

PROPOSAL C: JV, Prep, Club, Non-Member Contests in Team Sports

RATIONALE:

The Sport Governance committee believes implementing this bylaw is important due to the follow reasons:

1. Level of Competition: JV and prep schools often have different missions and structures compared to junior colleges. Competition against these institutions might create mismatched levels of play, potentially compromising the competitive experience and statistics and awards for NJCAA athletes.
2. Academic Standards: The NJCAA emphasizes academic eligibility and sportsmanship standards for its athletes. Prep schools may have different academic requirements, and sportsmanship standards that do not align with the NJCAA.
3. Maintaining Tradition: The NJCAA has a long-standing tradition and structure within its athletic competitions. Allowing competition against JV and prep schools could disrupt this tradition and the established norms within collegiate athletics.

These reasons reflect a desire to uphold the values and mission of the NJCAA, ensuring that competition remains fair, balanced, and aligned with its goals for student-athletes.

SUBMITTED BY

Sport Governance Committee

CURRENT BYLAW

PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE / ADDITION

Ranking and Seeding

- Any games played against non-member programs, except for NJCAA-approved military programs, will not be included in the rankings, seeding, or at-large bid considerations.
 - The NJCAA plans to collaborate with Presto Sports to ensure that these non-member games are removed from seeding reports for committees.
 - To begin, Fall 2025.

Post-Season Awards:

- Statistics from games against non-member programs will not be considered for post-season awards or NJCAA weekly awards.
 - The NJCAA will also work with Presto Sports to exclude these stats from All-Region and All-American nominations.
 - To begin, Fall 2025.

APPROVAL

Approved by Sport Governance on 2/13/25

