team.</u></p>	To limit the number of teams and individuals participating in postconference competition (PC), based on the recommendations of the COA PC committee.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Sport Guide Item 2 O S	Football Guide 1	<p>1. ORGANIZATION OF FOOTBALL PLAYOFF/BOWL GAMES</p> <p>Postconference competition (PC) for football shall be in the form of sponsored bowl games <u>and/or a playoff/bowl structure</u> and a state championship bowl game. <u>Should any region elect to use a playoff system to determine a regional champion, the first round of the playoff system will be incorporated into the bowl game system. There will be seven (7) bowl games in each region (40% postconference</u></p>	To allow a region (north and/or south) to have a playoff system to determine a regional champion. This regional champion would then move on to the state championship.	PASSED by the Competition Committee

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		<p><u>competition cap). The playoff bowls, if used, must include the conference/division champions and, when necessary, include at-large teams to fill out Round one. Playoff brackets will be seeded according to a procedure to be determined by each region. Bowl games in each region that are not part of a playoff system will follow the established selection procedure using the final CCCFCA/COA poll. The <u>playoff/bowl</u> games shall be designed to allow elite teams to compete with as little cost as possible to the participant. The ability of a <u>playoff/bowl</u> game to provide financial gain to the statewide community college athletic program is an underlying principle. The state championship bowl game shall be one (1) game between the number one (1) team from the north and the number one (1) team from the south. <u>regional champion from the north and the regional champion from the south.</u> If any football bowl game or <u>playoff game</u> is postponed or cancelled, it may be rescheduled to a date and/or time which does not conflict with the state championship.</u></p> <p>1.1. BOWL GAME SITE</p> <p>A series of <u>playoff/bowl</u> game sites shall be identified each year. Sites shall be selected to provide the best possible game according to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No change. B. No change. C. No change. D. No change. E. No change. F. No change G. Sponsors shall be required to present a \$10,000 bond. This bond shall only be used if a sponsor is unable to meet its contractual obligations. H. <u>G.</u> No change. <p>1.2. <u>PLAYOFF/BOWL</u> GAME PARTICIPATION SELECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. After the completion of conference contests in the third weekend of November, the State Commissioner's office shall publish and utilize the official COA/CCCFCA regional coaches poll as the official prospect pool for selection of <u>playoff/bowl</u> game participants by the bowl 		

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		<p>game committee. The regional polls (published each week between September 15 and November 24 by the COA) feature 13 <u>14</u> voting members in each region who shall rank the top 20 teams in each region. The poll utilizes an excel software program to tally votes and awards a weighted system of points based on balloting each week by polling members. Each regional polling member ranks its region (e.g., south representatives vote for top 20 southern teams only, north votes for top 20 northern teams only). Each regional poll includes ten coaches, one sports information director, <u>one media representative</u>, and two at-large. At-large designates may be either a media representative, CCCFCA director or former coach for an equal total of 13 <u>14</u> members in each region. The COA/CCCFCA poll is the official poll for California community college football and is the only regional poll which features a mix of regional voting panelists (coaches, media, sports information, etc.). The bowl game selection committee will be provided an updated regional poll for its use during the <u>playoff</u>/bowl game selection meeting by the COA. The updated polls will include results of the final conference contest played just prior to the <u>playoff</u>/bowl game selection committee meeting.</p> <p>B. Teams are to be ranked 1 through 20 in both the North and South polls. Actual <u>playoff</u>/bowl pool to consist of teams ranked according to the number of bowls available. (Example: if there are eight <u>seven (7)</u> bowl games, teams ranked 1 through 46 <u>14</u> are in the pool). Ranking to be based upon final regular season COA/CCCFCA Coaches poll.</p> <p>In case of a tie for 1st or 2nd place in the COA/CCCFCA Coaches' poll after the last game of the season, the following <u>tie-breaking</u> criteria will be used, <u>if needed</u>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The winner of head-to-head competition advances to the regional championship game. 2. A comparison of the teams that are tied with the wins over ranked teams in the COA/CCCFCA Coaches' poll. The ranking 		

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		<p>decide who advances to the regional championship game wins the tie-breaker. The procedure to decide which coach will have the choice on the flip of the coin to advance, will be as follows: The Commissioner of Athletics will select a number between one (1) and ten (10). The two (2) coaches will then select a number between one (1) and ten (10) and the person that is closest to the number selected by the Commissioner will have the choice on the coin toss.</p> <p><u>C.</u> On the Sunday following the last football game, the football bowl committee will meet. The committee will be composed of the President, the Executive Director, and the First Vice President of the Football Coaches Association (to provide for regional representation), and the COA Football Representative. The Commissioner and /or designee will be members in an advisory capacity and will only vote in case of a tie.</p> <p><u>CD.</u> Selection of Bowl Teams</p> <p>1. The COA football poll will designate the number 1 and number 2 teams in both the North and South. These four teams shall be the first to be placed in a bowl game in their respective regions.</p> <p><u>Colleges will be selected to participate in bowl or playoff bowl games following the selection criteria developed by each region. Each region will develop a process by which a regional champion will be determined to move forward to the state championship game.</u></p> <p>a. All teams who are host teams would play in the bowl game they are hosting except for the number 1 or 2 ranked teams. If the number 1 and 2 teams both have bowl games, then the number 2 team would have to leave their (bowl) game.</p> <p>b. If the number 2 ranked team is a host team and has to leave their bowl in order to play number 1 for the championship, then number two's bowl can select its host team from any of the remaining bowl-eligible teams not</p>		

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		<p>hosting a bowl game. It's place in the selection process will depend upon the ranking of the team it selected.</p> <p>e. If number 1 does not host a bowl and the number 2 does, then number 1 would travel to number 2. If the number 1 ranked team refuses to play at number 2, then the number 1 team loses the opportunity to play for the championship. If this was to occur then number 2 would play number 3 for the championship and number 1 would replace number 3 in the selection process.</p> <p>d. If number 2 opts not to play number 1 then number 1 would play number 3.</p> <p>e. If number 3 chooses not to play, then number 4 would be invited and so on. The winner of this game will advance to the state championship game.</p> <p>f. After number 1 and 2 teams have been selected, the order of bowl selection will continue using the normal process and criteria, i.e., 3 vs. 4 and 5 vs. 6 etc. However, in order to reduce expenses of transportation, lodging, and meals, and to enhance competition; the bowl committee can adjust pairings by adjusting rankings by no more than two (2) positions up or down. The number 3 ranked team will select the next highest ranked team who is not hosting a bowl. If number 3 is not hosting a bowl, they would go to the bowl game hosted by the highest ranked team available. After number 3 has been placed the same procedure will be used to place all remaining ranked teams.</p> <p>g. a. Conference champions to be guaranteed a bowl game. If a conference champion is not in the bowl pool they will replace the lowest ranked team in the bowl pool who is not hosting a bowl game. The team that is replaced will have the opportunity to create a bowl game, their opponent to be the</p>		

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		<p>next highest ranked team among those teams who are ranked, but were not in the original bowl pool.</p> <p>h. b. If a bowl game's host team is not bowl eligible or they are placed in the <u>playoff bowl bracket that does not allow them to host</u>, then the highest ranked available team, not hosting a game, becomes that bowl's "Home" team. This determination is to take place during the selection process. (Example: Assuming the number 1 and 2 teams have been placed, if number 3 and 4 are host teams and number 5, 6, 7, & 8 are not host teams, number 3 would play 5 and number 4 would play 6 and number 7 would play 8 in the bowl without a host team. If more than one bowl game does not have a host team, the bowl selection committee will determine which matchups will play in those games, but will do so within the selection process. The intent being to give these games the best chance for success within the confines of the selection process.</p> <p>c. <u>Each region may develop a "floating bowl" concept, which allows for bowl games to move from one site to another to best accommodate a matchup for a bowl game or playoff game.</u></p> <p>d. <u>If teams are matched in a bowl game or a playoff game and neither "hosts" a bowl, they may play in an "empty bowl" (no host team) or may create a bowl. The highest seeded team in a playoff structure, or the highest ranked team in a bowl game situation, will be designated as the "home" team.</u></p> <p>i. e. Each conference/division must determine a champion using a tie breaking procedure.</p> <p>j. f. Northern teams shall play in the north and southern teams shall play in the south, unless unusual or</p>		

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		<p>extenuating circumstances exist.</p> <p>kg Additional recommendations</p> <p>1) No change.</p> <p>2) The number of bowl games should be limited to 25% of the total number of football playing colleges in the North and South. (Example: If there are 36 community colleges playing football in Southern California, the maximum number of bowls allowed in the South would be 9).</p> <p>3) If bowl placement procedure results in a rematch between two colleges, that rematch stands.</p> <p>4) If neither of the top two ranked teams were hosting a bowl game, then a Northern or Southern California championship bowl game would be created and would be hosted by the number one ranked team.</p> <p>2. The state championship game will be held the second weekend in December (see COA Bylaw 3.11). The teams from the South and North, that win the top ranked bowl game, will advance to the state championship.</p> <p>B. 3) A team can only go to one bowl game.</p> <p>C. 4) There is a potential to add a bowl game if there are qualified teams which have no place to compete. This option will be determined by the COA Representative and the State Commissioner in consultation with the selected members of the respective region.</p> <p>1.a) Additional bowl games must be at the sponsor's site.</p> <p>2.b) Added bowl games, as all others, must be completely funded by the sponsor.</p> <p><u>DE. Selection of Playoff/Bowl Teams</u> <u>Should any region elect to use a playoff system</u></p>		

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		<p><u>to determine a regional champion the first round of the playoff system will be incorporated into the bowl game system. There will be seven (7) bowl games in each region (40% postconference competition cap). The playoff bowls, if used, must include the conference/division champions and, when necessary, at-large teams selected to fill out round one. Playoff brackets will be seeded according to a procedure to be determined by each region. Additional bowl games in each region that are not part of a playoff system will follow the established selection procedure using the final CCCFCA/COA poll.</u></p> <p>1. Northern California Playoff/Bowl Structure</p> <p><u>CRITERIA FOR SELECTION</u></p> <p>a. <u>The champions of the Northern Division Conferences, the Nor-Cal and Valley will compete in a playoff game to determine the Northern California Champion to advance to the state championship game versus the Southern California Champion.</u></p> <p>b. <u>The champions of the Central Division Conferences: the Golden Gate and Mid-Empire would compete in a bowl game for the Central Division Championship.</u></p> <p>c. <u>The champions of the South Division Conference: the Bay-Valley and Coast would compete in a bowl game for the South Division Championship.</u></p> <p>d. <u>The CCCFCA/COA poll rankings will be used to select four(4) additional bowl games, with the "common sense" clause utilized.</u></p> <p>e. <u>For purposes of determining conference championships the following tie-breaking procedure will be utilized:</u></p> <p><u>1) Head to Head competition</u> <u>or, if three (3)-way tie:</u> <u>1) Head to head competition</u> <u>2) Comparisons of records versus top ranked teams in descending order; i.e. record versus the final COA poll team ranked #1, versus #2, ranked team, #3 ranked team, etc. until tie</u></p>		

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		<p>is broken.</p> <p>3) <u>Coin Toss</u></p> <p>2. <u>Southern California Playoff/Bowl Structure</u></p> <p>a. <u>There will be seven (7) bowl games in the South (40% PC cap).</u></p> <p>b. <u>Four (4) of the bowl games will be designated as Playoff/Bowl games and be the first round of an eight (8)-team playoff structure to determine the Southern California Champion to advance to the State Championship game. Three additional bowl games will be played and teams will be selected from the COA bowl pool.</u></p> <p>c. <u>Playoff/Bowl game participants will be selected and seeded using the following process:</u></p> <p><u>CRITERIA FOR SELECTION</u></p> <p>1. <u>All conference/division champions will be designated as participants in the playoffs.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Three additional at-large teams will be chosen to fill out the 1st round bracket using the final CCCFCA/COA poll.</u></p> <p><u>CRITERIA FOR SEEDING</u></p> <p>1. <u>An eight (8)-team playoff structure will be seeded using the five (5) conference/divisional champions and three (3) at-large teams.</u></p> <p>2. <u>A power criteria will be used, based on accumulative winning percentage of each Southern California conference's crossover games for the current season.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Where conference's are divided into two (2) divisions, each conference must determine its champion(or #1 team) for seeding purposes. The division champion from each conference that is not designated as a conference's #1 team is automatically the #2 team from that conference.</u></p> <p>4. <u>The #1 team from the conference with the best winning percentage in</u></p>		

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		<p><u>crossover games for that current season will be designated the #1 seed in the playoff structure. The #1 team from the conference that had the second best winning percentage will be designated the #2 seed. The #1 team from the conference that had the third best winning percentage will be designated the #3 seed. #4 seed will be the #2 team from the first conference, the #5 seed will be the #2 team from the second conference, as so on. Once all conference/divisional champions are seeded then three (3) at-large teams will be seeded.</u></p> <p><u>5. At-large teams will be seeded using the final CCCFCA/COA poll. The highest ranked team on the final poll that is not a conference/division champion will be seeded next, followed by the next highest ranked team and so on until all brackets are filled out.</u></p> <p><u>1.3 PLAYOFF/BOWL FORMAT AND TEAM PLACEMENT</u></p> <p><u>An eight (8) team playoff tournament will be employed to select a regional champion to move on to the state championship game.</u></p> <p><u>A. Once teams are seeded one (1) through eight (8) and teams are placed into the brackets below, the bowl game committee will place the teams into first round bowl sites.</u></p> <p><u>First round :</u></p> <p><u>#1 vs #8</u></p> <p><u>#4 vs # 5</u></p> <p><u>#3 vs #6</u></p> <p><u>#2 vs #7</u></p> <p><u>B. Highest seeded teams that host a bowl game will be designated as the "host" team. If two (2) teams who host bowl games are matched against one another, the lowest seeded team must give up its bowl or not be part of the playoffs. If it chooses not to be part of the playoff system then it will host the next highest ranked team not participating in the playoff system.</u></p>		

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		<p><u>using the “common sense” clause. If the highest seeded team does not host a bowl game and the lower seeded does, then the game will be played at the lower seeded’s site.</u></p> <p>C. <u>If neither matched up team hosts a bowl, the “floating bowl” concept may be used. The teams may be placed in an “empty bowl” or a bowl game may be created to accommodate the matchup. The highest seeded team will be designated as the “home” team.</u></p> <p>D. <u>The bowl committee may use the “common sense” clause in placing teams at the best game site for both playoff bowls and for non-playoff bowls. Every consideration should be given to helping insure the best matchups that will generate the largest gate income.</u></p> <p>E. <u>After the first round of playoff/bowl games, the highest seeded team will host all other rounds leading to the regional championship game and be responsible for game administration.</u></p> <p>F. <u>All administration guidelines (section 2 of the Football Sport Guide) will apply to playoff games.</u></p>		
Sport Guide Item 3 O	Golf, Women’s 4.2.D and 5.2.D	<p>4.2 Site, date and Time (Regional) (See COA Bylaw 3.11.</p> <p>D. No practice or competition rounds of golf will be allowed by players or coaches on courses to be used for the season’s regional or state competition during the two (2) full weeks <u>one (1) full week</u> prior to the event, except the home team may use that course for its practice.</p> <p>5.2 Site, date and Time (Regional) (See COA Bylaw 3.11.</p> <p>D. No practice or competition rounds of golf will be allowed by players or coaches on courses to be used for the season’s regional or state competition during the two (2) full weeks <u>one (1) full week</u> prior to the event, except the home team may use that course for its practice.</p>	To improve pace of play and to better prepare golfers for course structure.	PASSED by the Competition Committee
Sport Guide Item 4 O	Golf Guide, Women’s 6.1.J	<p>6.1 PLAYING RULES</p> <p>J. <u>Two designated coaches can coach players from green to tee box only. These designated coaches are not allowed to contribute to rules decisions during tournament play.</u></p>	To improve pace of play.	PASSED by the Competition Committee

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Sport Guide Item 5 O \$	Softball Guide 3.5.H	3.5 H. State – Umpires shall be paid \$50.00. each per game for the state championship. Umpires who travel more than 150 round trip miles shall receive 25 cents (\$.25) for each mile beyond the first 75 miles traveled. Umpires will not receive travel reimbursement for round one games. <u>Umpires shall be paid a fee that is ten dollars (\$10.00) more than the fee paid by the colleges in the geographical area in which the State Championship Tournaments is being played.</u>	To align the regional and state tournament fees for umpires. To help retain the best officials and to assist in offsetting the increasing cost of travel.	PASSED by the Finance Committee and the Competition Committee
Sport Guide Item 6 O	Softball Guide 4.4.A-B	4.4 A. North – The 16 teams from the North and 16 from the South shall be selected with the top two (2) from each conference, plus four (4) at-large berths finishing 4th place or better. B. South – the selection of automatic qualifiers from each conference will be determined as follows: 1) Conferences with four (4) or less teams will be awarded one (1) automatic berth. 2) Conferences with five (5) or six (6) teams will be awarded two (2) automatic berths. 3) Conferences with seven (7) or more teams will be awarded three (3) automatic berths. <i>(See Sport Guide Item 7)</i>	To align the South and North in selection criteria for post-conference qualifiers. This will allow the South to constantly have four (4) at-large berths, whereas now, there are no at-large berths.	TABLED
Sport Guide Item 7 O	Softball Guide 4.5.E	4.5 E. The seeding committee shall first select the at-large teams one (1) through four (4) in the North and the necessary number of at-large teams in the South using a nomination process. Balloting shall follow the same procedure as described in item C above.	It will bring the procedure into compliance with the proposed 4.4 A.	TABLED