REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I AMATEURISM CABINET
SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2011, MEETING

***KEY ITEMS*.**

1. **National Professional Sports Counseling Panel**. The cabinet continued its comprehensive review of agent activities and other issues that impact elite student-athletes. The cabinet emphasized the importance of providing adequate education about these issues to student-athletes. The cabinet supports the concept of creating a national sports counseling panel that will serve a two-prong purpose: 1) to advise institutions on how to best educate and serve as a resource to elite student-athletes considering a potential professional career, and 2) to advise student-athletes in all sports about their prospects of playing professionally, in addition to other issues that arise in athletes' transition from the collegiate to professional ranks.

2. **National Agent Registration Program**. The cabinet supports the concept of a national agent registration program. The cabinet believes such a program would provide institutions information about agents that would otherwise be unavailable. The cabinet also recognized the value that such a program could provide to the NCAA enforcement staff.

3. **Definition of Amateurism and Guiding Principles for the Amateurism Cabinet**. The cabinet reviewed the definition of "amateurism," in addition to the guiding principles of the cabinet, and decided to update the principles to reflect the realities of today's collegiate model. The cabinet also discussed the criticism that the organization has received as it relates to the fundamental principle of amateurism and wants to strategize effective ways to communicate the principle moving forward.

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Legislative Informational Items.**

   a. **Proposal No. 2011-26 – (Amateurism, Recruiting, Eligibility and Awards, Benefits and Expenses – World University Championships).** The cabinet supported this proposal to include the World University Championships in all bylaws that apply to the World University Games.

   b. **Proposal No. 2011-27 – Amateurism and Executive Regulations – Financial Donations and Advertising and Sponsorship of Intercollegiate Events – Professional Sports Organization.** The cabinet supports Proposal No. 2011-27, which would specify that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. Additionally, that a professional sports organization may serve as a financial

sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and maybe publicly identified. The proposal would also eliminate the prohibition on professional sports organizations or personnel as acceptable advertisers in conjunction with NCAA championships. The cabinet agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

c. Proposal No. 2011-62 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements– Eligibility Form – International Student-Athlete. The cabinet supported to eliminate the requirement that the eligibility of an international student-athlete shall be certified on an international student-athlete eligibility form. The cabinet believed that the form would be helpful for institutions to use in order to assist in certifying international student-athletes eligibility but did not think it should be a requirement due to the Amateurism Certification Process at the NCAA Eligibility Center.

2. Nonlegislative Informational Items.

a. Agent. The cabinet received an update on the Leadership Council's ongoing review of the definition of an agent and the use of agents and advisors prior to enrollment. The cabinet continued its discussion on how to provide better information to student-athletes who consider transitioning from the collegiate to professional ranks. The cabinet was supportive of two concepts that would promote this: (1) a national professional sports counseling panel, and (2) a national agent registration program. The cabinet will continue to discuss these concepts. Lastly, the NCAA enforcement staff presented data it had compiled regarding the number of underclassmen entering professional drafts and their subsequent retention rate.

b. NCAA Eligibility Center Update. The cabinet received an update from the NCAA Eligibility Center amateurism certification staff including an overview of prospective student-athlete registration data, the number of Bylaw 14 withholding conditions applied, information related to the increasing number of international registrations and the countries that have produced the most violations. The cabinet was provided data illustrating the impact of the new delayed enrollment legislation (i.e., the one-year grace period for all sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing). The Eligibility Center staff also shared with the cabinet several initiatives designed to enable the amateurism staff to identify and process more egregious Bylaw 12 violations.

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