

AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee

Teleconference

August 29, 2011
11 a.m. Eastern Time

1. Welcome and introductory remarks.
2. Review of legislative proposals in the 2011-12 legislative cycle impacting men's basketball. (Supplement Nos. 1 and 2)
3. Other business.
4. Adjournment.

NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW
(August 29, 2011, Teleconference)

During its August 29 teleconference, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee has been assigned to review and comment on the following legislative proposals in the 2011-2012 legislative cycle sponsored by cabinets and conferences that impact the sport of Division I Men's Basketball.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-12	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BASKETBALL	In basketball, to permit an institution to employ one graduate assistant coach.	
2011-18	PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- RECEIPT OF CALLS FROM PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES	To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of telephone calls from prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches) that requires such calls to be received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations.	
2011-22	PERSONNEL -- BENCH PERSONNEL RESTRICTION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to specify that during a contest against outside competition, institutional bench personnel shall be limited to four coaches, one director of basketball operations (or similar position) and two additional individuals (e.g., athletic trainer, team physician, manager).	

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-30	RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- NO LIMITS ON OR AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE	To deregulate the restrictions on telephone calls and electronically transmitted correspondence, as specified.	
2011-31	RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- NO LIMITS AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE	To eliminate the limitations on the number and frequency of telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, as specified.	
2011-36	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS PERMITTED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR	To specify that an institution shall not send electronic correspondence (e.g., email, chat, instant messages, text messages) to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.	
2011-37	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS OF DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED	To specify that electronic correspondence (e.g., email, instant messages, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), provided the correspondence is sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards, posts to "walls").	

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-38	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- EXCEPTION -- SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS -- AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS	To specify that automated electronic mail sent to a prospective student-athlete from a social media platform as the result an institutional staff member's action (e.g., accepting friend request or becoming a "follower" of a prospective student-athlete) shall not be considered electronic mail from the institutional staff member.	
2011-50	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION	In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers; further, to specify that an institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. In basketball and football, to eliminate the restriction on subscribing to a service that includes access to nonscholastic video.	
2011-52	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION -- NCAA APPROVAL -- BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL	In basketball and football, to specify that an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process.	
2011-65	ELIGIBILITY -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- YEAR OF ACADEMIC READINESS AT TWO-YEAR COLLEGE	To establish a year of academic readiness for two-year college transfers, as specified.	

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2011-69	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- 2-4 AND 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS	To revise the two-year college and 4-2-4 college transfer requirements, as specified.	
2011-85	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 DAYS OF COUNTABLE ACTIVITIES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST	In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities prior to its first regular-season contest.	



Proposal Number: 2011-12

Title: PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to permit an institution to employ one graduate assistant coach.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- **Basketball**, Bowl Subdivision Football and Women's Rowing. In bowl subdivision football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. In **basketball and** women's rowing, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. In **basketball**, bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, the individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:

[Remainder of 11.01.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.4.2, as follows:

11.7.4.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching categories set forth in Bylaw 11.7.4 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

[11.7.4.2.1 through 11.7.4.2.7 unchanged.]

11.7.4.2.8 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.3).

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3.4.1, as follows:

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to and received from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made and received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2). In **basketball**, bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made and received by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.

Source: Big East Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Personnel

Rationale: Current legislation prohibits the employment of a volunteer or graduate assistant coach in basketball. This proposal would establish an opportunity for individuals to advance their educational and career pursuits. Establishing a graduate assistant coaching position is a reasonable method of providing an additional coaching opportunity, comparable to other sports, without a tremendous increase in cost.

Budget Impact: Increased costs that will vary based on the cost of education at the institution.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.



Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 27, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-18

Title: PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- RECEIPT OF CALLS FROM PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of telephone calls from prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches) that requires such calls to be received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.1.2, as follows:

11.7.1.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4:

[11.7.1.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Making telephone calls to ~~or receiving telephone calls from~~ prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches).

[11.7.1.2.1 unchanged.]

11.7.1.2.2 Exceptions -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches.

[11.7.1.2.2-(a) through 11.7.1.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to ~~and receive telephone calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.

(d) Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to ~~and receive telephone calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3.2.2, as follows:

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members ~~(see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1)~~ may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3.4, as follows:

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to ~~and received from~~ a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made ~~and received~~ by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2). In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made ~~and received~~ by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully



completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Prior to Commitment. Prior to a prospective student-athlete signing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to ~~or receive telephone calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) as specified:

[13.1.3.4.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Academic Advisors. It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to ~~or receive calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to prospective student-athletes.

[13.1.3.4.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to ~~and receive telephone calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.

13.1.3.4.1.2 Exception -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- After Commitment. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to ~~or receive telephone calls from~~ a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:

[13.1.3.4.1.2-(a) through 13.1.3.4.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Personnel

Rationale: Current legislation prohibits institutional staff members who are not countable coaches from receiving telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, guardians, or coach) prior to his or her commitment to the institution, unless an exception applies. It is only permissible for noncoaching staff to forward a prospective student-athlete's call to a countable coach to avoid a violation. Many noncoaching staff members are capable of answering basic questions a prospective student-athlete may ask without needing to forward the call to a coach. Many times, coaches are unavailable and a message is left. Although noncoaching staff members are permitted to receive calls regarding basic logistical issues (e.g., camp logistics), at times, a call may involve both logistical and recruiting issues. If the prospective student-athlete begins to ask questions about recruiting issues, the noncoaching staff member is put in an awkward situation of telling the prospective student-athlete that he or she is not permitted to answer such questions. This proposal would permit noncoaching staff members to receive a call from a prospective student-athlete regardless of the content of the call.

Budget Impact: None.



Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 08, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-22

Title: PERSONNEL -- BENCH PERSONNEL RESTRICTION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that during a contest against outside competition, institutional bench personnel shall be limited to four coaches, one director of basketball operations (or similar position) and two additional individuals (e.g., athletic trainer, team physician, manager).

Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows:

11.7 LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES

[11.7.1 through 11.7.4 unchanged.]

11.7.5 Bench Personnel Restriction -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a contest against outside competition, institutional bench personnel shall be limited to four coaches, one director of basketball operations (or similar position) and two additional individuals (e.g., athletic trainer, team physician, manager).

Source: West Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Personnel

Rationale: Recently, concerns have been raised regarding the number of institutional staff members on the bench during the men's basketball contests. Specifically, additional institutional staff may provide a competitive advantage and could limit the space available for student-athletes. Noncoaching staff members are not permitted to engage in coaching activities. Therefore, there is not a compelling need for additional staff members to be located on the team bench. Further, the effort to regulate the number of men's basketball noncoaching staff members has proven to be a challenge because of differences among various programs. Placing a limit on the number of institutional personnel who may sit on the team bench during competition is one alternative to address the perceived need to increase the number noncoaching staff members.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 15, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-30

Title: RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- NO LIMITS ON OR AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE

Intent: To deregulate the restrictions on telephone calls and electronically transmitted correspondence, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before ~~July~~ **August** 1 ~~following the completion~~ of his or her junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below), or the opening day of classes of his or her ~~senior~~ **junior** year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier; ~~thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.~~

~~13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Cross Country/Track and Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Sand Volleyball, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In baseball, cross country/track and field, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, women's sand volleyball, softball and women's volleyball, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. Thereafter, such telephone calls shall be limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

~~13.1.3.1.2 Exception -- Football. In football, one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may be made from April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

13.1.3.1.~~31~~ Exception -- Men's Basketball **and Men's Ice Hockey**. In men's basketball **and men's ice hockey**, ~~an institution is permitted to make one telephone call~~ **calls** ~~per month~~ to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) **may not be made before** ~~on or after~~ June 15 of the individual's sophomore year in high school ~~through July 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Thereafter, outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make two telephone calls per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 before the individual's senior year in high school. Outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians). During a contact period that occurs after August 1 prior to an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~

13.1.3.1.~~31~~.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., southern hemisphere) telephone calls to the individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. ~~Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) as follows:~~



~~(a) One telephone call per month from the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school to the opening day of classes of the individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(b) Two telephone calls per week beginning on the opening day of classes of the individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(c) During a contact period that occurs on or after the opening day of classes of an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~

[13.1.3.1.3.2 renumbered as 13.1.3.1.1.2, unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.42 **Exception Additional Restrictions** -- Women's Basketball. ~~In women's basketball, telephone calls may be made to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) as follows:~~

~~(a) One telephone call during the month of April of the individual's junior year in high school on or after the Thursday after the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four.~~

~~(b) One telephone call during the month of May of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(c) One telephone call on or after June 1 through June 20 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(d) One telephone call on or after June 21 through June 30 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(e) Three telephone calls during the month of July following the individual's junior year in high school, with not more than one telephone call per week [see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.2 (c)].~~

~~(f) Thereafter, one telephone call per week outside a contact period and unlimited telephone calls during a contact period.~~

[13.4.3.1.4.1 through 13.1.3.1.4.2 renumbered as 13.4.3.1.2.1 through 13.1.3.1.2.2, unchanged.]

~~13.1.3.1.5 Exception — Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school. An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 following completion of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~13.1.3.1.5.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., southern hemisphere) telephone calls to the individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) as follows:~~

~~(a) One telephone call per month between the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school and the opening day of classes of individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(b) Two telephone calls per month between the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school and the opening day of classes of individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(c) In sports for which a defined recruiting calendar applies (see Bylaw 13.17), during a contact period that occurs on or after the opening day of classes of an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~



~~13.1.3.1.6 Exception — Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call to an individual (or the individual's relatives or guardians) who is a resident of a foreign country on or after July 7 through July 31 following the completion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning July 7 following completion of the individual's junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier.~~

~~13.1.3.1.7 Application of Telephone Call Limitations. Once an institution reaches the applicable limit on telephone calls to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) for a particular time period (e.g., one per month, one per week, two per week), the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the additional call (e.g., voicemail message).~~

~~13.1.3.1.8 Effect of Violations. Violations of Bylaw 13.1.3.1 and its subsections involving the first occasion when a staff member exceeds the permissible number of telephone calls during a given week (when it is otherwise permissible to call) shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the prospective student athlete's eligibility.~~

13.1.3.2 Additional Regulations.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before ~~July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school~~ **the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete** (see Bylaw 13.1.6.2).

~~13.1.3.3 Exceptions.~~

~~13.1.3.3.1 Official Visit Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) to that institution. If more than one call per week occurs under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations and shall not affect the prospective student athlete's eligibility. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation.~~

~~13.1.3.3.1.1 Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. Athletics department staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.~~

~~13.1.3.3.2 Letter of Intent Signing Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.~~

~~13.1.3.3.2.1 Football Exception. In football, institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student athletes during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent.~~



~~13.1.3.3.3 Telephone Calls After Commitment. There shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~

~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

~~13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student athlete.~~

[13.1.3.4 through 13.1.3.5 renumbered as 13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.4, unchanged.]

13.1.3.65 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians, provided the calls are placed not earlier than ~~July 1 following completion of the prospective student athlete's junior year in high school~~ **the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete.**

~~13.1.3.6.1 Exception — Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, institutional coaching staff members may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by a prospective student athlete and the prospective student athlete's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are placed not earlier than the conclusion of the prospective student athlete's sophomore year in high school.~~

~~13.1.3.6.2 Exception — Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institutional coaching staff members may accept collect and toll-free telephone calls placed by a prospective student athlete and the prospective student athlete's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are not placed earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to the prospective student athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.3.1.3).~~

[13.1.3.7 renumbered as 13.1.3.6, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until ~~September~~ **August 1 at the beginning** of his or her junior year in high school **or the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier.** In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic ~~Transmissions~~ **Correspondence**. Electronically ~~transmitted~~ correspondence ~~that (e.g., email, instant messages, text messages)~~ may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) ~~is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles.~~ (See ~~Bylaw~~ **Bylaws** 13.1.6.2 **and 13.10.2.**) ~~All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited.~~ Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), a media guide and video and audio materials, as permitted in



Bylaw 13.4.1.5. Attachments other than a media guide and permissible video and audio materials shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence. [D]

~~13.4.1.2.1 Exception — Electronic Transmissions After Commitment. There shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~

~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

13.4.1.2.21 Exception -- Electronic ~~Mail and Facsimiles~~ **Correspondence** Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic ~~mail and facsimiles~~ **correspondence** to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that ~~relate~~ **relates** solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) ~~are~~ **is** not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs.

Source: Big East Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The legislation associated with the means and frequency by which coaches communicate with prospective student-athletes is ripe for deregulation. The legislation which prohibits the use of text messaging in the recruiting process has become outdated and institutions are allocating an inordinate amount of time and resources to monitor text messaging and telephone call activity. This proposal would have no impact on current legislation governing face-to-face contact, but would permit an unlimited use of all forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., email, text messaging, instant messaging, use of direct messaging features on social networking websites) and unlimited telephone contact by coaches after August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school (sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey). Although the proposal would not completely eliminate all aspects of telephone call and electronically transmitted correspondence monitoring, it would significantly reduce the burden.

Budget Impact: Variable. Some institutions may realize a cost savings related to communication monitoring.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 30, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-31

Title: RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- NO LIMITS AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE

Intent: To eliminate the limitations on the number and frequency of telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier; ~~thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.~~

~~13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball, Cross Country/Track and Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Sand Volleyball, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In baseball, cross country/track and field, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, women's sand volleyball, softball and women's volleyball, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. Thereafter, such telephone calls shall be limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

13.1.3.1.2¹ Exception -- Football. In football, ~~one~~ telephone call **calls** to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may **not be made before** ~~be made from~~ April 15 through May 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. ~~Additional telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the individual's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period, but may be made at the institution's discretion during a contact period.~~

13.1.3.1.3² Exception -- Men's Basketball and **Men's Ice Hockey**. In men's basketball **and men's ice hockey**, ~~an institution is permitted to make one~~ telephone call **calls** ~~per month~~ to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) **may not be made before** ~~on or after~~ June 15 of the individual's sophomore year in high school ~~through July 31 of the individual's junior year in high school. Thereafter, outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make two telephone calls per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 before the individual's senior year in high school. Outside a contact period, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to a two-year or four-year college prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians). During a contact period that occurs after August 1 prior to an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~

13.1.3.1.3^{2.1} Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., southern hemisphere) telephone calls to the individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. ~~Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) as follows:~~



~~(a) One telephone call per month from the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school to the opening day of classes of the individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(b) Two telephone calls per week beginning on the opening day of classes of the individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(c) During a contact period that occurs on or after the opening day of classes of an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~

[13.1.3.1.3.2 renumbered as 13.1.3.1.2.2, unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.43 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, telephone calls ~~may be made~~ to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) ~~as follows~~:

~~(a) One telephone call during the month of April of the individual's junior year in high school on or after **may not be made before** the Thursday after the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Women's Final Four **of the individual's junior year in high school.**~~

~~(b) One telephone call during the month of May of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(c) One telephone call on or after June 1 through June 20 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(d) One telephone call on or after June 21 through June 30 of the individual's junior year in high school.~~

~~(e) Three telephone calls during the month of July following the individual's junior year in high school, with not more than one telephone call per week [see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.2 (c)].~~

~~(f) Thereafter, one telephone call per week outside a contact period and unlimited telephone calls during a contact period.~~

[13.4.3.1.4.1 through 13.1.3.1.4.2 renumbered as 13.4.3.1.3.1 through 13.1.3.1.3.2, unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.5 Exception — Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make one telephone call per month to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the individual's junior year in high school. An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) beginning August 1 following completion of the individual's junior year in high school.

13.1.3.1.5.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., southern hemisphere) telephone calls to the individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) as follows:

~~(a) One telephone call per month between the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school and the opening day of classes of individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(b) Two telephone calls per month between the day after the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school and the opening day of classes of individual's senior year in high school.~~

~~(c) In sports for which a defined recruiting calendar applies (see Bylaw 13.17), during a contact period that occurs on or after the opening day of classes of an individual's senior year in high school, telephone calls may be made at the institution's discretion.~~



13.1.3.1.64 Exception -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, ~~an institution is permitted to make one telephone call~~ **calls** to an individual (or the individual's relatives or guardians) who is a resident of a foreign country **may not be made before** ~~on or after July 7 through July 31~~ following the completion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. ~~An institution is permitted to make one telephone call per week~~ **Telephone calls** to an individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) **beginning who is a U.S. resident may not be made before** July 7 following completion of the individual's junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier.

~~13.1.3.1.7 Application of Telephone Call Limitations. Once an institution reaches the applicable limit on telephone calls to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) for a particular time period (e.g., one per month, one per week, two per week), the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the additional call (e.g., voicemail message).~~

~~13.1.3.1.8 Effect of Violations. Violations of Bylaw 13.1.3.1 and its subsections involving the first occasion when a staff member exceeds the permissible number of telephone calls during a given week (when it is otherwise permissible to call) shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the prospective student athlete's eligibility.~~

[13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

~~13.1.3.3 Exceptions:~~

~~13.1.3.3.1 Official Visit Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) to that institution. If more than one call per week occurs under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations and shall not affect the prospective student athlete's eligibility. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation.~~

~~13.1.3.3.1.1 Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. Athletics department staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student athlete during the prospective student athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.~~

~~13.1.3.3.2 Letter of Intent Signing Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.~~

~~13.1.3.3.2.1 Football Exception. In football, institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student athletes during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent.~~

~~13.1.3.3.3 Telephone Calls After Commitment. There shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~



~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

~~13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student-athlete.~~

[13.1.3.4 through 13.1.3.7 renumbered as 13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.6, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal seeks to further the Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet's deregulation efforts regarding telephone calls. Currently, many institutions are spending thousands of dollars for software to monitor telephone calls, as well as countless hours investigating potential violations. However, coaches are able to easily circumvent the phone call limitations (e.g., one per week) by emailing a prospective student-athlete and requesting that the prospective student-athlete call the coach at his or her own expense. The current restrictions do not limit the amount of intrusion on prospective student-athletes. In fact, a prospective student-athlete may feel more compelled to make a call at his or her own expense to a coach in response to the email request than to answer a telephone call. Further, early in the recruiting process, coaches and prospective student-athletes should be expected to discuss the prospective student-athlete's preferred frequency and method of communication. As a result, reasonable parameters may be set as it relates to telephone calls.

Budget Impact: Variable, based on the amount of telephone calls made to prospective student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 22, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 23, 2011: Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored



Proposal Number: 2011-36

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS PERMITTED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: To specify that an institution shall not send electronic correspondence (e.g., email, chat, instant messages, text messages) to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. ~~In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. [D]~~

13.4.1.1 Printed Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide printed recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide printed recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. As specified below, an institution may provide the following printed materials ~~[hard copy or electronically (see Bylaw 13.4.1.2)]~~ to prospective student-athletes, their parents or legal guardians, their coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: [D]

[13.4.1.1-(a) through 13.4.1.1-(j) unchanged.]

[13.4.1.1.1 through 13.4.1.1.2 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic ~~Transmissions~~ Correspondence. An institution shall not send electronic correspondence (e.g., email, chat, instant messages, text messages) to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. ~~Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw~~ Bylaws ~~13.1.6.2 and 13.10.2.) All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited.~~ Color attachments may be included with electronic ~~mail~~ correspondence, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), a media guide and video and audio materials, as permitted in Bylaw 13.4.1.5. Attachments other than a media guide and permissible video and audio materials shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence. [D]

~~13.4.1.2.1 Exception — Electronic Transmissions After Commitment. There shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~



~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

13.4.1.2.21 Exception -- Electronic ~~Mail and Facsimiles~~ **Correspondence** Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic ~~mail and facsimiles~~ **correspondence** to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that ~~relate~~ **relates** solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) ~~are~~ **is** not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs.

Source: West Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Given the technological advancements of mobile devices and messaging platforms (e.g., Facebook, Gmail), which permit the recipient to choose the medium for receiving information (e.g., email, text), the current legislation is obsolete.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 15, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-37

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS OF DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED

Intent: To specify that electronic correspondence (e.g., email, instant messages, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), provided the correspondence is sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards, posts to "walls").

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials. In sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey, a member institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.1 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Electronic ~~Transmissions~~ Correspondence. Electronically ~~transmitted~~ correspondence ~~that (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, text messages)~~ may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), ~~is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles~~ **provided the correspondence is sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards, posts to "walls").** (See ~~Bylaw~~ **Bylaws** 13.1.6.2 and 13.10.2.) ~~All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited.~~ Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), a media guide and video and audio materials, as permitted in Bylaw 13.4.1.5. Attachments other than a media guide and permissible video and audio materials shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence. [D]

~~13.4.1.2.1 Exception — Electronic Transmissions After Commitment. There shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~

~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

13.4.1.2.21 Exception -- Electronic ~~Mail and Facsimiles~~ **Correspondence** Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic ~~mail and facsimiles~~ **correspondence** to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that ~~relate~~ **relates** solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) ~~are~~ **is** not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs.

Source: NCAA Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet



Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: There is growing concern that current prohibitions on electronic transmissions are outdated and lagging behind prospective student-athletes' use of technology. Current limitations are inhibiting the exchange of information in the most efficient, cost effective and least intrusive means as compared to other forms of communication, such as telephone calls. Developments in technology have made it easier and less expensive to communicate through the expanded availability and prevalence of mobile communication devices that are multifunctional and often provide options for the user to define his or her communication preferences. Institutions have been permitted to send an unlimited number of emails to prospective student-athletes for several years and there have not been any concerns regarding frequency or intrusion. Today, most mobile communication devices permit email and text messages to be sent and received in the same manner. Further, research indicates that a clear majority of teens are texting and have unlimited texting plans. In fact, many teens prefer texting when compared to other methods of communication. This proposal seeks to deregulate the current restrictions on electronic communication as well as define electronic correspondence in a broad manner in order to account for future advancements in technology.

Budget Impact: Potential cost increase if an institution does not currently have an unlimited texting plan.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 22, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 23, 2011: Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues Cabinet, Sponsored



Proposal Number: 2011-38

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- EXCEPTION -- SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS -- AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS

Intent: To specify that automated electronic mail sent to a prospective student-athlete from a social media platform as the result of an institutional staff member's action (e.g., accepting friend request or becoming a "follower" of a prospective student-athlete) shall not be considered electronic mail from the institutional staff member.

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1.2, as follows:

13.4.1.2 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. (See Bylaw 13.1.6.2.) All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence, provided the attachment only includes information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting materials (e.g., questionnaires), a media guide and video and audio materials, as permitted in Bylaw 13.4.1.5. Attachments other than a media guide and permissible video and audio materials shall not include any animation, audio or video clips and there shall be no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the electronic mail correspondence. [D]

[13.4.1.2.1 through 13.4.1.2.2 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2.3 Exception -- Social Media Platforms -- Automated Notifications. Automated electronic mail sent to a prospective student-athlete from a social media platform as the result of an institutional staff member's action (e.g., accepting friend request or becoming a "follower" of a prospective student-athlete) shall not be considered electronic mail from the institutional staff member.

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: It is currently impermissible for a coach to accept a Facebook friend request from a prospective student-athlete if the institution is not yet permitted to send recruiting correspondence to the prospective student-athlete. Accepting a Facebook friend request generates an automated response; an email to the prospective student-athlete notifying him or her that the coach has accepted the friend request. Such notifications serve no recruiting purpose. If a Facebook friend request is sent by a prospective student-athlete who may not receive recruiting correspondence, the coach must ignore it. A lack of a response by the coach could strain the potential relationship since the coach is not permitted to call the prospective student-athlete or send an email explanation. If the coach is permitted to accept the friend request, he or she may later have the opportunity to respond to direct questions and explain applicable recruiting rules. This proposal acknowledges that, while Facebook and Twitter are the predominant social media platforms at this time, new platforms will emerge and new features will be created. This proposal would prevent these incidental aspects of social media platforms that are not created, used or manipulated for recruiting purposes from becoming trivial violations.

Budget Impact: Anticipated savings related to reduced monitoring.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.



Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 08, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-50

Title: RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Intent: In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers; further, to specify that an institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. In basketball and football, to eliminate the restriction on subscribing to a service that includes access to nonscholastic video.

Bylaws: Amend 13.14.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services.

13.14.3.1 Basketball and Football. ~~An~~ **In basketball and football, an** institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service: [D]

- (a) Is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers;
- (b) Publicly identifies all applicable rates;
- (c) Disseminates information (e.g., reports, profiles) about prospective student-athletes at least four times per calendar year;
- (d) Publicly identifies the geographical scope of the service (e.g., local, regional, national) and reflects broad-based coverage of the geographical area in the information it disseminates;
- (e) Provides individual analysis beyond demographic information or rankings for each prospective student-athlete in the information it disseminates; **and**
- (f) Provides access to samples or previews of the information it disseminates before purchase of a subscription; ~~and,~~

~~(g) Provides video that is restricted to regularly scheduled (regular season) high school, preparatory school or two-year college contests and for which the institution made no prior arrangements for recording. (Note: This provision is applicable only if the subscription includes video services.)~~

13.14.3.1.1 Video-Only Services. An institution is permitted to use or subscribe to a video service that only provides video of prospective student-athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective student-athletes. Use of a subscription to such a service is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 13.14.3.1, except for subsections (c) and (e). [D]

13.14.3.2 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. **In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers. An institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. The institution may not contract with a service in advance to have a particular contest recorded or provided. [D]**

Source: Big East Conference, Conference USA and Mountain West Conference



Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The criteria set forth in the current legislation, initially suggested by the Men's Basketball Issues Committee and endorsed by the Football Issues Committee and Women's Basketball Issues Committee, were intended to address concerns that services were being used as leverage in the recruiting process in those sports. However, the extension of the legislation to all sports has created a myriad of unintended consequences in recruiting cultures (e.g., volleyball) other than those in which it was intended. The proposal would codify a current blanket legislative relief waiver and increase its scope as it relates to access to basketball and football nonscholastic video. The waiver was issued because of the difficulty in determining which scouting services are permissible and inconsistencies in enforcing the legislation. The proposal maintains basic restrictions that currently apply to scouting or recruiting services for basketball and football, but returns other sports to the rules that were in place before the adoption of the current rule, with the exception that a service may provide nonscholastic video. Several sports exist primarily or exclusively in the nonscholastic environment (e.g., gymnastics, golf). Consequently, there is little or no scholastic video available. Finally, in basketball and football, nonscholastic video should not be prohibited as the same standard for access should apply to all sports.

Budget Impact: Could result in additional subscriptions to recruiting services.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 30, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-52

Title: RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION -- NCAA APPROVAL -- BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Intent: In basketball and football, to specify that an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process.

Bylaws: Amend 13.14.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services. An institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the institution does not purchase more than one annual subscription to a particular service and the service: [D]

[13.14.3-(a) through 13.14.3-(g) unchanged.]

[13.14.3.1 unchanged.]

13.14.3.2 Subscription Limited to Approved Services -- Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process. [D]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate for implementation of the approval process; June 1, 2012 for application of legislation.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Attention related to institutional subscriptions to recruiting services has increased in recent years, most notably in basketball and football. It has become apparent that a need exists for the membership to adopt a new and comprehensive approach to consistently evaluate recruiting services in basketball and football. It is anticipated that implementing an approval process, administered by the NCAA national office, will result in a more efficient system, which will better ensure compliance with existing legislation governing the elements required to permit an institution's subscription to a recruiting service.

Budget Impact: Estimated savings associated with an efficient system for evaluation of recruiting services.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 14, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.



Proposal Number: 2011-65

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- YEAR OF ACADEMIC READINESS AT TWO-YEAR COLLEGE

Intent: To establish a year of academic readiness for two-year college transfers, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

[13.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier as defined in Bylaw 14.02.11.1 and who is enrolled in the first year of a two-year college may not be contacted in person on or off an institution's campus for recruiting purposes. **A year of academic readiness (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6) shall not be considered a completed academic year for this purpose. A prospective student-athlete enrolled in a year of academic readiness may not be contacted in person on or off an institution's campus.**

[Remainder of 13.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2.3, as follows:

13.6.2.3 Post-High School Visits. The one-visit limitation and the limitations on total official visits apply separately to the period in which the prospective student-athlete is in high school and to the period beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. Thus, a prospective student-athlete may be provided a maximum of 10 official visits -- five while in high school and five beginning with the October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D]

13.6.2.3.1 Nonqualifier in First Year. A person who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution until he or she has completed an academic year at a two-year college. **A year of academic readiness (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6) shall not be considered a completed academic year for this purpose. A prospective student-athlete enrolled in a year of academic readiness may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution.**

[13.6.2.3.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.2, as follows:

14.2.2 Additional Applications of the Five-Year Rule.

[14.2.2.1 through 14.2.2.5 unchanged.]

14.2.2.6 Delay of Five Year Rule -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Year of Academic Readiness. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule shall not begin while the student is enrolled in his or her first academic year of a minimum full-time program of studies at a two-year college, provided all the following conditions are met:

(a) The student-athlete fulfills the requirements of a year of academic readiness at the two-year college;

(b) The student-athlete shall have spent a minimum of five full-time semesters/ seven full-time quarters in residence at the two-year college. Such enrollment shall occur in consecutive terms; and



(c) The student-athlete shall not engage in more than two seasons of competition in any one sport at the certifying institution.

14.2.2.6.1 Year of Academic Readiness. A student-athlete shall fulfill an year of academic readiness if all the following conditions are met:

(a) The student-athlete has registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and has been certified as a nonqualifier;

(b) The student-athlete shall enroll in the year of academic readiness during the student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment;

(c) The student-athlete and the two-year college have confirmed the student-athlete's enrollment in the year of academic readiness with the NCAA Eligibility Center;

(d) The student-athlete completes two semesters/three quarters of consecutive full-time enrollment at the two-year college; and

(e) The student-athlete does not engage in outside competition.

14.2.2.6.2 Multiple-Two Year Colleges. If a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges, the terms of residence at all two-year colleges may be combined to satisfy the residence requirement.

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.3.1-(a) through 14.4.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.2 Transfer. To be eligible for competition, a transfer student-athlete must meet the following credit-hour requirements based on attendance at the previous institution(s) for the specified time and may use any hours of academic credit earned at any collegiate institution:

[14.4.3.1.2-(a) through 14.4.3.1.2-(d) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.2.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.2.2 Exception -- Year of Academic Readiness. A year of academic readiness shall be exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.2 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6).

[14.4.3.1.3 through 14.4.3.1.6 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.7 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution prior to participating in competition that occurs during or immediately before the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. Designation of a specific



baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: [D]

[14.4.3.1.7-(a) through 14.4.3.1.7-(b) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.7.1 through 14.4.3.1.7.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.7.3 Exception -- Year of Academic Readiness. A year of academic readiness shall be exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.2 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6).

[14.4.3.1.8 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major).

[14.4.3.2.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2.2 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student's specific degree program (as opposed to the student's major).

[14.4.3.2.2.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2.2.2 Exception -- Year of Academic Readiness. A year of academic readiness shall be exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6).

[14.4.3.2.3 through 14.4.3.2.4 unchanged.]

14.4.3.3 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her second year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the institution's overall cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth or later year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) that equals 100 percent of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. If the institution does not have an overall grade-point average required for graduation, it is permissible to use the lowest grade-point average required for any of the institution's degree programs in determining the cumulative minimum grade-point average. The minimum grade-point average must be computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students.

14.4.3.3.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence at the certifying institution. A student-athlete who attends the certifying institution as a full-time



student, transfers to another institution and later returns to the original institution is immediately subject to the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 on re-enrollment.

14.4.3.3.1.1 Exception -- Year of Academic Readiness. A year of academic readiness shall be exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.6).

[Remainder of 14.4.3 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 15.3.1, as follows:

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 14.2, ~~or~~ within six years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution (provided the student does not receive such aid for more than five years during that period), within seven years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution for a two-year college transfer who completes a year of academic readiness pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.2.6 (provided the student does not receive such aid for more than six years during the period), or as a graduate eligible under Bylaw 14.1.9.

Source: NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet

Effective Date: August 1, 2013, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2013.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Eligibility

Rationale: This proposal represents an effort to assist students who are graduating from high school without foundational academic skills to succeed academically at four-year collegiate institutions. Evidence of current enrollment patterns at two-year institutions indicate part-time and often, self-funded efforts by student-athletes in order to engage in remedial coursework. This proposal provides additional time for underprepared student-athletes to gain the academic fundamentals necessary to ultimately succeed at a four-year college. Specifically, the year of academic readiness provides the opportunity for student-athletes who need remediation with the means to obtain the academic foundation by allowing for access to aid (federal and athletics); not triggering their NCAA period of eligibility or progress-toward-degree standards; and appropriately emphasizing an academic focus. The proposal notes the current educational shift toward remediation/foundational learning skill development occurring at the two-year level, since many NCAA institutions do not offer remedial courses. Further, the proposal allows for relative ease of administration and the potential for academic development on an individualized basis that could lead to more academic options upon transfer.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Provides an opportunity for underprepared student-athletes to gain the academic foundation needed to be academically successful at a four-year institution and graduate.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 10, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 28, 2011: Academic Cabinet, Sponsored



Proposal Number: 2011-69

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- 2-4 AND 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS

Intent: To revise the two-year college and 4-2-4 college transfer requirements, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member.

14.5.4.1 Qualifier. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for competition in the first academic year in residence only if the student:

[14.5.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Has presented a minimum grade-point average of ~~2.000~~ **2.500** (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2); and

[14.5.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.1.1 unchanged.]

~~14.5.4.1.2 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses — Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.~~

14.5.4.2 Not a Qualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1.) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition the first academic year in residence only if the student:

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, ~~and~~ three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit **and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;**

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of ~~2.000~~ **2.500** (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1.) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice the first academic year in residence only if the student:

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;



(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

[14.5.4.2.1 through 14.5.4.2.3 unchanged renumbered as 14.5.4.2.3 through 14.5.4.2.5, unchanged.]

~~14.5.4.2.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses—Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.~~

[14.5.4.3 through 14.5.4.4 unchanged.]

14.5.4.5 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

[14.5.4.5.1 through 14.5.4.5.3 unchanged.]

14.5.4.5.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.

[14.5.4.5.4 through 14.5.4.5.7 renumbered as 14.5.4.5.5 through 14.5.4.5.8, unchanged.]

14.5.4.6 Exceptions for Transfers from Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is not a qualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

14.5.4.6.1 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may subsequently establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum ~~2.000~~ **2.500** grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2) at the two-year college.

[Remainder of 14.5.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.6, as follows:



14.5.6 4-2-4 College Transfers. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution shall complete one academic year of residence at the certifying institution prior to engaging in intercollegiate competition, unless:

(a) The student has completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of ~~2.000~~ **2.500**, acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year college following transfer from the four-year college most recently attended;

[14.5.6-(b) and 14.5.6-(c) unchanged.]

14.5.6.1 Exceptions. A "4-2-4" transfer student who does not meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.6 is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition if any of the following conditions are met:

[14.5.6.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student initially was enrolled in a four-year collegiate institution that never sponsored the student's sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution (provided the student never had attended any other four-year collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport) and provided the student was a qualifier and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution during each academic term of attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of ~~2.000~~ **2.500** (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2), and spent at least two semesters or three quarters in residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions); or

[14.5.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

14.5.6.2 Additional Transferable Degree Credit Requirements for Nonqualifiers. A student who was not a qualifier shall have satisfactorily completed a minimum of six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit. Remedial English, math and natural/physical science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. The student may use transferable English, math, and natural/physical science credits earned while enrolled at a previous four-year college to meet these requirements.

14.5.6.~~23~~ Use of Physical Education Activity Courses ~~--Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, not~~ **Not** more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.

[14.5.6.3 through 14.5.6.7 renumbered as 14.5.6.4 through 14.5.6.8, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet

Effective Date: August 1, 2013; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2013.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Eligibility



Rationale: Current data indicate that transfers from two-year institutions tend to underperform academically at four-year institutions on all academic measures as compared to transfers from four-year institutions or nontransfers. Statistical prediction modeling of four-year college outcomes from two-year college academic variables indicated three key predictors of academic success at the four-year institution: (1) two-year college grade-point average; (2) low number of physical education activity courses; and (3) successful completion of core credits in English, math, and natural or physical science. The increase of the minimum grade-point average required for eligibility to compete is based on data indicating that two-year college transfers with grade-point averages below 2.500 experience academic issues at the four-year institution at a higher rate than other students. To mirror the academic outcomes of nontransfer student-athletes or four-year transfer student-athletes in their junior year of enrollment, the minimum grade-point average actually would need to be raised higher than 2.500; however, the 2.500 threshold is appropriate at this time.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jun 10, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jun 28, 2011: Academic Cabinet, Sponsored



Proposal Number: 2011-85

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 DAYS OF COUNTABLE ACTIVITIES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities prior to its first regular-season contest.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.2, as follows:

17.3.2 Preseason Practice -- On-Court Practice.

17.3.2.1 ~~Men's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before 5 p.m. on the Friday nearest October 15 (see Figure 17-2).~~

~~17.3.2.2 Women's Basketball.~~ An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days before the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before its first regular-season contest.

[17.3.2.3 through 17.3.2.4 renumbered as 17.3.2.2 through 17.3.2.3, unchanged.]

Source: Big South Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2012

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The most recent modification to the first permissible contest date in men's basketball reduced the number of preseason practice opportunities by up to seven days. This proposal allows the number of practice days in men's basketball to remain at a maximum of 30, which is generally consistent with the number of practice opportunities permitted prior to the adoption of the current legislation. Additionally, this proposed flexible preseason practice schedule permits coaches to best use practice and off days to benefit student-athletes prior to the first contest. While the existing preseason practice schedule essentially dictates that practice must occur during every possible day, the flexible approach offered in this proposal provides each coach with the ability to determine when to use the practice opportunities depending on the team's needs and the academic calendar. For example, a coach may provide the team with days off to study for midterm exams, to take advantage of fall vacation periods or to recover from injuries.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): On-court practice will begin on an earlier date, but additional days off will be included during the preseason practice period.

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Jul 10, 2011: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE
August 29, 2011, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- Legislative Issues.
 - The committee reviewed and commented on the legislative proposals in the 2011-12 legislative cycle sponsored by cabinets and conferences that impact the sport of Division I men's basketball. (Attachment)

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NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW
(August 29, 2011, Teleconference)

During its August 29 teleconference, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee discussed legislative proposals in the 2011-12 legislative cycle sponsored by cabinets and conferences assigned to the committee for review and comment. The chart below sets forth the committee's position and comments regarding the proposals. Please note that a position of support with no additional comment reflects that the committee supported the rationale provided by the sponsor of the proposal.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-12	PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BASKETBALL	In basketball, to permit an institution to employ one graduate assistant coach.	<p align="center">Oppose.</p> <p>Noted that given the current squad sizes and the legislative financial aid limits, current coaching limitations [four head or assistant coaches, four undergraduate student coaches, strength and conditioning coach(s)], were sufficient; also expressed concern that an additional coaching position only reinforces the perception identified by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors regarding the increased number of bench personnel.</p>
2011-18	PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- RECEIPT OF CALLS FROM PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES	To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of telephone calls from prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches) that requires such calls to be received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations.	Support.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-22	PERSONNEL -- BENCH PERSONNEL RESTRICTION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL	In men's basketball, to specify that during a contest against outside competition, institutional bench personnel shall be limited to four coaches, one director of basketball operations (or similar position) and two additional individuals (e.g., athletic trainer, team physician, manager).	Oppose. Expressed concern regarding over-regulation and whether this really addresses the real issue related to the employment of non-coaching staff members; noted that some staff personnel [athletic trainer, staff physician] are not generally included in the perception of “too many suits on the bench”; also noted potential interpretive/monitoring issues as to what constitutes the bench area.
2011-30	RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- NO LIMITS ON OR AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE	To deregulate the restrictions on telephone calls and electronically transmitted correspondence, as specified.	Expressed support for the concepts of earlier access to prospective student-athletes and elimination of modes and frequency of telephonic/electronic communications; expressed support for the preliminary recommendations of the NCAA Division I Leadership Council related to the men’s basketball recruiting model in this area.
2011-31	RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- NO LIMITS AFTER FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE	To eliminate the limitations on the number and frequency of telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, as specified.	Expressed support for the concepts of earlier access to prospective student-athletes and elimination of modes and frequency of telephonic/electronic of communications; expressed support for the preliminary recommendations of the Leadership Council related to the men’s basketball recruiting model in this area.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-36	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS PERMITTED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR	To specify that an institution shall not send electronic correspondence (e.g., email, chat, instant messages, text messages) to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.	Expressed support for the concepts of earlier access to prospective student-athletes and elimination of modes and frequency of telephonic/electronic communications; expressed support for the preliminary recommendations of the Leadership Council related to the men's basketball recruiting model in this area.
2011-37	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE -- ALL FORMS OF DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED	To specify that electronic correspondence (e.g., email, instant messages, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), provided the correspondence is sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards, posts to "walls").	Expressed support for the concepts of earlier access to prospective student-athletes and elimination of modes and frequency of telephonic/electronic communications; expressed support for the preliminary recommendations of the Leadership Council related to the men's basketball recruiting model in this area.
2011-38	RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS -- EXCEPTION -- SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS -- AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS	To specify that automated electronic mail sent to a prospective student-athlete from a social media platform as the result an institutional staff member's action (e.g., accepting friend request or becoming a "follower" of a prospective student-athlete) shall not be considered electronic mail from the institutional staff member.	<p>No position.</p> <p>Noted potential issues as to whether automated responses [likes/dislikes] can be used in a way to carry on a recruiting conversation; also noted that the proposals for earlier access/elimination of modes and frequency of telephonic/electronic communication may address some of the concerns.</p>

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-50	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION	In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers; further, to specify that an institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. In basketball and football, to eliminate the restriction on subscribing to a service that includes access to nonscholastic video.	Support. Noted that the Leadership Council preliminary recommendations related to the men's basketball recruiting model support reinstatement of a limited observation period in April to view nonscholastic events.
2011-52	RECRUITING -- USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS -- RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICES -- CRITERIA FOR SUBSCRIPTION -- NCAA APPROVAL -- BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL	In basketball and football, to specify that an institution shall not subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service unless the service has been approved by the NCAA pursuant to an annual approval process.	Support.
2011-65	ELIGIBILITY -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- YEAR OF ACADEMIC READINESS AT TWO-YEAR COLLEGE	To establish a year of academic readiness for two-year college transfers, as specified.	Expressed support for the concept of standards that will better prepare men's basketball student-athletes to succeed academically at a Division I institution, but expressed concern as to how many prospective student-athletes would avail themselves of this option and whether there are potential issues with the application of the proposal that may not be readily discernible at this time.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Committee Position/Comments
2011-69	ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- 2-4 AND 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS	To revise the two-year college and 4-2-4 college transfer requirements, as specified.	Expressed support for the concept of increased transfer regulations that will better prepare men's basketball student-athletes to succeed academically at a Division I institution, but also noted that proposed adjustments to the Academic Progress Rate [930 benchmark] and tougher penalties may be sufficient measures to address the problem.
2011-85	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ON-COURT PRACTICE -- 30 DAYS OF COUNTABLE ACTIVITIES WITHIN 40 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST CONTEST	In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions prior to 5 p.m. on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest; further, to specify that an institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities prior to its first regular-season contest.	<p>Oppose.</p> <p>Expressed concern regarding the impact of the proposal on the flow/continuity of preparation for the regular season and noted the potential for an increase in inadvertent violations during the 10 days off; noted support for the current rule, which adequately meets the needs of the coaches, while providing sufficient breaks from countable athletically related activities for student-athletes.</p>