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NCAA Bylaw 17.26.5 -- Tennis Dates of Competition (I)

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In tennis, NCAA Division I institutions are limited to 25 dates of competition during the permissible tennis playing season. Within this limitation, an institution can participate in no more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition. An individual singles or doubles tournament may be counted as one date of competition, regardless of the number of days during which the tournament occurs, provided the institution has more than three student-athletes competing and there is no team scoring or recognition of a team champion. In order for a date of competition to be considered an individual singles or doubles tournament, the competition must be conducted in a tournament format ultimately recognizing an individual champion. For example, a three-day competition in which individuals (and/or doubles teams) from four institutions compete against each other but is not conducted in a traditional tournament format would not be considered an individual singles or doubles tournament for purposes of counting dates of competition. In this example, each institution must count each date on which the minimum number of tennis student-athletes compete (five in tennis - see NCAA Bylaw 20.9.4.3) as a separate date of competition. These types of competitions are sometimes referred to as "hidden" or "mock" dual matches and official team scores are not recorded; however, because these events are not conducted in a traditional tournament format, an institution may not use Bylaw 17.26.5.1.2 (individual singles or doubles tournament limitations - institutional) to count the competition as a single date of competition.

[Reference: Bylaw 17.26.5 (number of dates of competition), Bylaw 17.26.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), Bylaw 17.26.5.1.2 (individual singles or doubles tournament limitations - institutional), and Bylaw 20.9.4.3 (minimum contests and participants for sports sponsorship)]

References

Legislative References			Other
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I	17.23.5.1	Maximum Limitations -- Institutional.	Educational Columns: 0
I	17.23.5	Number of Dates of Competition.	Proposals: 0
I	17.23.5.1.2	Individual Singles or Doubles Tournament Limitations -- Institutional.	
I	20.9.4.3	Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.	