

Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

POLICY ON SCHEDULING

Policies having to do with the scheduling of events and practices are province of ACIA as they directly relate to the academic performance of student athletes.

The following policies and procedures will pertain*:

I. Athletic Events

- A. The schedule of athletic events may involve no more than six class days away from campus, including travel, during any academic quarter.
- B. Athletic events that involve missed class time (defined in K.1.) may not be scheduled on the first day of any quarter.
- C. Home athletic events may not be scheduled before noon on any class day during the regular academic year.
- D. Regular season athletic events and any related travel may not be scheduled during study day or finals week of any academic quarter, except that, during Fall Quarter only, teams may travel home on study day or may compete at home on study day and in the evening of the last day of final examinations. (The intent is to preserve one uninterrupted study day in advance of final examinations.)
- E. In those instances where post-season competitive events occur during study day or finals week, ACIA will consider them approved with the regular schedule of in-season competition subject to the following conditions:
 1. the coach or athletes can demonstrate to the Assistant Director of Athletics for Academic Counseling that satisfactory alternative academic arrangements have been made; AND
 2. participation in the event is a logical progression in that sport, leading from in-season competition to conference or regional championships to national competition; AND
 3. the event is conducted under the aegis of the NCAA or the appropriate national governing body if it is not the NCAA.

*Procedures for obtaining exceptions to policies are found in Section IV.

- F. All other post-season competition, such as bowl games or invitational events, requires the specific approval of the ACIA. Athletic directors will help ACIA anticipate such invitational or optional post-season competition in order that ACIA may be able, at a regular meeting, to discuss and decide upon the availability of permitting a team or individual (s) to attend. If the timing of the event, however, requires a decision before a meeting of the Committee, the Chair of ACIA or, in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, shall poll ACIA members by telephone, seeking authority to approve or disapprove University representation in the event.
- G. All competition by varsity or junior varsity teams, or athletes on those teams, which is sanctioned or supported financially or otherwise materially by the University, must be approved in advance by ACIA in the same manner it approves regular varsity schedules. Such approval includes those instances where that competition involves teams or individuals not formally affiliated with the University, and it includes any competition which may occur at times other than during the normal academic year. On those occasions when the full Committee will not meet before the proposed competition is to occur, the Chair of ACIA shall poll ACIA members by telephone, seeking authority to approve or disapprove University representation in the event.
- H. University-sponsored athletic events during Summer Session must have prior approval of ACIA.
- I. All intra-squad events that take place off the Twin Cities campus must be approved in advance by ACIA. ("Twin Cities campus" is interpreted to include the Humphrey Metrodome.)
- J. By state law (Minnesota Statutes 1982, Sect. 202A.19), no event may be scheduled by the University that would take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus, unless permission has been granted by the Board of Regents.
- K.1. Missed class time for athletic events scheduled away from campus is counted as follows for days on which classes are scheduled:

	Class Days
a. Scheduled time of departure from campus	Missed
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	1 day
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	1/4 day
after 2:00 p.m.	0 days

b. Scheduled time of return to campus

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	3/4 day
after 12:00 noon	1 day

2. Missed class time for home events is counted as follows:

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	1/4 day
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II. Practice

- A. Freshman and transfer students will be expected to be excused from practice to attend the academic components of University Fall Orientation programs.
- B. A student athlete must be excused from regularly scheduled practice, outside of the regular season of competition, if there is a class conflict that cannot be resolved.
- C. Regular or scheduled practice should not take place on study day. Students' examination schedules should be considered when scheduling practice.

III. Reporting

The Athletic Directors will report to ACIA annually, early in the Fall Quarter, on the number of athletes who missed study days or any part of final examinations week during the preceding year and on the academic standing and performance of those athletes.

IV. Schedule Approval Process and Exceptions

Proposed schedules of events and practice and proposed schedule changes are submitted by the Athletic Directors to the Chair of ACIA, who forwards them to the appropriate Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will approve a schedule if it meets the policy provisions. If the schedule does not meet policy provisions, the schedule will be brought to the next meeting of ACIA, which will determine whether or not to make an exception. Schedules of athletic events will be considered automatically approved following the next regularly scheduled ACIA meeting unless they violate the criteria herein stated.

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