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AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- RESEARCH STUDIES INVOLVING ONLY STUDENT-ATHLETES -- INSTITUTION-BASED RESEARCH STUDIES

Proposal 2009-4 became effective on April 30, 2009. Reference Bylaws 16.11.1.11.1 and 16.11.1.11.2 in the 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual.

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may receive compensation from an institution for partici-

pating in a research study involving only student-athletes, provided the study is initiated and conducted by a faculty member at a member institution and the study and compensation arrangements are approved by the institutional review board of the faculty member's institution consistent with policies applicable to other institution-based research studies.

Rationale: It has become common for institutions to use student-athletes in studies specifically related to the conditions under which student-athletes participate in an attempt to gain more knowledge about the characteristics of athletics participation. Current legislation permits student-athletes to receive standard compensation for NCAA research studies, provided the compensation is consistent with compensation offered in studies involving non-athlete

populations. Further, it is permissible for student-athletes to receive compensation for participation in studies that involve both student-athletes and non-athletes, provided they receive the same compensation. With the oversight provided by institutional review boards, which set the compensation independent of the researchers, it is not necessary to limit the ability to compensate student-athletes to NCAA studies only. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

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CAA UPDATE:

The forms section of the Compliance Corner found at www.caasports.com has been updated. We welcome your ideas for new forms or tips on updating the compliance corner section of the website.

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REMINDER- CAA NONQUALIFER RULE

CAA Article IV, Fundamental Principles 4.01-C states: Since the median of each institution's freshman class academic profile far exceeds the NCAA minimum standards for freshman eligibility, if a **recruited** non qualifier enrolls at a member institution directly from high school, the individual will not be eligible to represent the institution in a CAA sport. The institution, through its chief executive officer, may appeal in instances of special circumstances for relief from this legislation.

NEW PROPOSAL CURRENTLY IN EFFECT BYLAW 16.5.2-(G)(H)

Proposal 2008-43 became effective on August 1, 2009.

Bylaw 16.5.2 Identifies housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution and now permits:

(g) **Nutritional Supplements.** An institution may

provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: Carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate

boosters and vitamins and minerals.

(h) **Fruit, Nuts and Bagels.** An institution may provide fruit, nuts and bagels to a student-athlete at any time.

CAA INTRACONFERENCE TRANSFER RULE (APPLIES TO ALL CAA SPORTS, EXCEPT FOOTBALL)

CAA Article III, Eligibility, 3.05 states: A student-athlete in a conference sport that has ever been the recipient of athletically related financial aid at a CAA institution who decides to transfer within the conference must fulfill two academic years of residence (per NCAA Bylaw 14.5.1.1) prior to being certified eligible for competition. The CAA Intracference Transfer Rule also applies to an incoming student-athlete that has signed a valid National Letter of Intent with a CAA institution. Likewise, by general agreement, the original institution will have no objection to a waiver of the transfer residence requirement for the intracference transfer of a student that has never received athletically related financial aid at the first CAA institution.

[Adopted: March 6, 1989; Revised: July, 1999, June 3, 2004, June 8, 2005]

CAA SET TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Colonial Athletic Association is celebrating its 25th Anniversary!

Throughout the course of the 2009-2010 academic year, we will revisit some of the great moments in league history and recognize the outstanding student-athletes, coaches and administrators who have built the CAA into one of the nations top collegiate conferences.

Among the highlights will be the selection of 25th Anniversary Teams, which all honor the top 25 performers in each championship sport. The CAA will also introduce its "Silver Stars", recognizing 25 student-athletes, coaches or administrators that have achieved excellence and have made a significant impact in the league.

Congratulations to all of you during this special anniversary year!

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/ Track & Field

August 1-August 8 ~ Quiet Period

August 9-August 31 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

August 1-August 31 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

August 1-August 31 ~ Quiet Period

Baseball

August 1-August 31 ~ Contact Period

Softball

August 1-August 31 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

August 1-August 31 ~ Contact Period

Men's Lacrosse

August 1-August 3 ~ Contact Period

August 4-August 10 ~ Quiet Period

August 11-August 31 ~ Dead Period

Women's Lacrosse

August 1-August 31 ~ Quiet Period

*Exception: Seven Contact Days (No evaluations) used at institutions discretion.

Football, Championship Division

August 1-August 31 ~ Quiet Period

