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## **Excerpts from the 2014 CAA Football Handbook**

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#### 9.16 Squad Size

9.16.01 **Visitors:** 65 (This may be exceeded for one game per year, through notification to the conference office in advance.)

**Home:** At the discretion of the institution.

#### 9.20 Uniforms

9.20.01 All uniforms must conform to NCAA rules which will be strictly enforced. The conference logo (patch or embroidered) is to be worn on the front of the jersey in a visible location.

Home team: Dark jerseys

**Visitors**: Light jerseys

9.20.02 The conference-mandated helmet decal must be placed on the lower back portion of every student-athlete's helmet in both conference and nonconference games.

#### NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3 Extra Benefit

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

#### 12.1.2.1.6 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services

Preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation.

[R] (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/14/08)

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#### 11.7.5 Championship Subdivision Football. FCS

There shall be a limit of 11 coaches of any type who may be employed by an institution in champion-ship subdivision football. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 12/15/06)

#### 11.01.4 Coach, Undergraduate Student Assistant.

An undergraduate student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that he or she is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria: (Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 3/10/04, 5/26/06, 8/11/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

- (a) Is enrolled at the institution at which he or she most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics;
- (b) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in his or her first baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.2.2), except that during his or her final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time degree program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;
- (c) Is receiving no compensation or remuneration for coaching duties from the institution other than the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete and expenses incurred on road trips that are received by individual team members; and
- (d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or scouting opponents off campus and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw  $\underline{11.7.2}$ ).

#### Student-Athlete Reinstatement Case

**Secondary Case Number:** 46035 **SA Reinstatement Case Number:** 0

**Secondary Decision Date:** October 7, 2010 **SA Reinstatement Decision Date:** 

Division: I

**Involved Sports:** Football

Facts:

Student served as a student assistant coach even though he did not meet the criteria of being a student assistant coach. He was never a student-athlete at the institution because injuries prevented the student from ever participating in intercollegiate athletics. He was a coach with the institution for less than a month before the violation was discovered.

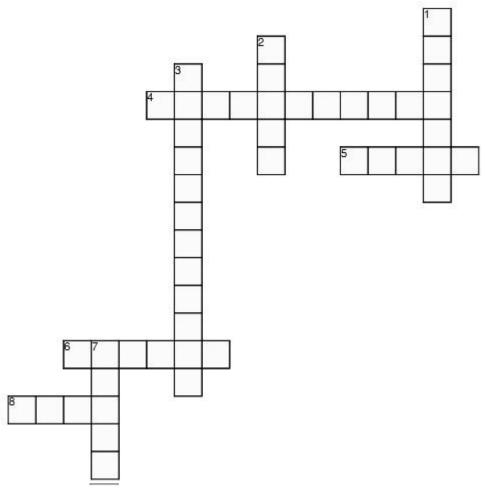
Institution Action:

Student was required to cease all student coaching activities on 9-4-09. Letter of admonishment issued to HC with notice that if it happens again, it may result in coaching staff reductions. Rules education with all coaching staff members regarding coaching staff limits and the requirements for student assistant coaches. The compliance office is now tracking the coaching limits.

Enforcement Action:

Filed.

#### **NCAA Crossword Puzzle**



#### **Across**

- **4.** Any game, match, exhibition, scrimmage or joint practice session with another institution's team, in which competition in a sport occurs between an intercollegiate athletics team.
- **5.** Any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.
- **6.** An action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation.
- **8.** Any required activity with an athletics purpose involving SAs and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of the institution's coaching staff and be counted in weekly hour limitations. (abbreviation)

#### Down

- **1**. An individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport.
- **2.** Any individual who, directly or indirectly represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain.
- **3.** A student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation, has not successfully competed the required core courses or the required minimum core GPA, SAT/ACT score.
- **7.** An item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance.

Down-1. counter 2. agent 3. nonqualifier 7. award

Across- 4. competition 5. wager 6. waiver 8. CARA

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#### NCAA Bylaw 13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities

#### (d) Football. [FBS/FCS]

- (1) **During a Contact Period.** In football, a coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a contact period, uses one of the institution's six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete and also uses the institution's once-per-week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution.
- (2) **Outside a Contact Period.** In football, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a contact period without such attendance being considered an evaluation or a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5), provided: (*Revised:* 9/9/98, 2/22/01, 5/18/05)
- (i) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;
- (ii) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

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- (iii) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal quardians) in attendance; and
- (iv) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

#### **NCAA Official Interpretation**

# Noncoaching Non-Sport Specific Staff Members Speaking at Events Related to NCAA Rules Involving Prospective Student-Athletes

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#### Interpretation:

The Legislative Council determined that a noncoaching athletics department staff member who does not have sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., athletics director, compliance administrator, athletics academic counselor) may have direct contact with prospective student-athletes (or individuals yet to become prospective student-athletes) in conjunction with a speaking engagement related to NCAA rules, provided the event does not include a recruiting presentation and no recruiting conversations occur. Further, an institution may initiate such a speaking engagement, provided it does not occur during a dead period for any sport.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.8.1 (banquets or meetings at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution) and 13.1.8.2 (banquets or meetings at locations other than a prospective student-athletes educational institution); and an official interpretation (5/7/87, Item No. 14-c), which has been archived.]

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#### **FCS Recruiting Calendar**

Quiet Period/Eval. Period



42 Eval days during the months of September, October, and November selected at the discretion of the institution and the designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics, authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a PSA;s educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period. \*NOTE\* All other dates shall be considered a quiet period.