



CAA COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

FEBRUARY 2008

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 14, 2008

The following Proposals are effective IMMEDIATELY:

2007-45—Recruiting

To permit an institution to use express mail delivery services to provide necessary pre-enrollment information to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment.

2007-48—Recruiting

To permit an institution to show a computer recruiting presentation to a prospective student-athlete during any permissible on- or off-campus contact; further, to permit the recruiting presentation to be posted on the institution's Web site.

2007-51—Recruiting

To permit an institution to conduct one formal press conference to announce the signed commitments of prospective student-athletes and to permit coaching staff members to attend functions designed to celebrate the institution's signees in the applicable sport and discuss prospective student-athletes who have signed commitments to

attend the institution, including discussions with working media, provided the institution previously has released communications of the prospective student-athletes' commitments to attend the institution to media outlets.

2007-22—Amateurism

To specify that for violations of the preferential treatment legislation in which the value of the benefit is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected, conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice; further, to specify that the individual shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit.

2007-53—B Administrative Regulations—Men's Basketball

In men's basketball, to establish a dead period beginning the day after the conclusion of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period (i.e., May 22, 2008) to the day before the first permissible day to conduct institutional

basketball camps (i.e. May 31, 2008).

*NBA Pre-draft Camp is still an evaluation period even if dates overlap.

2007—56—Administrative Regulations—Men's Lacrosse

In men's lacrosse, to specify that lacrosse evaluations are not permissible from the day after the first Sunday in January through Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and from September 1 through October 31;

2007-105—Administrative Regulations

To specify that practice prior to departure on a foreign tour is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period.

2007-76—Awards, Benefits and Expenses

To increase the maximum permissible amount of the postgraduate scholarship that may be awarded as part of a senior scholar-athlete award from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The following Proposals are effective August 1, 2008:

2006-121—Playing and Practice Seasons—Women's Soccer

To specify that in years in which the date of the first permissible contest in men's soccer results in 12 weeks between that date and the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship, the date for the first permissible contest in women's soccer shall be the Friday prior to the 12th weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship, except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend. In other words, the new Women's Soccer first contest date is August 22, 2008.

2007-89—Playing and Practice Seasons—Basketball

In basketball, to specify that an institution may participate in permissible exhibition contests after the date on which the institution may commence on court preseason practice (i.e., after October 17, 2008, at 5:00 PM).

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2007-18—Personnel and Recruiting

To permit a noncoaching staff member to make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) and prepare general recruiting correspondence (including electronic correspondence) to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or, for those institutions not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid (Effective Date: August 1, 2008).

2007-82—Awards, Benefits and Expenses

To permit an institution or conference to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete who has completed his or her third year (sixth semester or ninth quarter) of collegiate enrollment to attend a coaching and athletics administration career educational program (Effective Date: August 1, 2008).

Ed. Column -- Amateurism -- Individual's Receipt of Expenses to Participate in Athletics Competition

Date Issued: Jan 02, 2008

Interpretation:

NCAA Division I institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.5 (expenses from sponsor other than parents/legal guardian or nonprofessional sponsor of event), it is permissible for an individual to receive actual and necessary expenses to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational institution) from the individual's parents/legal guardians and the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition. In addition, in accordance with Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.3 (expenses from outside team or organization), an indi-

vidual may receive actual and necessary expenses for travel, room and board, apparel and equipment from an outside amateur sports team or organization, for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition.

However, based on Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4 (expenses, awards and benefits) and its subsections, an individual jeopardizes his or her intercollegiate eligibility if he or she accepts any excessive or improper expenses. This includes expenses donated directly to the individual from outside sources not permitted under NCAA legislation. In addition, an individual may not receive money donated

to an amateur team or organization earmarked for the individual's use.

In golf, institutions should be aware that outside sources (e.g., neighbors, golf clubs, local businesses) are providing money to individuals to cover expenses to participate in golf competition. Moreover, it appears the money is provided directly to the individual or through a state or regional golf association and not through the sponsor of the event or any outside amateur sports team or organization. Institutions should note that providing expenses in this manner may jeopardize an individual's eligibility.

The following situations will assist in the application of Bylaws 12.1.2.1.4.5 and 12.1.2.1.4.3 to individuals involved in golf competition:

Situation: An individual participates in a junior amateur qualifying golf competition and qualifies for the championship. The local golf club raises \$3,000 earmarked specifically for the individual and gives the money to the individual to cover his or her expenses to attend the championship. The individual attends the championship and covers his or her expenses with the money raised by the golf club.

Question: Has the individual jeopardized his or her eligibility in golf?

Answer: Yes, the individual has accepted earmarked expenses from an impermissible source and, thus, would not be eligible (subject to student-athlete reinstatement) to participate in intercollegiate golf competition.

Situation: An individual participates in a golf tournament. A local business donates \$300 to the golf team that the individual is representing in the competition. The golf team uses the funds to cover the team's expenses to attend the championship.

Question: Has the individual jeopardized his or her eligibility in golf?

Answer: No, provision of such funds is permissible under Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.3 and, therefore, the money may be used to cover the individual's actual and necessary expenses for travel, room and board, apparel and equipment.

Situation: An individual participates in a golf tournament. A neighbor donates \$500 to the state golf association earmarked specifically for the individual to cover his or her expenses to attend the tournament. The state golf association (who is not a sponsor of the golf tournament) provides the funds to the individual, who uses the money to cover a portion of his or her expenses for participation in the tournament.

Question: Has the individual jeopardized his or her eligibility in golf?

Answer: Yes, although the amount received does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses, the payment was earmarked for the specific individual. As a result, the individual no longer would be eligible (subject to student-athlete reinstatement) to participate in intercollegiate golf competition.

Situation: A nonprofessional sponsor of a golf tournament will reimburse actual and necessary expenses for amateur participants. The tournament will reimburse up to \$100 per day.

Question: May an individual accept money to cover actual and necessary expenses?

Answer: Yes, the individual may accept money to cover only actual and necessary expenses from the nonprofessional sponsor of the event.

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RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/Track & Field

Feb.1-Feb.3 ~ Contact Period
 Feb.4-Feb.7 ~ Dead Period
 Feb.8-Feb.29 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Evaluation Period*
Note: All live evaluations during the academic year (except during the April contact period) shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution)

Women's Basketball

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Evaluation Period*
Note: Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days. A recruiting person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a women's basketball prospect on one day; two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting days.

Baseball

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Contact Period*
 *Each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.6.2.

Men's Lacrosse

Feb.1-Feb.29 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

Feb.1-Feb. 29 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Nov.25-Feb.2 ~ Contact Period*
 Feb.3 ~ Quiet Period
 Feb.4-Feb.7 ~ Dead Period
 Feb.8-Feb.29 ~ Quiet Period
 * **Note:** Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.

NLI Signing Period

Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country, Men's Water Polo (Regular Period)
 Feb. 6, 2008-Aug.1, 2008.

Football (Regular Period)
 Feb. 6, 2008-April 1, 2008.

FEBRUARY 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 GMU Girl Scouts WBB Game	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 HOF Girl Scouts WBB Game	11	12	13	14	15 Override Period + Comment Period Vote Forms Due to CAA.	16
17 GSU Girl Scouts WBB Game WM Girl Scouts WBB Game	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ODU Girl Scouts WBB Game	25	26	27 CAA Swimming + Diving Championships	28 CAA Swimming + Diving Championships	29 CAA Swimming + Diving Championships	March 1 CAA Swimming + Diving Championships