

SPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Conference Call – November 16, 2005
Men's Basketball Championship – At-Large Berths

In attendance: Diane St.Denis (Chair), Tony Addona, Ross Wilson, Ken Schildroth, Pat Murray, Jack Drover (replacing Al Scott), Sheila-Ann Newton.
Regrets Kelly Matheson, Jean-Guy Ouellette

D. St.Denis reviewed process to date:

- a) A recommendation was received from the NABCC on the October 12, 2005 conference call
- b) Based on that recommendation the following motion was passed:

Motion 3 (P. Murray/R. Wilson)

Carried

That the 8-Team Men's Basketball Championship be made up as follows:

- One berth per each of the 4 Regional Associations (as per policy 20.20.1.2)
- Host (as per policy 20.20.1.3)
- One (1) assigned berth OUA
- One (1) assigned berth Canada West
- One at-large berth

provided Sport Committee approves the objective selection process and criteria for the selection of the wildcard/at-large berth position that the NABCC forwards to Sport Committee by October 31, 2005.

D. St.Denis then asked S. Newton to provide any additional information on the attachments submitted by Dave Crook, President of the NABCC.

- the following is the process that was in place prior to the Task Force principles being implemented;
- was based on 6 conferences, will need to be adjusted to current structure of 4 regional associations;
- NABCC hasn't had an opportunity to meet to review these documents. They will be reviewed at the next NABCC meeting with a view to "tweaking" the emphasis of the Top 10.

The committee then reviewed documents (see Appendix I). Discussion highlights:

- there will always be some subjectivity to any process
- Canada West has used a system that is purely mathematical.
- this process seems to be solid, is clearly a number crunching affair and wouldn't suggest we change anything.
- will always be a challenge for teams that don't get out of their own conference to play other teams.
This is out of their control
- we want to make sure we don't revert back to the days of 2 hour long conference calls with outcomes that were solely dependent on who fought the loudest fight.
- agreed this was the process that was put in place to move away from the subjectivity of old processes and was working well prior to the change to the new model.

The committee agreed that the coaches had presented an objective selection process that would limit subjectivity.

Motion (P. Murray/T. Addona)

Carried

That Sport Committee supports the at-large berth selection process (as amended) based on the document presented by NABCC that demonstrates an objective selection process which limits subjectivity.

Appendix I

The At-Large Berth Selection Committee Composition:

The committee would consist of a representative from each of the four sport conferences, a chair (the president of NABCC or designate who will only vote in the event of a tie) and a non-voting CIS representative. The committee would have the authority to make subjective decisions within the respective criteria (ie. the relative merits of a 10-0 record and a 12-2 record within a certain category). As has been the practice for the past 2 years, the teams under consideration would be slotted into the grid with the low team being dropped and the remaining teams undergoing the same process until one team remains.

Rationale:

- a) Maintains transparency and a degree of objectivity within the selection process.
- b) Encourages teams to seek high caliber competition at home and away.

Criteria Description:

Variables

(The criteria listed below are not based on priority other than those noted.)

- a) Final Regular session conference record and standing.
- b) Playoff performance (in rank order)
 1. 1st – loss in final,
 2. 2nd – loss in semi-finals to eventual Champions
 3. 3rd – loss in the Semi-finals
- c) Games vs other teams under wildcard consideration (head to head ...include date/location)
- d) Games results against non-conference opponents (overall record vs CIS teams in non conference play.. all teams – including games against conference opponents in non-conference games.... Include record and date/location)
- e) CIS top ten ranking (final week of ranking – read as final week of all coaches voting)
- f) Total number of weeks as a top ten ranked team.
- g) Position in the CIS top ten ranking over the last five (5) weeks of the rankings.
- h) Games vs teams with (in rank order):
 1. a winning percentage of greater than .800
 2. a winning percentage of greater than .650
 3. a winning percentage of greater than .500
 4. a winning percentage of less than .500