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## VIEWING SKILL-RELATED INSTRUCTION SESSIONS AND INFORMAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES (I)

### Educational Column

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NCAA Division I institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaws 17.1.6.2.2, 17.1.6.2.3 and 17.3.3.1-(a), an institution may not publicize skill-related instruction that occurs outside the playing season in all sports other than football, or informal practice scrimmages in basketball. Also, an institution may not conduct skill-related instruction sessions in view of a general public audience. Informal practice scrimmages in basketball must be held in complete privacy.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist member institutions in applying the legislation regarding the viewing of skill-related instruction that is permissible outside the playing season in all sports other than football and informal practice scrimmages in basketball:

**1. Q:** May prospective student-athletes view skill-related instruction while on official or unofficial visits?

**A:** Yes, it is permissible for a prospective student-athlete to view skill-related instruction during official or unofficial visits, provided the skill-instruction has not been publicized and is not held in view of a general public audience.

**2. Q:** May individuals accompanying prospective student-athletes on official or unofficial visits (e.g., parent, sibling, coach) view skill-related instruction?

**A:** Yes, it is permissible for individuals accompanying prospective student-athletes on official or unofficial visits to view skill-related instruction, provided the skill-instruction has not been publicized and is not held in view of a general public audience.

**3. Q:** May an institution invite individuals (e.g., boosters, high school coaches) to watch a team's skill-related instruction or in basketball, an informal practice scrimmage?

**A:** No, if an institution were to invite an individual or individuals to a skill-related instruction session or an informal practice scrimmage it would be considered publicizing the activity, which is prohibited by the legislation.

**4. Q:** May a member of the general public walk into a facility and watch skill-related instruction?

**A:** Yes, a member of the general public could walk into a facility where a team is involved in skill-related instruction on his or her own without the instruction being considered in view of a general public audience. However, an institution could not arrange to conduct skill-related instruction in a facility or at a time in which the institution had reason to believe that the skill

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instruction session would be conducted in view of a general public audience. For example, it would not be permissible for an institution to conduct skill instruction for its basketball team on the football field immediately following a home football game. This situation would constitute conducting skill-related instruction in view of a general public audience.

**5. Q:** May prospective student-athletes in basketball view an informal practice scrimmage while on official or unofficial visits?

**A:** Basketball prospective student-athletes (and those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) are permitted to view informal practice scrimmages while on an official visit. However, prospective student-athletes (and those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) are not permitted to view an informal practice scrimmage in basketball during an unofficial visit.

**6. Q:** What is the difference between the standards of "conducted in privacy" and "conducted in view of a general public audience"?

**A:** Informal practice scrimmages in basketball must be conducted in privacy. To satisfy this standard, an institution must ensure that no one from the general public can view the scrimmages. The facility where the scrimmage is occurring must be closed to the general public and the department of athletics must keep anyone from the general public from entering the gym. Further, the legislation specifically requires an institution to ensure that no one other than department of athletics staff members and those individuals necessary to conduct the practice scrimmage are present.

In contrast, the legislation regulating skill-related instruction specifies that skill related instruction sessions shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience. The intent of the legislation is to prohibit institutions from creating special activities or events in conjunction with skill-instruction sessions as a way of creating the appearance of full-fledged practice outside of the playing season or creating a celebrity atmosphere during prospective student-athletes' campus visits.

The legislation does not require complete privacy during skill-related instruction; however, it requires that institutions do not schedule or conduct the sessions in a way in which they become spectator events.

**CAA REMINDER:** Just a reminder, to be valid, the NLI/GIA from the Early Signing Period must be received in the conference office within 21 days of the date of final signature (i.e., NLIs signed and dated on November 18 must be received at the CAA no later than December 9, 2009).

Happy Holidays from the CAA

## RECRUITING CALENDAR

### Cross Country/ Track & Field

Dec 1 - Dec 13 ~ Contact Period  
**Dec 14 - Dec 18 Dead Period**  
 Dec 19 - Dec 31 ~ Quiet Period

### Men's Basketball

Dec 1 - Dec 23 ~ Evaluation Period  
**Dec 24 - Dec 26 ~ Dead Period**  
 Dec 27 - Dec 31 ~ Evaluation Period

### Women's Basketball

Dec 1 - Dec 23 ~ Evaluation Period  
**Dec 24 - Dec 26 ~ Dead Period**  
 Dec 27 - Dec 31 ~ Evaluation Period

### Baseball

Dec 1 - Dec 31 ~ Quiet Period

### Softball

Dec 1 - Dec 8 ~ Quiet Period  
**Dec 9 - Dec 13 ~ Dead Period**  
 Dec 14 - Dec 31 ~ Quiet Period

### Women's Volleyball

Dec 1 - Dec 6 ~ Contact Period  
 Dec 7 - Dec 15 ~ Quiet Period  
**Dec 16 - Dec 31 ~ Dead Period**  
 [ except for (1) and (2) below]:  
 (1) Coaches attending the AVCA annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospects being honored at the banquet, provided no recruiting conversation occurs. (Bylaw 13.02.4.4.1)  
 (2) One event conducted on the Sunday immediately following the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship (Dec. 20) provided it occurs within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship (Tampa, FL)

### Men's Lacrosse

Dec 1 - Dec 23 ~ Quiet Period  
**Dec 24 - Dec 31 ~ Dead Period**

### Women's Lacrosse

Dec 1 - Dec 31 ~ Quiet Period

### Football, Championship Subdivision

Please see the December 2009 CAA Football Newsletter on CAA website for detailed calendar.

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**TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS, NOT A QUALIFIER (I)**

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NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.2, a two-year college transfer student-athlete who was not a qualifier and who first enrolled full time in a collegiate institution before August 1, 2009, is immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition only if the student-athlete:

1. Graduated from the two-year college;
2. 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;
3. Attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and
4. Achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.

A two-year college transfer student-athlete who was not a qualifier and who first enrolled full time in a collegiate institution August 1, 2009, or later is immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition only if the student-athlete:

1. Graduated from the two-year college;
2. 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;

3. Attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and
4. Achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.

For example, if a student-athlete who was not a qualifier first enrolled full time at a two-year institution in the fall of 2008 and transferred to a Division I institution in the fall of 2009, the student-athlete is not required to have completed the transferable English and math credits. However, if a student-athlete who was not a qualifier first enrolls full time at a two-year institution in the fall of 2009 and transfers to a Division I institution in the spring of 2011, the student-athlete is required to have satisfactorily completed six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit.

In addition, in order to satisfy the transferable English and math credit-hour requirement, the credits earned at the two-year institution must transfer to the certifying institution as specific English or math credit, regardless of how the courses are identified on the two-year transcript. For example, if a student-athlete who was not a qualifier completed an English course at a two-year institution, but the course transferred to the Division I institution as humanities credit, the course may not be used to meet the transferable English credit-hours requirement.

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**REMINDER ABOUT PROPOSALS IN CURRENT LEGISLATIVE CYCLE**

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The Division I Board of Directors will meet on January 16, 2010 to vote on Proposed Legislation that is in the current NCAA Legislative Cycle. Coaches and staff should become familiar with the proposals that impact their sports and share their views about the legislation with the appropriate athletic administrator on campus. Each institution will decide whether or not they support or oppose each proposal and their voting positions will be provided to the CAA by December 11, 2009. You can view the Official Notice that lists all of the proposals at this website:

[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) > Legislation and Governance > LSDBi > Resources > Legislative Actions and Issues > Division I 2010 NCAA Division I Official Notice > 2010 NCAA Official Notice

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