NCAA delegates face 43 proposed changes

By TOM WITOSKY

Register Staff Writer DALLAS, TEXAS - When the delegates to the special NCAA convention here begin voting on Tuesday, they will be asked to act on 43 proposed rule changes. Included on the list are proposals to:

• Reduce the maximum number of scholarships that may be awarded in almost all non-revenue sports such as wrestling, swimming, ice hockey and

gymnastics. Reduce the maximum number of football scholarships from 95 to 90.

• Reverse approval earlier this year of a reduction in the maximum number of basketball scholarships from 15 to 13.

• Reduce practice time in certain sports, including paring five days from spring football practice at Division I-A schools and eliminating spring practice for football teams in

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all other divisions.

 Reduce the maximum number of contests in a variety of sports including baseball, soccer, golf, tennis, track and volleyball.

• Limit all practice and play to a maximum of 26-week seasons.

Reduce the number of full-time and part-time coaches in football.

 Reduce the maximum number of recruiting visits to an institution by 10, to 85, in football and by three, to 15, in basketball.

 Provide a fifth year of eligibility to all athletes.

In addition, delegates will also vote on a series of resolutions calling for studies on the amount of time students must devote to their sports, whether freshmen should be eligible for varsity competition and how to reduce recruiting budgets.

Homer Rice, athletic director at

Georgia Tech and president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, said the less controversial proposals probably will be approved. But he added there is likely to be strong debate over changes to cut scholarships and coaching staffs.

"Those proposals have growing opposition and I'm sure there will be close votes. Many believe these changes simply go too far," Rice said. Football coaches have also banded

together to resist any cuts in scholar-

ships or staffs. "Our game is better than it has ever been," said Johnny Majors, University of Tennessee head football coach. "Cutting back the number of scholarships and coaching staffs isn't

game. Much of the controversy over the

a wise move. It would hurt the

scholarship cuts has resulted in strong opposition from athletic directors of major women's programs. They argue the reductions have a much larger percentage impact on women's sports and that such changes would reverse what progress has been made to help women's athletic programs grow.

But proponents of the cuts say their opposition is attempting to politicize the controversy by making it an issue of women's rights.

"Percentage cuts really don't mean that much when football throws any athletic program's numbers out of perspective," said one commission member, who asked not to be identified. "If football scholarships weren't counted in this, you would find the cuts would be shared equally between men's and women's programs."

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Proposed scholarship | MORNING REPORT reductions (Division 1)



MEN

Sport	Current	Proposed
Baseball	13	12
Basketball	13	13 *
Fencing	5	4
Football	95	90
Golf	5	5
Gymnastics	7	6 *
Ice hockey	20	17
Lacrosse	14	12
Rifle	4	3
Skiing	7	6
Soccer	11	10
Swimming	11	10
Tennis	5	5 *
Track***	14	13
Volleyball	5	5*
Water polo	5	4
Wrestling	11	10

WOMEN			
Sport	Current	Proposed	
Field hockey	11	10	
Golf	6	5	
Gymnastics	10	10*	
Lacrosse	11	10	
Soccer	11	10	
Swimming	14	12	
Tennis	8	6**	
Track***	16	13	
Volleyball	12	12*	
* No change			

**Also includes cross-country

**Proposal allows for six full scholarships

distributed among no more than eight players

Presidents disagree about athletics' role

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commission has considered such drastic steps as basing scholarship awards on need and reducing the BRIEFLY... length of some sports seasons. But there has been little consensus, and the presidents acknowledge they disagree with each other over the role of athletics in higher education.

"Despite the common perception, it is clear there are as many diverse opinions among the presidents themselves as there are between athletic officials and presidents," Neinas said.

In that disagreement, some see opportunity for a compromise between supporters of big-time athletic programs and those who want the emphasis reduced.

"Depending on how the dialogue unfolds, it seems creation of a Division Four that would be all big schools with a lot of autonomy seems to be very possible," Neinas said.

tial in NCAA affairs, does not disat the same time keeping all members under the super-structure of the NCAA," Weller said.

with college presidents, faculty members, athletic directors and coaches exchanging views. There are 10 scheduled presentations, including discussions by Kenneth Keller, president of the University of Minnesota; Frank E. Horton, president of the University of Oklahoma, and Bo Schembechler, head football coach at the University of Michigan.

The forum is to begin an 18-month effort designed to assess the role of athletics in higher education. Neinas, like many others, believes the presidents soon may conclude that such a divergence of opinion mandates the "federation" solution.

raps NGAA plan

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) -- The U.S. Olympic Committee on Saturday announced its formal opposition to part of the legislation to be considered at a

special convention of the NCAA. The legislation, which will be considered at the convention in Dallas on Monday and Tuesday, would set a maximum 26-week playing and practice season in each Division I NCAA sport. Athletes would not be allowed to practice with their teams or

In a statement, USOC President Robert Helmick said his committee feared the legislation "has the potential to force student-athletes" to decide between their schooling and their athletic endeavors.

coaches outside of this season.

"In such sports as gymnastics, swimming, and fencing, the studentathlete would be unable to work with his or her collegiate coach outside the declared playing season, which has the potential to impact negatively on the athlete's preparation for major international competition," said Helmick, a Des Moines lawyer.

There has been some discussion of limiting the 26-week resolution to team sports only, thus allowing individual competitors such as gymnasts and swimmers to train in the off-season with their coaches.

Fumble mumbles: Big Ten Conference officials and a U.S. attorney, after reviewing films of the game, have concluded that Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon didn't fumble intentionally in the 1986 Rose Bowl. Harmon, now with the Buffalo Bills, fumbled four times in the first half of Iowa's 45-28 loss to UCLA after losing only one fumble during the regular season. Officials became concerned about the possibility of a gambling scheme, but the NCAA News reported in its June 24 edition that the game no longer is under scrutiny. The Rose Bowl review was an off-shoot of a federal grand jury investigation of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom of New York. Walters has said he paid Harmon and Iowa defensive back Devon Mitchell while they were still in school.

How they rank: The Sporting News, in its annual football magazine, has Iowa 13th in its preseason football rankings and predicts a third-place finish for the Hawkeyes in the Big Ten Conference. Ohio State is tabbed by the publication to be the Big Ten champion with Michigan finishing second. The magazine picked Oklahoma No. 1 overall, followed by Ohio State. It also picked Iowa State to finish seventh in the Big Eight, and Northern Iowa to win the Gateway Conference championship.

Coaching news: Two Iowa high school coaches were named national coaches of the year Friday during the National High School Athletic Coaches Association banquet in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. Harold Sharp from Cardinal High School in Eldon was named the girls' track coach of the year, and Ed Coughenour of Kingsley-Pierson was selected the girls' softball coach of the year. ... West Point Marquette High School boys' basketball coach Mike Koelker has resigned to become girls' volleyball and boys' varsity basketball coach at Sterling-Newman High School in Sterling, Ill. Koelker guided the Warriors to second place in the Boys' State basketball tournament last year, posting a 25-1 record.

Boxing: Frankie Duarte stopped Albert Davila in the 10th round Saturday to win the North American Boxing Federation bantamweight championship at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif. Duarte, behind on all cards, opened a serious cut over Davila's left eye with a butt, which referee Lou Filippo signaled to officials was accidental. The fight was stopped due to the severity of the cut.... Matthew Hilton of Montreal became the first native Canadian in 44 years to win a world title when he scored a unanimous 15-round decision Saturday over champion Buster Drayton of Philadelphia for the International Boxing Federation junior middleweight championship.

Auto racing: Wet weather Satur-Weller, who is considered influen- day helped Mario Andretti win the 60th pole of his Indy-car career and agree. "There is clearly a need to rec- his third in four years at the Meadowognize the diversity in approach | lands Indy in East Rutherford, N.J. among our various members. Some | Andretti's 99.108 mph qualifying lap accommodations can be found to rec- from Friday held up after rain ognize that pattern of diversity, while | washed down the track most of Saturday morning. The race is scheduled to start at 12 p.m. CDT today and will be videotaped by NBC for telecast be-Monday, the convention will open | ginning at 3. ... Rusty Wallace overcame gusty winds Saturday and captured the pole position for today's Miller American 400 NASCAR race at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. It was the first pole in his 110 Winston Cup races

> Hockey: Darryl Sutter has decided to retire from the Chicago Black Hawks because of injuries and accept an assistant coaching job with the National Hockey League team. Sutter, 28, will serve under newly hired head coach Bob Murdoch. After several knee operations, Sutter dressed for just 44 games last season.

for the 30-year-old Wallace.

Golf: Peter Senior captured the \$320,000 Monte Carlo Open golf tournament Saturday, holding off fellow Australian Roger Davis by one stroke with a birdie on the final hole. Senior, 27, fired a final-round 3-under-par 66 for a total 260, 14 under par. He pocketed a winner's check of \$53,000.

Basketball: To accommodate

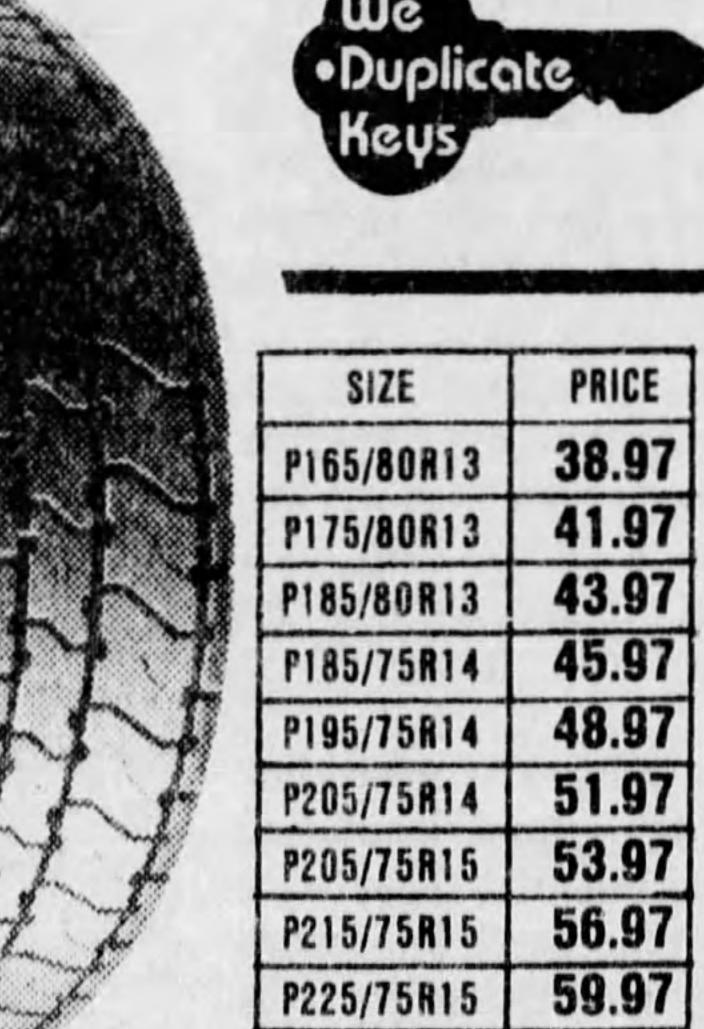
television coverage, the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska, will be extended one day. The traditional Sunday championship game will be moved to Monday this year so as not to conflict with ESPN's Sunday night National Football League telecast. While the change will ensure ESPN coverage of college basketball's top early-season tournament, it will pit the championship game against ABC's Monday Night Football. This will be the third year in a row ESPN will televise the Shootout. NCAA runner-up Syracuse will play Alaska-Anchorage in one of the televised firstround games; Michigan will meet Miami (Fla.) in the other. Other firstround games pit Alabama-Birmingham against Southwest Texas State, and Arizona against Duquesne.

Softball: Teri Thomas threw her second straight no-hitter Friday night while leading Central Decatur to a 4-0 victory over Bedford in a Tall Corn Conference girls' softball game in Bedford, Ia. Thomas, a senior. struck out 15 batters while raising her record to 9-7. Thomas also had a no-hitter in a 10-0 victory over Villisca Thursday night.









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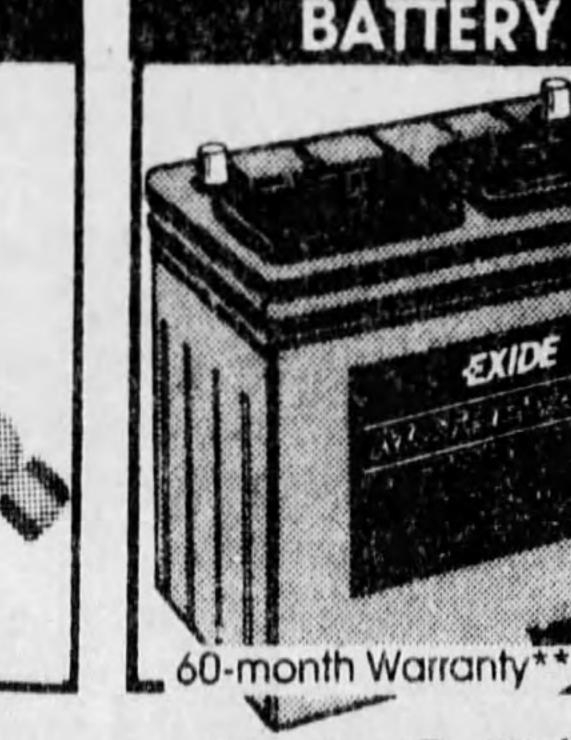
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