

Ivy Teams Will Shun N.C.A.A. Title Play

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 5—The Ivy League said today that its eight members would no longer compete in championship events sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The announcement by Robert F. Goheen, the Princeton president and chairman of the Ivy League's policy committee, came after the N.C.A.A. had ruled Pennsylvania and Yale ineligible because the schools refused to comply with the 1.6 academic average ruling.

Although the Ivy schools will shun N.C.A.A. title competition, they intend to remain formal members.

The N.C.A.A. action knocked

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Penn out of the collegiate basketball title tournament and Yale out of the collegiate indoor swimming championships this month.

The 1.6 ruling requires that an athlete of an N.C.A.A.-member school maintain a minimum academic average (about a C-minus) to be eligible for athletics.

Terming the rule "badly constructed," Dr. Goheen said, "It would appear to be the product of people more knowledgeable about athletics than the life of the mind."

A spokesman for Dr. Goheen said that rather than leave the N.C.A.A., the Ivy schools will remain in it and "do our best in the year ahead to amend and abandon this piece of legislation."

Dr. Goheen cited three basic reasons why the Ivy League finds the rule unacceptable. He said the Ivies contend that:

¶Athletes should not be treated differently than other students.

¶Athletic organizations should not determine academic policy.

¶Students with low grades should not automatically be banned from athletics without other factors being considered.

The Ivy's decision also eliminates Cornell's strong hockey team and Columbia's fencing team, the defending collegiate champion, from title competition.

When the N.C.A.A. declared Penn and Yale ineligible yesterday, it said the ruling would not affect meets operated by the ineligible schools. That would include the Penn Relays, held every year at Philadelphia. The N.C.A.A. also said other association members would not be banned for playing ineligible schools.

It was not known yesterday, however, whether the Ivy League's decision would keep its football teams off the N.C.A.A. television schedule. Ivy teams do not participate in postseason bowl games.

Dr. Goheen made it clear that the Ivy League would not weaken its stand just to allow its members to participate in championship competition.

"Over the past two months, the institutions of the Ivy group have attempted a series of moderate responses to the N.C.A.A. about its 1.6 legislation in the hope of bringing about some accommodation," he said. "But these efforts have been less than successful."

"We now wish to make public and emphatically clear our reasons why the Ivy group is unwilling to accept the N.C.A.A.'s 1.6 rule."

'Playing It Safe'

He said the regulation works most severely against students in institutions that have much higher admission requirements than those specified in the legislation. He said that it would tend to make students "play it safe" in their choice of courses, and asked if any single criterion could be applied "fairly and properly" to many diverse institutions.

"For instance," he asked. "Are records compiled in the study of physics and physical education to be judged alike?"

The 1.6 academic standard was adopted at the N.C.A.A.'s annual convention last January. The Ivy schools first objected, then agreed to forward information approving the status of their athletes.

The N.C.A.A., however, took exception to the telegrams sent by Penn and Yale, which said they would not abide by the N.C.A.A. demand, but would send the information concerning the academic standing of their athletes.

Among the Ivy group, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth and Princeton had filed statements that were acceptable to the N.C.A.A. Columbia and Harvard had in-

dicated they would file satisfactory statements.

Following a week of verbal interplay involving Everett Barnes of Colgate, president of the N.C.A.A., and Asa Bushnell, head of the Eastern College Athletic Association, the N.C.A.A. said early yesterday that the two schools would be eligible.

Later in the day, however Walter Byers, the N.C.A.A.'s executive director, said telegrams from the presidents of the schools, Gaylord P. Harnwell of Pennsylvania and Kingman Brewster Jr. of Yale, confirmed the noncompliance mentioned in the earlier messages. And so Penn and Yale once again were declared ineligible.

Altogether about 125 schools, primarily in the East, have refused to comply with the 1.6 ruling. Few of the others, however, compete with major schools in sports.