

PLAYING REGULATIONS - MEN'S BASKETBALL

A. CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

A team shall be composed of a maximum of fourteen (14) players of whom not more than three (3) shall have received training in basketball outside of Canada, and two (2) team officials.

A.1. GAME ROSTER

Teams may dress any twelve (12) players for each CIS championship game.

B. TEAM BENCH

A team can have a maximum of 25 individuals in the bench area.

Note: Host Organizing Committee is only required to provide/accredit 20 players for the purpose of training tables, banquet tickets, etc.

C. PARTICIPANTS

C.1 TEAMS

The participating teams shall be:

- Atlantic University Sport Representative
- QSSF Representative
- OUA Representative
- Canada West Representative
- Host (Carleton University)
- One (1) assigned berth OUA
- One (1) assigned berth Canada West
- One at-large berth

(Refer to Policy 20.20.4.1 for more details.)

C.2 IDENTIFICATION

C.3 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

C.4 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

C.5 INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

C.6 TEAM ENTRIES

C.7 TEAM RANKINGS

D. COMPETITION

D.1 TYPE OF EVENT AND EVENT ADMINISTRATION

The championship shall be an eight (8) team, single elimination championship, played over three (3) days (Friday - Sunday).

D.2 DRAWS, POOLS, SEEDINGS, TRIALS AND HEATS

D.2.1 SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE AT-LARGE BERTH

A Selection Committee will use the following 9 criteria to determine the at-large berth. The committee will consider the performance of each team in each criterion and rank them accordingly. The committee has a degree of discretion in its rankings within each criterion. For example the committee may consider a regular season record of 19-1 to be equal to a 21-1 record even though 21-1 is mathematically superior.

- a) Final regular season conference record.
- b) Games vs. other teams under berth consideration and teams that have already qualified for the national championship.
- c) 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) Home / Away / neutral court and game score should be considered within this category.
**** Non-conference refers to CIS teams only.
- d) Best 5 weeks in top ten rankings beginning with the first Top 10 ranking following November 15 to end of regular season for that team.
- e) Games vs. teams (CIS teams only) with a winning percentage of greater than .800
- f) Games vs. teams (CIS teams only) with a winning percentage of greater than .650
- g) Games vs. teams (CIS teams only) with a winning percentage of greater than .500
- h) Games vs. teams (CIS teams only) with a winning percentage of less than .500
- i) Play-off Performance.

Note: There are inherent challenges in simply comparing at face value how deep a team advanced into the play-offs in one conference to another conference without looking at the nuances and making some distinctions and judgements. Out of consideration to the number of teams in each conference, the at-large berth applicants' play-off performance will be reviewed and sorted into clusters.

The top cluster will consist of:

- The QSSF and AUS applicants that advanced to the play-off final and lost in the final.
(the 2nd placed team in the play-offs out of 5 teams in the QSSF)
(the 2nd placed team in the play-offs out of 8 teams in the AUS)
- The OUA and Canada West applicants that advanced to the semi-finals.
(the 3rd or 4th ranked team from the Final 4 out of 14 teams in Canada West)
(the 3rd or 4th ranked team in the OUA play-offs out of 16 teams in OUA)

The second cluster will consist of:

- The QSSF and AUS applicants who won the bronze medal; or who lost in the semi-finals if no bronze medal exists.
(3rd or 4th team out of 5 in QSSF)
- The Canada West applicant who lost in the divisional final.
- The OUA applicant who just missed out of the semi-finals (5th out of 16)

D.2.1.1 AT-LARGE BERTH SELECTION & SEEDING COMMITTEE

- i) Chairperson: President of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of Canada (NABCC) or designate. Will only vote in case of a tie.
- ii) Members: One voting representative from each Sport Conference*. The Top 10 Coordinator, or his designate, shall be a non-voting participant of the seeding call, for the purpose of clarifying Top 10 issues that may arise during the call. The Sport Conference representatives will be selected by the NABCC and accountable to the NABCC. The representatives must be active CIS coaches and members of the NABCC. The NABCC President will provide to the CIS Office, no later than March 7, the names and contact information of the Sport Conference representatives (an alternate must be named in case the coach/representative has won a berth to the National Championship). A non-voting CIS representative will also be on the call.
- iii) The committee would have the authority to make subjective decisions within the respective criteria (i.e. the relative merits of a 10-0 record and a 12-2 record within a certain category). 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.

Note:

- *If a Sport Conference does not have an elected coach representative, the President of NABCC will appoint a representative.
- The CIS office will be responsible for organizing the conference call in conjunction with the NABCC President.

D.2.2 SEEDING

The criteria for seeding the CIS Championship will be as follows:

- i) The seeding committee will determine a final Top 10 ranking during the seeding call, which **will provide the basis for establishing the draw for the tournament.**
- ii) **Sport Conference opponents shall not play each other on Day 1 in the quarter-final round.**
- iii) Without affecting the integrity of the championship, efforts should be made where possible to have two Sport Conference Champions in each of the two brackets.
- iv) The schedule will be set such that the Friday evening draw will include one of the host area teams.
- v) **When there are 2 teams from the same Sport Conference they shall be placed on opposite sides of the draw.**
- vi) **When there are 3 teams from the same Sport Conference, 2 shall be placed on one side of the draw and the other team shall be placed on the opposite side of the draw.**

- vii)** In rendering their decision, the seeding committee may also consider:
- Head to head; this means one team's record against all other teams in the championship. The date and location of the games must be considered.
 - Strength of schedule.
 - Playoff performance.

D.2.2.1 PROCEDURES

- i) The conference call will be scheduled on the Saturday or Sunday prior to the CIS Championship.
- ii) There shall be no appeal of decisions regarding seeding.
- iii) Prior to selecting the seeding for the national championship, discussion should take place in regard to the last Top 10 voted on by coaches. Should the feeling of the seeding committee be that a team was improperly ranked, then the committee may use their discretion to apply other selection criteria as detailed in D.2.2.2.
- iv) The spokesperson for the Men's Basketball Seeding Selection Committee shall be the President of the NABCC or his designate.
- v) Immediately following the conference call, the CIS office will release the final seeding and schedule.
- vi) Any member institution who releases this information prior to the embargo established by the CIS office will be fined \$500.00.

D.2.2.2 SELECTION CRITERIA (GUIDELINES FOR THE TOP TEN)

- i) All games versus CIS opponents will count. Games versus NCAA senior teams and community colleges will not count but the results of the competition should be recorded with the CIS Office and published.
- ii) Teams that lose a game should not move up except if teams ranked above them have all lost and the head to head performance of the losing team is better than other teams in consideration.
- iii) Best 2 out of 3 playoff series will count as one game when voting for top 10.
- iv) There is no extrapolating of votes.
- v) Location of game (home, away, and neutral) can be used as a criteria in weighting the significance of a win or loss.
- vi) In Sport Conference playoffs, if a lower team defeats a higher team, the following guidelines would apply:
 - a. if teams are ranked 1 or 2 positions apart, they could flip flop positions
 - b. if the teams are ranked 3 or more positions apart and have been considered throughout the season, the lower team should move up and the higher team should drop but not necessarily below the team that defeated them.

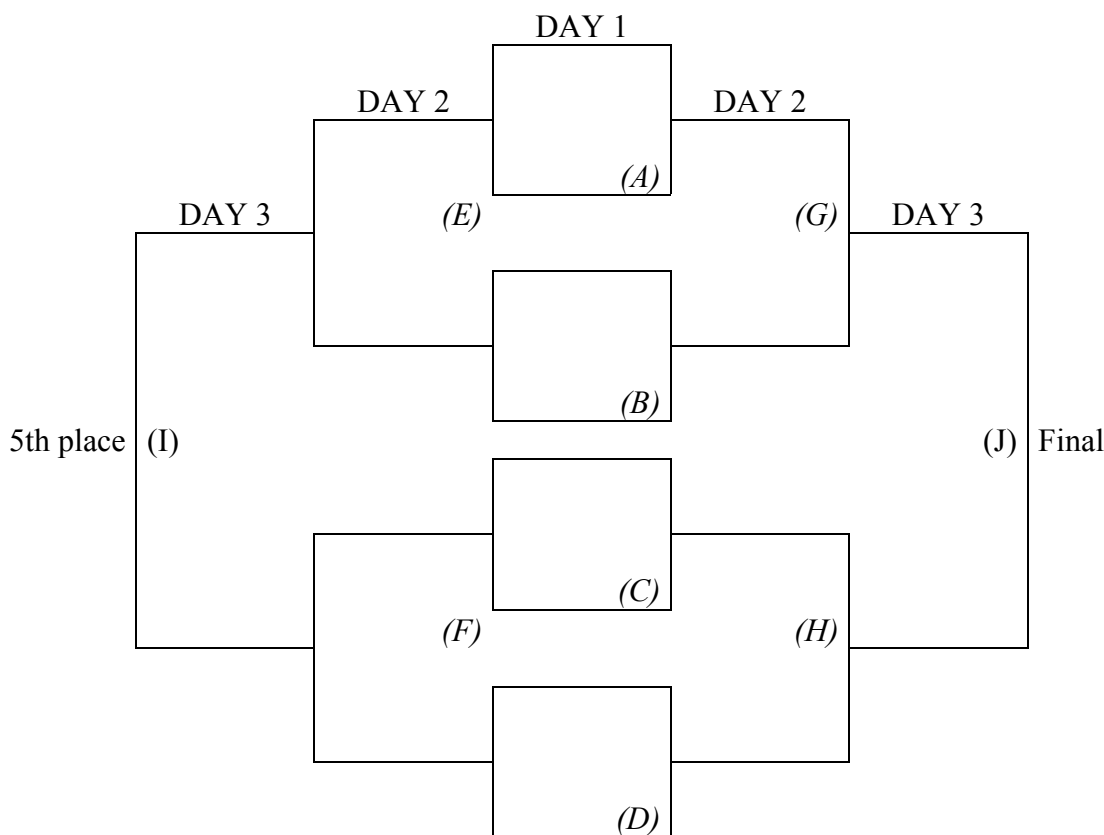
Top Ten Rules

- A. The previous week's top ten is the starting point for the vote each week.

- B. A team in the top ten may drop a maximum of three spots per loss.
- C. No team may move down more than 2 spots if they have not played a game.
- D. There will be only one top ten each week.
- E. If a team is still in the top ten after losing a playoff game, they may not be moved out the following week. They are to be frozen or even possibly move up if a team above them loses.
- F. Regional Top Ten representatives vote to determine the weekly ranking with input from coaches within their regions in addition to information such as RPI and power rankings.
- G. For the last two rankings of the season only the Top 10 convenors will vote.

D.2.3 DRAW

The National Championship will not include a Bronze Medal game.



Note: To ensure the integrity of the draw, the structure of the brackets must be maintained (i.e 1 vs. 8 and 4 vs. 5 must always stay together and 2 vs. 7 and 3 vs. 6 must always stay together) so that common rest times are protected.

D.3 FORMULA AND FORMAT

See D.2.3 above.

D.4 PROCEDURES AND PROTESTS

D.5 SCHEDULE OR ORDER OF EVENTS

A player-coach clinic is to be held in conjunction with the Championship.

The All-Canadian Celebration is to be held at a time agreed to by the Host, CIS and the NABCC.

D.6 GAME TIMES

CIS Office and Host Organizing Committee to determine game start times based on facility availability and television requirements.

D.7 PRACTICE TIMES / WARM-UPS

D.8 OVERTIME AND TIME-OUTS

D.9 TIE-BREAKING

D.10 SCORING AND STANDARDS

D.11 RECORDS AND STATISTICS

E. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY

E.1 BALL

The Spalding ZK Pro 1000 shall be the official ball for the CIS championship.

E.2 VIDEO

E.2.1 FIRST ROUND OPPONENT

First round opponents must exchange video of their two (2) last matches prior to the Championship. The video must arrive in the opponent's hand by Tuesday at 5:00 pm EST or as determined by the two (2) respective coaches. This video is for the sole use of the respective team's preparation for its first round match and shall be returned to the appropriate team prior to the start of the first round match. If any of these conditions are not met, the offending institution will be assessed a fine as per the non-compliance policy.

Note: Once all Regional Associations have confirmed the launch of game tape exchange within their conference, each team participating in the CIS Championship will make their final 6 games available for viewing on the Sunday prior to the championship.

E.2.2 VIDEO TAPING - HOST REQUIREMENT

The Championship Organizing Committee will record all championship games and make them available to all participating teams. It is recommended that the Organizing Committee devise a system for filming and simultaneously copying games so that videos will be available after each game to be borrowed.

E.3 NUMBERED UNIFORMS

E.4 BIBS, SOCKS, SHIRT COLOR, TIGHTS AND TOWELS

E.5 HEAD GEAR AND HELMETS

E.6 CAPTAIN'S IDENTIFICATION

- E.7 DEPTH CHARTS
- E.8 SPOTTER PHONES

E.9 FACILITY AND MEET REQUIREMENTS

- a) There should be a public announcement made before each game that emphasizes sportsmanship, respect for all teams, coaches and officials.

F. RULES

Competition (on-court technical rules) shall be governed by the rules of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

G. MEETINGS

G.1 COACHES TECHNICAL MEETING

The Coaches Technical meeting shall be held on Thursday evening. If there is a banquet or awards function the meeting will be held after such event.

G.2 COACHES ASSOCIATION MEETING

The NABCC meetings will be held on the Thursday, the week of the Championship (time TBD) and the Sunday (time TBD).

- G.3 COACHES CLINIC
- G.4 PRESS CONFERENCE

H. OFFICIALS

H.1 FUNDED OFFICIALS

CIS will fund the travel for twelve (12) officials. See H.9 for details re the selection process.

H.2 ASSIGNMENT

The underlying objective for the selection of officials for the Championship is to provide the highest quality of officiating crews possible.

H.3 NEUTRALITY

- a) Regional representation will be a major factor for the selection of officials to the championship.
- b) Sport Conference neutrality will be a factor in the preliminary rounds (includes games A, B, C, and D).

H.4 QUALIFICATIONS

- a) Must have been evaluated at a national tournament.
- b) Must be FIBA/CIS men's rules certified and have officiated at a minimum number of seven (7) CIS men's university games during the current competitive season, including exhibition and/or league and/or playoff games.

H.5 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

Accommodation (double occupancy), meals per diem, local ground transportation and game fees for all officials.

H.6 NSO (CABO) RESPONSIBILITIES

Accommodations, meals, per diem and transportation for both Assignors/Evaluators.

H.7 FEES

Officials - \$120/game/official, (3-man officiating).

Standby official for final game - \$60.00.

H.8 STANDBY OFFICIAL

The stand by official, dressed in an officiating uniform, shall be stationed at the scorer's table to assist in the event of a scoring or timing dispute.

H.9 SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Sport Conference selections must be forwarded to a representative of the NABCC no later than 37 days prior to the championship.
- b) CABO selection of the 4 crew chiefs forwarded to a representative of the NABCC no later than 37 days prior to the championship.
- c) NABCC representative and CABO National Selection Committee to review the lists submitted by the Sport Conferences and select from the submitted lists, two officials from each Sport Conference no later than 30 days (1 month) prior to the championship.
- d) CABO to forward final list of officials to the CIS office no later than 30 days (1 month) prior to the championship.
- e) Coaches will receive a list of officials assigned to the Championship from the CIS office as soon as they are known. The coaches may submit in writing any concerns about selected officials to the NABCC representative. The NABCC representative will then forward these comments to the CABO National Selection Committee chairman for consideration within twenty-four (24) hours.

H.10 ON-SITE ASSIGNMENT

- a) The Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) will attend the Coaches Technical meeting. Only technical issues relating to officiating will be discussed. It must be clear that opinions on the quality of officiating and individuals will not be discussed at this meeting while the Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) are present. There will be no other meetings between coaches and Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) once the championship begins.
- b) All preliminary games (Games A through D) in the championship will be assigned using neutrality as the guiding principle, except in the case of the four (4) appointed crew chiefs.
- c) Semi-final and final games will be assigned according to performance and ability as determined by the Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) observations and the input of the competing coaches.
- d) One (1) of the four designated crew chiefs must be assigned to work each of the preliminary round games.

- e) The head coaches involved in the semi-final games must submit the names of preferred officials to the NABCC representative no later than the last game of the day. The NABCC representative will forward these names to the Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) for consideration before the assignments are finalized.
- f) The head coaches involved in the semi-final and final games are invited to submit the names of three (3) preferred officials to the NABCC representative no later than 60 minutes following the last game of the day. The NABCC representative will forward these names to the Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) for consideration before the assignments are finalized.
- g) The CABO Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) will have the responsibility to assign all games after receiving all input as outlined above. All input by coaches must be submitted through the NABCC representative to the Assignor(s) / Evaluator(s) within an hour of the completion of the last game of any particular day. This will allow a reasonable amount of time for all input to be considered prior to assignments being made and announced.

I. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

**PLEASE REFER TO POLICY 60.20 FOR MORE DETAILS RE STANDARD CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS.*

I.1 W.P. MCGEE TROPHY & CIS PENNANT

Awarded to the CIS Champion.

I.2 CIS MEDALS

Awarded to the first and second place teams.

I.3 ALL-CANADIANS

- a) Will include 5 first team and 5 second team.
- b) The current CIS All-Canadian nomination form will be used for gathering and distributing information on each nominee. All-Canadian candidates information packages should include all All-Star voting results from each Sport Conference. To win the national award the athlete must have been named to the All-Star team in their Sport Conference.
- c) The completion of the forms shall be the responsibility of each Sport Conferences' Communication Coordinator / Convener.
- d) Completed forms shall be sent to the NABCC awards representative for distribution to the membership. Voters will be provided with the ranking of each candidate within their conference as well as the number of votes garnered in the conference voting.
- e) Votes will be sent to NABCC awards representative for tabulation (the only stipulation being that he/she be a non-active coach); the President of the NABCC will then be notified of the results of the balloting along with any observations related to the validity of the process, assuming there are no irregularities or unusual circumstances.
- f) CIS Office will be notified of the results and in turn will notify the head of the Championship Committee and the coaches of successful candidates. The timing of this process will be such that it is completed no later than 14 days prior to the championship awards ceremony.
- g) If a tie should exist between two athletes nominated as All-Canadians that the tie be broken as follows:

- i. eliminate the points given to the athletes by their respective Sport Conference and add up the total points given to each athlete by the remaining Sport Conferences;
 - ii. should a tie still exist then the athlete with the highest ranking given by the remaining Sport Conferences shall be declared the winner;
 - iii. should a tie still exist, both shall be declared All-Canadians;
- I.4 OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR (MIKE MOSER MEMORIAL TROPHY)
 - a) Selected by the Coaches Association.
 - b) Nominees must be members' of the CIS All-Canadian Team.
 - c) To win the national award the athlete must have won the player of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
 - d) Refer to the All-Canadian selection process, tie-breaking procedure and timelines.
- I.5 DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
 - a) Selected by the Coaches Association.
 - b) To win the national award the athlete must have won the defensive player of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
 - c) Refer to the All-Canadian selection process, tie-breaking procedure and timelines.
- I.6 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (DR. PETER MULLINS TROPHY)
 - a) Selected by the Coaches Association.
 - b) Nominated athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st in the academic year in question.
 - c) Nominated athletes must not have consumed any eligibility as defined by CIS regulations.
 - d) To win the national award the athlete must have won the rookie of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
 - e) Refer to the All-Canadian selection process, tie-breaking procedures and timelines.
- I.7 ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
 - a) Selected by the Coaches Association.
 - b) Four conference nominees for the rookie of the year will automatically be members of the All-Rookie team.
 - c) **Same selection process as used for the All-Canadian selections.**
- I.8 COACH OF THE YEAR (STUART W. ABERDEEN MEMORIAL)
 - a) Selected by the Coaches Association.
 - b) To win the national award the coach must have won the coach of the year award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
 - c) Refer to All-Canadian section for process, tie-breaking procedure and timelines.
- I.9 KEN SHIELDS AWARD (STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD)
 - a) Selected from among nominees from each Sport Conference.
 - b) To win the national award the athlete must have won the same award in their sport conference, if such an award exists.
 - c) Recipient who best exhibits outstanding achievements in three (3) areas: basketball, academics, and community involvement.
- I.10 CHAMPIONSHIP MVP (JACK DONAHUE TROPHY)
 - a) Selected as a result of his performance in the championship by a committee established by the Host.

- b) The MVP is the All-Star with the most votes (i.e. must be a member of the Tournament All-Star team).

I.11 TOURNAMENT ALL-STAR TEAM

Five (5) selected as a result of their performance in the championship by a committee established by the Host.

I.12 COACHES ASSOCIATION (NABCC) MERIT AWARD

- a) Selected by Coaches Association in conjunction with Host Organizing Committee.
- b) Selection criteria is circulated on a yearly basis to all Coaching Association members.
- c) Presentation of award dependent on sponsorship.

I.13 OTHER AWARDS

I.12.1 R.W. PUGH FAIRPLAY AWARD

I.12.2 PLAYERS OF THE GAME

- a) One player from each team will be picked as the player of the game.
- b) In games that are televised, the primary lead broadcaster will make the selection of the players of the game.
- c) In games that are not televised, the Host will work with the Coaches Association to determine the make-up of the selection committee.

J. COMMITTEES

J.1 CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall rule on all matters necessary for the championship to proceed and will, in addition, act as the Protest Committee at the championship. The Management Committee shall apply CIS Rules. The Management Committee may not, nor may any member, make an exception to any CIS Rule or to a sanction imposed by CIS. The Management Committee has no jurisdiction to consider or interpret CIS Eligibility Regulations.

Composition of the Management Committee shall be:

- i) Convener of Championship - non-voting chair;
- ii) CIS Delegate;
- iii) Technical Delegate;
- iv) President of the Coaches Association, or designate.

A quorum shall require all of the four members, or their replacement.

If a member of the Management Committee was involved, directly or indirectly, in a decision or an interpretation of a CIS Rule that is being appealed/protested to the Management Committee that member shall be excused from the Management Committee. In this event, the remaining members of the Management Committee have the authority to appoint as a replacement for the excused member an individual who is independent, unbiased and uninvolved in the matter in dispute. The decision regarding whether a member of the Management Committee should be excused and replaced lies solely with the Management Committee.

Note: CIS rules for protests and appeals shall apply and take precedence over NCAA rules.

Notwithstanding the procedures described in CIS policy 90.70.4.1.1 (see below), the CIS Championship Management Committee shall have the power and jurisdiction to take interim on-the-spot measures to address minor code of conduct issues (inappropriate or unsportsmanlike conduct that is not criminal in nature) that arise at CIS Championships, in a timely fashion. The record of the incident, including the interim measures taken to address it shall be copied to the Athletic Director(s) of the affected school(s), and the CIS office and Discipline Committee.

It is the expectation of CIS that persons representing Member institutions, and/or CIS, at CIS Championships will behave responsibly, and with propriety, and in accordance with the laws of the land.

90.70.4.1.1 Procedures Regarding Misconduct

Where misconduct occurs at a CIS Championship (including traveling to and from the event, practice days and competition days), the Chief Executive Officer, assisted by the event Convenor, shall:

- a) Investigate the particulars of the incident that gave rise to the misconduct;
- b) Determine the amount and type of damage to property or injury to persons;
- c) Identify the persons and institutions responsible for the incident; and
- d) Summarize this information in a written report.

The Chief Executive Officer shall provide a copy of the written report to the President, who may bring a complaint in accordance with CIS Policy 90.40 - Discipline. A copy of the written report shall be provided to the Directors of Athletics of the institutions involved.

J.2 JURY OF APPEAL

J.3 DELEGATES

K. APPENDICES