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DIVISION I ATHLETICS PERSONNEL - ADVANCED

Overview

1. Undergraduate Student Assistant Coaches.
2. Volunteer Coaches.
3. Scouting of Opponents.
4. Countable Coaches.
5. Replacement of Countable Coaches.
6. Individuals Associated with Prospects (IAWP).

NCAA Bylaw 11.01.5 Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach

Question:


May an undergraduate student assistant participate with (e.g., shag balls, pick-up games) or observe student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities?

Analysis:


No, an undergraduate student assistant coach is considered a coach for purposes of CARA.


It is permissible for an undergraduate student assistant coach to participate in general recreational activities (e.g., ultimate Frisbee, kick ball, etc.) that are open to all students, provided he or she does not report back to other members of the coaching staff and does not provide instruction to the participating student-athletes.

Bylaw 11.01.5 Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach







Within 5-Year
Period of
Eligibility.





Outside of 5-Year
Period of
Eligibility.





(September 29, 2014, Staff Interpretation)

Prospective Student-Athlete Official Visits

Graduate Assistant Coach	Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach	Manager
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(December 12, 2014, Staff Interpretation)

Undergraduate Student Assistant and Manager Enrollment – Penultimate Term

Fall Term

- 3 Offered.
- 2 Enrolled.

Spring Term

- 3 Remaining.

Fall Term

- 5 Offered.
- 2 Enrolled.

Spring Term

- 3 Remaining.

Summer Term

- Externship.

Does Not Apply to
Student-Athletes (SAs)

(November 7, 2014, Staff Interpretation; November 24, 2014, Educational Column)

Undergraduate Student Assistant and Manager Enrollment – Penultimate Term

...an undergraduate student assistant coach or manager may be enrolled less than full time during the penultimate term (i.e., term before the final term) of his or her degree program, provided he or she is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements *that are offered by the institution during that term.*

(November 7, 2014, Staff Interpretation)

Bylaw 11.01.6 Volunteer Coach - Employment



Bylaw 11.01.6 Volunteer Coach



Analysis:

1. Alternating volunteer coaches.
(May 13, 1992, Staff Interpretation)
2. Compensation during terms.

Bylaw 11.01.6 Volunteer Coach

FALL		SPRING
Manager	→	Volunteer Coach
Volunteer Coach	→	Manager

FALL		SPRING
Manager	→	Volunteer Coach
Volunteer Coach		Left Institution

Bylaw 11.6.1.1 Scouting of Opponents

Fact Pattern:

Your soccer team won its first tournament match and the team is staying at the site after the competition to watch a future opponent.

Is it permissible for your undergraduate student assistant coach and volunteer coach to remain with the team?

Analysis:

Yes, the entire travel team may observe a future opponent at the same site on the same date that the institution's team competes.

No observation permitted at any other sites or on any other days that the institution does not compete.

- March 17, 2014, Staff Interpretation.

Bylaw 11.6.1.1 Scouting of Opponents

Fact Pattern:

Your softball team is competing in a tournament that has three separate sites (A, B and C). Your team is only competing at site A and B but wants to scout a future opponent at site C.

Is this permissible?

Analysis:

No, your head or assistant coach may only scout future opponents at the sites the team has played or will play during the course of the event/tournament.

- No same day requirement.
- Multiple fields or gyms at a facility constitutes a single site.

Bylaw 11.7.1.1 Countable Coach

NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2013-24.

- **Rationale:**
 - Clearly identify and define those actions that will result in an individual being included in the coaching limitation in a particular sport.

A countable coach is any institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution with whom the institution has made arrangements that...

Bylaw 11.7.1.1 Countable Coach



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Technical Instruction.

- Directing or teaching a SA any sports-related technique.

Tactical Instruction.

- Directing or teaching a SA strategy, maneuver, play or scheme.

Tactical Decisions.

- A conclusion, determination or judgment related to strategy, maneuver, play or scheme.

(April 3, 2014, Educational Column)

Bylaw 11.7.3 Noncoaching Staff Members with Sports Specific Responsibilities

A noncoaching staff member with sports specific responsibilities may not participate in on-court or on-field activities or observe SAs who are participating in voluntary athletically related activities in the staff member's sport.

(July 24, 2014, Education Column)

Bylaws 11.7.1.1 and 11.7.3

Fact Pattern:

Your softball team would like its director of softball operations (DSO) to signal dummy calls during competition to confuse the opposing team.

May the DSO do this without triggering the definition of a countable coach?

Analysis:

No, signaling dummy calls (regardless of whether the plays are real) would be considered tactical instruction.

- Impermissible on-field activity for a noncoaching staff member with sports specific responsibilities.
- Trigger the DSO as a countable coach in softball.
- What about a manager?

Bylaws 11.7.1.1 and 11.7.3

Fact Pattern:

Your football team would like its director of football operations (DFO) to wear a "dead" headset during competition to hear in-game communication between coaching staff members and track defensive schemes.

May the DFO do this without triggering the definition of a countable coach?

Analysis:

Yes, as wearing a headset does not constitute technical or tactical instruction or tactical decision making.

What about tracking defensive schemes?

- DFO is permitted to observe or perform administrative duties during practice or competition.

Bylaws 11.7.1.1 and 11.7.3

Fact Pattern:

Your football team would like to hire an individual to assess its SAs' blocking and tackling technique. The individual will attend practice for a series of days and assist SAs in developing proper blocking and tackling form. Finally, the individual will report his findings back to the institution's coaching staff.

May the individual do this without triggering the definition of a countable coach?

Analysis:

No, as the individual is providing sport-specific technical instruction (i.e., blocking/tackling technique) to SAs.

What if the individual only reports his findings back to the coaching staff?

What if an individual SA hires the individual to provide technical instruction?

Bylaw 11.7.1.1

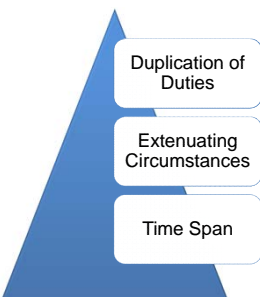
Use of a Sports Psychologist.

Institution's designated sports psychologist may attend practice sessions without being included in the institution's coaching limitations provided:

1. Individual does not provide technical or tactical instruction or assist in making tactical decisions during on-court or on-field practice or competition;
2. Individual may evaluate only for purposes of off-court or off-field noncoaching activities (e.g., mental imagery); and
3. If meetings are required, they are considered as countable athletically related activity (CARA) and must count accordingly.

(February 2, 2015, Official Interpretation)

Bylaw 11.7.1.1.1 Replacement of Countable Coaches



- Throwing Batting Practice + Instruction.
- Family Illness, Wedding.
- > Year.

Bylaw 11.4.2 IAWP - - Men's Basketball

An IAWP is an individual who:

1. Maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (PSA), his relatives or legal guardians, or coaches at any point during the PSA's participation in basketball; and
2. Whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the PSA's athletics skills and abilities or his recruitment to an NCAA institution.

(Bylaw 13.02.17)

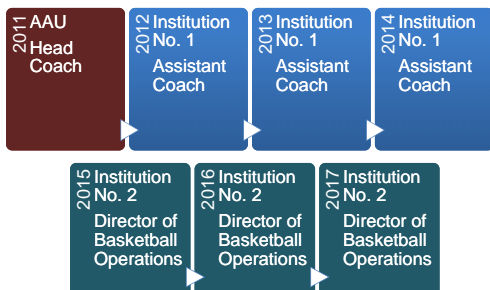
Bylaw 11.4.2 IAWP - - Men's Basketball

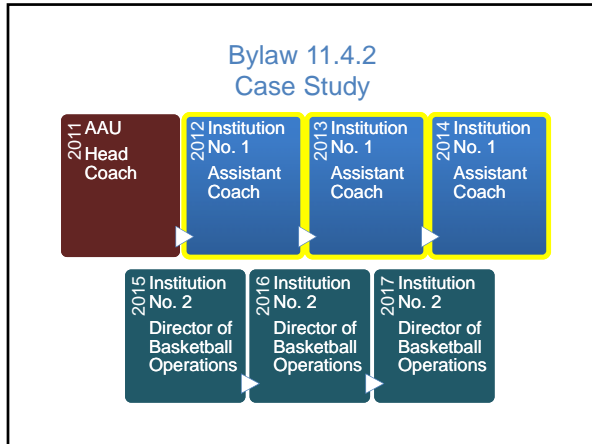
If an institution hires an IAWP in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or a strength and conditioning staff position, a violation of Bylaw 11.4.2 occurs when a triggered PSA:

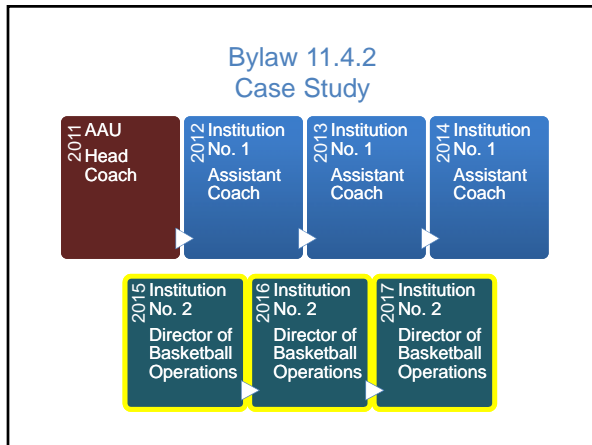
1. Has enrolled at the institution within two years prior to the IAWP's hire date; or
2. Enrolls at the institution within two years after the IAWP's hire date.

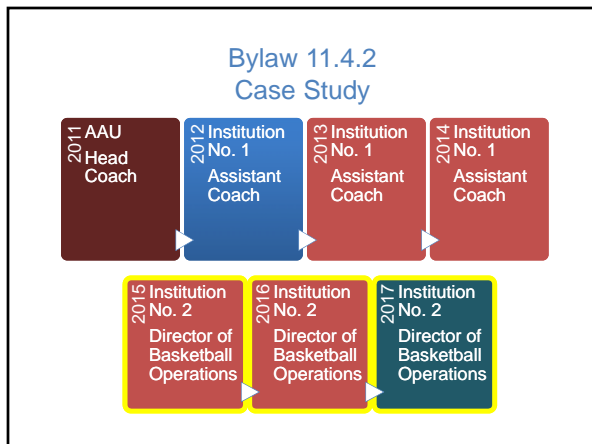
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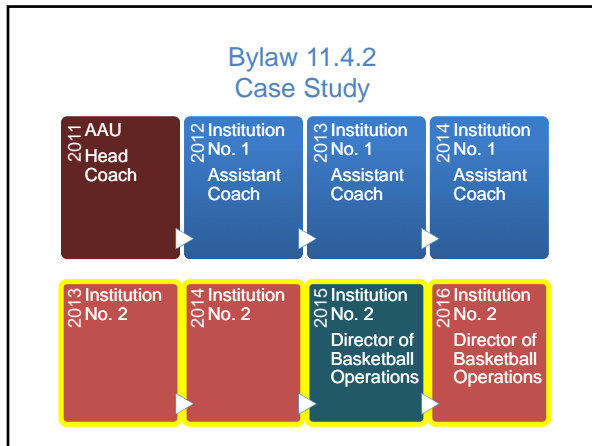
Bylaw 11.4.2 Case Study

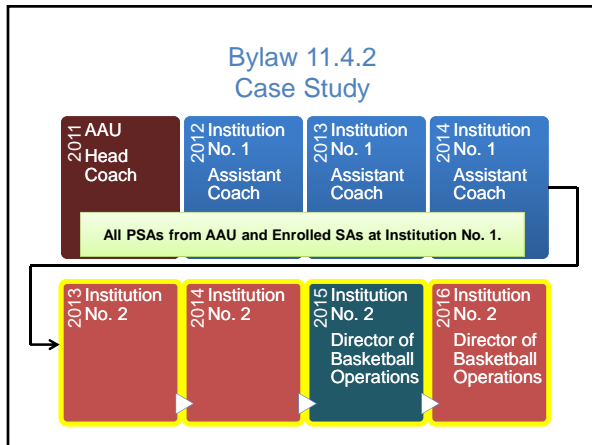


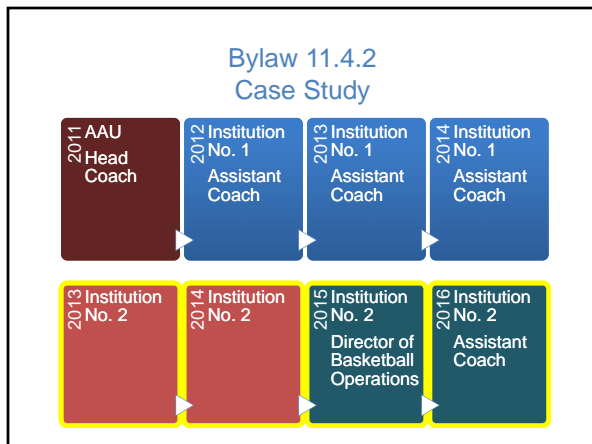


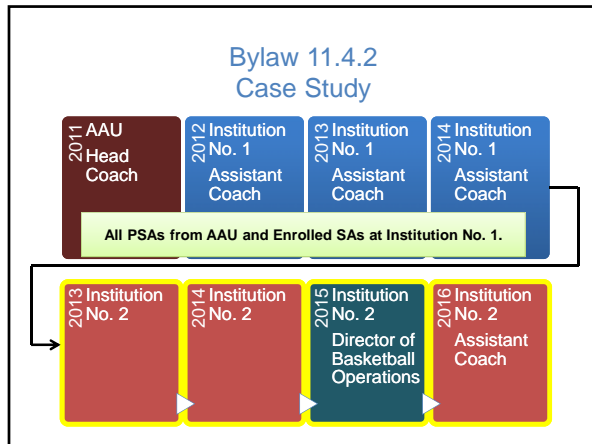


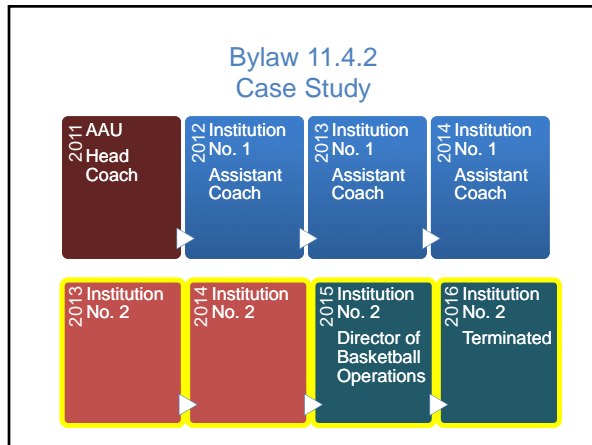


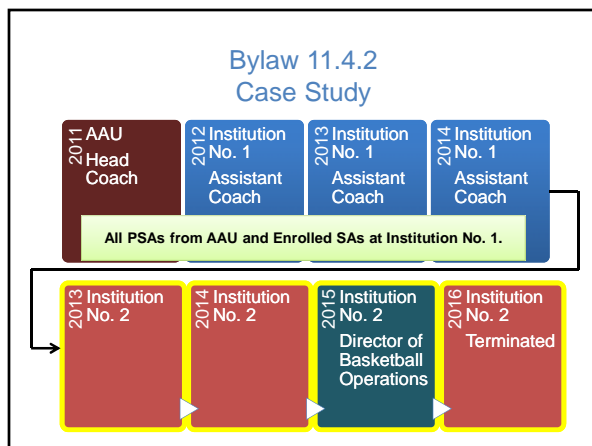


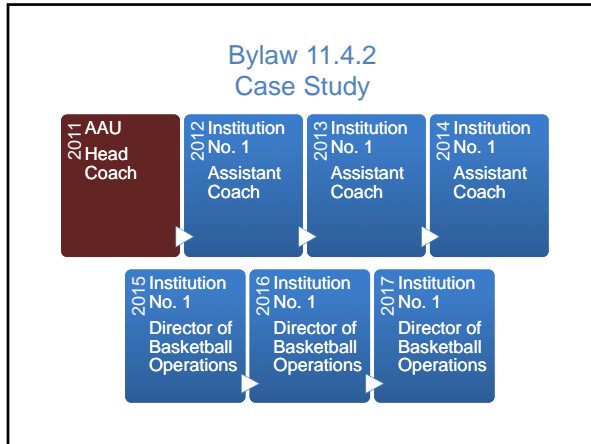


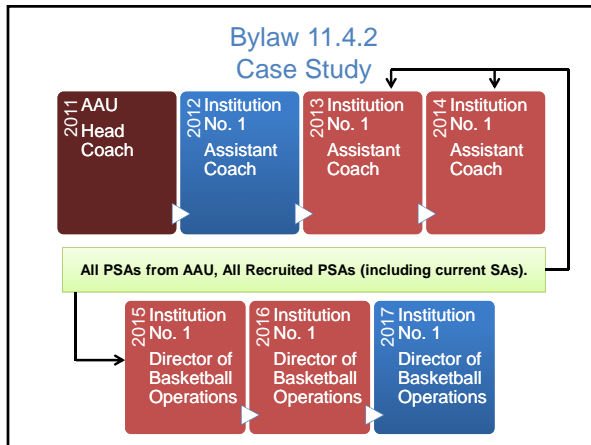


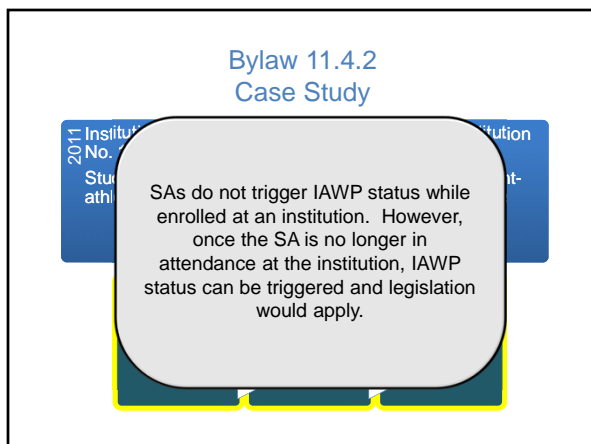














Questions
