



# POLICY CHANGE REQUEST

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**Review Constitution Article 3.** Provide *in detail* the prescribed information. Use additional pages if needed. This material must be submitted electronically, with a signed copy faxed or mailed to the Executive Director by September 1 or February 1.

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Name of Originator	For (College/Conference/Sport/Affiliate Organization)	Date

**Recommended Effective Date of Proposed Change:**    January 1     **July 1**     **Yr. 2007**

Article # \_\_\_\_\_    Bylaw # 3.17    Sport Guide # \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Revisions** (Show *existing wording* with proposed **additions** / **deletions**):

**APPROVED BY THE COA BOARD JUNE 20, 2007**

**AS EMERGENCY LEGISLATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY SUBJECT TO**

**REVIEW AFTER ONE YEAR.**

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### **3.17 Out-of-Season Contests**

3.17.3 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.*)

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.

Violations will bring about sanctions as outlined in Constitution Article 7.4.

The following are examples of college or district resources that may not be used to support out of season teams:

A. Name. The college name, logo, mascot, or any initials or like emblem color that connects the team with the college cannot be used to identify the out of season team or individual.

B. Funds. College/district funds and funds raised under the college name may not be used.

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.

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.

E. Supplies. No supplies of any type purchased by the college may be used. This includes athletic training supplies.

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.

G. Insurance. No insurance purchased by the college may be used for injuries that occur to individuals on out of season teams.

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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 group at the same rate.

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.

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.

### **3.17 Nontraditional Season of Sport**

The COA recognizes a “*nontraditional*” season of sport. 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.

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### **3.17.1 Scheduled Dates**

The sport chart below indicates the dates allowed for each sport and the number of contests/scrimmages allowed for each sport during the ~~traditional~~ *nontraditional* season of sport. Student athletes who are enrolled in the Physical Education activity/conditioning class associated with a sport are eligible to compete; a student athlete can only compete at one California community college during the “*nontraditional*” segment. “*Nontraditional* contests” are to be treated as scrimmages (Bylaw 1.15.7); “*nontraditional* contests” do not affect eligibility, transfer, or seasons of competition. *Participants must be enrolled at the College he/she is representing and have a current medical physical on file.*

A student who transfers to a California community college (Bylaw 1.15.5) and who has competed in a COA-sponsored sport which was considered to be part of a *nontraditional* or a nonchampionship segment of the regular schedule for that sport is eligible to compete. The student may compete at a California community college in this sport during the same academic year, provided he/she would have been eligible for a regular season of competition at his/her previous institution. The total participation in this sport during the academic year would count as only one season of competition,

*The “Non Traditional Season” does not permit teams to have daily practices during their identified windows; it allows competition with other colleges. Skill, conditioning, and strength development occurs during classes that are associated with each sport. Colleges may not use class time for competition. Colleges that wish to participate must identify the dates and times of competition and stay within the number of allowable dates/contests. Failure to comply may shall result in penalties which may shall include no post season competition or a reduced number of contests during the traditional segment or other penalties as may be identified by the COA Board.*

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**Non Traditional Sport Season Dates**

<b>Sports</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b># Of Scrimmages/ Events/Games/Dates</b>
<b>Baseball – Fall Men</b>	Tues. following Labor Day	Sat. before Thanksgiving	12 Scrimmages
<b>Basketball – Men</b>	NCAA Recruiting Calendar Two 10 Day periods in July	NCAA Recruiting Calendar Two 10 Day periods in July	3 Exposure Events (2 games max./day/team)
<b>Basketball – Women</b>	NCAA Recruiting Calendar Two 10 Day periods in July	NCAA Recruiting Calendar Two 10 Day periods in July	3 Exposure Events (2 games max./day/team.)
<b>Soccer</b>	February	April	4 Games
<b>Softball – Fall</b>	Tues. following Labor Day	Sat. before Thanksgiving	12 Scrimmages
<b>Tennis</b>	September	November	6 Dates
<b>Volleyball – Men</b>	September	November	4 Dates
<b>Volleyball – Women</b>	February	April	4 Dates
<b>Water Polo – M's &amp; W's</b>	February  June	April  July	Spring – 4 Dates No more than 2 games per day  Summer – 6 Dates No more than 2 games per day
<b>Wrestling</b>	January	March	4 Dates

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**Intent** (Briefly state how the proposal will *improve/benefit* the current regulation):

By providing guidelines for the “*nontraditional season of competition*” the legislation places the responsibility for “*nontraditional season competition*” under the control and supervision of the college and has limited the liability of the college provided that the guidelines are followed.

This assumes that all funds which support athletic competition are disbursed through college accounts. College/District administration can oversee, control, regulate, and audit participation.

This is permissive legislation not compulsory legislation, and permits those colleges that wish to participate in “*nontraditional competition*” the avenue to do so within the guidelines.

This legislation does not suggest that additional institutional funds or services should be allocated to this area. It is the responsibility of each institution and participating teams to find the means to support the “*nontraditional season.*”

The *nontraditional* season is not mandated by the COA, it is recognized by the COA as a voluntary activity of each member college that chooses to participate within the rules and regulations as written. Each Community College that wishes to engage in the non-traditional season must have a form\_\_ on file with the college’s Athletic office, signed by the College President, the Athletic Director, and each sport coach that wishes to participate (see attached sample form). The *nontraditional* season of competition provides opportunities to evaluate, teach, and coach large numbers of student athletes. The *nontraditional* season also provides the opportunity for four year colleges and universities to scout California Community College student athletes. The NCAA has specific windows for recruitment of student athletes and this proposal would allow our athletes the opportunity to compete and be evaluated by four year NCAA member institutions. Development of student athletes in the *nontraditional* setting helps to develop the student athlete in many ways, the constant contact and monitoring by coaches keeps the student athletes on track in the classroom and on the court/field/pool of play. In order for us to prepare our student athletes for the next level we need to recognize, as has the NJCAA and The NCAA that we need a *nontraditional* season.

**Rationale** (Briefly state why the change is needed):

*Nontraditional* windows of competition are considered vital for the continued success of the student-athlete at the California Community College level. Community College coaches depend on off-season contact to monitor the progress of student-athletes both in and out of the classroom. The continuous contact between coaches and student-athletes can be beneficial both academically and athletically. Student-athlete transfer rates, units completed, graduation, and GPA are above the student body average. The experience for the student-athlete to engage in competition during the non-traditional season enhances their ability to move on to a four-year college. Four-year college coaches are far too busy during their sanctioned season to observe the community college athlete. The NCAA has specific windows for recruitment and competition outside of the traditional season is needed for additional exposure and the recruiting process. Development in the non-traditional season leads to enhanced performance in the regular season and is one of the reasons many of our student athlete’s moves on to the next level.

**Impact Regarding Gender Equity:**

None

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## Financial Impact (use additional pages if necessary)

- If affecting event budget:** Provide **existing budget** and **budget for proposal** (include team/personnel travel expenses, equipment, facilities, etc.
- If affecting college budget:** Provide **dollar amount increases/decreases by category**, i.e., change in required personnel, equipment, facilities, etc.

The financial impact of this legislation is difficult to project. The fact that no college is mandated to participate in *nontraditional* competition (as they are not in current practice), allows for institutional cost control. Those institutions that participate could, but may not, incur travel and staff related costs commensurate to what they would schedule during their teams window for competition. Some economic savings would occur by recycling uniforms and equipment no longer in use. Trainer time, coaches' workload and related issues would be the concern of the individual college. Policies are in place currently that need not be drastically changed. (For instance: AD to coach, "You may participate in *nontraditional* competition as outlined by the COA, but you have no increase in resources. You fund-raised for fall ball the old way, fund-raise for the new.") Since the proposed legislation amounts to sanctioned conversion from current practice, new costs will not be dramatic as initially feared. In other words, under the proposed wording, teams and sports would be doing no more than they are doing now, and those costs are being met. When the conversion to a new 3.18.3 occurs, those same monies, whatever their source, may be applied to the new structure. It is the assumption here that the COA conducts business to enact and enforce the wisest and most far-reaching legislation, not to micromanage the policies of individual schools as they adjust to inevitable change.

Financial impact will be based on college/district choice. There will be no financial impact on the COA.

## *Signatures*

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**Originator**

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**President/Commissioner**

For: College / Conference / Sport Coaches  
Association / Affiliate Organization

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**COA Sport Representative**

If applicable