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Education Column -- Career Counseling and Job Placement Services Provided to Student-Athletes

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Interpretation:

NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.3.1, an individual becomes ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever agrees orally or in writing to be represented by an agent or entity for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. This legislation applies to any agent or entity that markets the use of an individual's athletics ability or reputation, including career counseling and job placement entities.

An institution or outside entity may provide career counseling services that are educational in nature and provide other educational benefits to student-athletes. For example, an entity could meet with student-athletes, either as a group or individually, to discuss resume preparation,

interview strategies, professional etiquette and mock interviews. However, if an entity provides job placement or similar services only for student-athletes or promotes an individual's status as a student-athlete in order to secure employment, it is not permissible for currently enrolled student-athletes with eligibility remaining to use those services. Student-athletes may use these types



of job placement services only after their eligibility has expired.

An outside entity that provides job placement or similar services may advertise its services to student-athletes for future use. However, currently enrolled student-athletes with eligibility remaining are prohibited from agreeing (orally or in writing) to

permit such an entity to secure employment from a job placement service. For example, it is not permissible for an entity to send questionnaires to currently enrolled student-athletes with eligibility remaining in order to promote their athletics participation or ability to potential employers.

Finally, it would be permissible for student-athletes to use job placement or other services available to all students or the general public, provided the entity is not devoted primarily to marketing a student-athlete's athletics ability, participation or reputation. For example, it is permissible for a currently enrolled student-athlete with eligibility remaining to include athletics participation along with other extracurricular activities on his or her resume and use a job placement service that does not primarily promote or highlight the individual's athletics participation or require it as a condition to use the service.

Colonial Athletic Association-Girl Scouts of the USA "Be Your Best" Partnership Begins This Month

For the fifteenth consecutive year, the Colonial Athletic Association and the Girl Scouts of the USA are teaming up for the "Be Your Best" Partnership. Each CAA institution has designated a women's basketball game this season as "Girl Scout Appreciation Day", with the goal of teaching girls the many benefits that can be gained from participating in athletics. The CAA "Girl Scout Appreciation Day Games" will occur from Sunday, January 6th, 2008 to Sunday, March 2, 2008. A variety of events



are planned for the games, including: cookie eating contests, color guard performances, basketball clinics, and autograph sessions with coaches and players.

Girl Scout Appreciation Day will be held on the following dates:

Delaware: January 27, 2008
Drexel: January 20, 2008
George Mason: February 3, 2008
Georgia State: February 17, 2008
Hofstra: February 10, 2008
James Madison: January 6, 2008
UNCW: January 27, 2008
Northeastern: January 6, 2008
Old Dominion: February 24, 2008
Towson: January 20, 2008
VCU: March 2, 2008
W&M: February 17, 2008

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Recruiting Calen-

Cross Country/Track & Field

Jan.1-Jan.2 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.3-Jan.31 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Jan.1-Jan.31 ~ 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

Jan.1-Jan.31 ~ 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

Jan.1-Jan.2 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.3 (12:01 am)-Jan.7(12:01 am) ~ Dead Period
Jan.8-Jan.31 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Jan.1 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.2-Jan.31 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

Jan.1-Jan.18 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.19-Jan.31 ~ Contact Period*
*Each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.6.2.

Men's Lacrosse

Jan.1-Jan.3 ~ Dead Period
Jan.4-Jan.31 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

Jan.1 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.2-Jan.31 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Jan.1 ~ Dead Period
Jan.2-Jan.3 Dead Period*
Jan.4-Jan.6 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.7-Jan.10 ~ Dead Period
Jan.11-Jan.12 ~ Quiet Period
Jan.13-Feb.2 ~ Contact Period**
* Note: During the Dead Period institutional staff members may have contact with a prospect who has been admitted for midyear enrollment, provided the prospect has signed an NLI or other offer of admission and/or financial aid to attend the institution and is required to be on campus to attend institutional orientation sessions for all students.
** 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

Football (Midyear JC Transfer)
December 19, 2007-January 15, 2008

Determining Mid-Year Eligibility Status (Selected Bylaws)

14.4.3.1	Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements/Six Hour Rule.	Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least: (c) Six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw 14.1.10 for postseason certification).
14.4.3.1.6	Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit.	The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be met as follows: (a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs; (b) By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress-toward-degree requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program; (c) A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program may comply with the progress-toward-degree requirements if: (1) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities; (2) The credits earned prior to the change are acceptable toward degree previously sought; and (3) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree. (d) A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirement for meeting progress toward degree even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major.
14.4.3.3.1.2	Timing of Certification for Fulfillment of Minimum GPA Requirements.	A student-athlete's eligibility under the minimum GPA requirements shall be determined on the basis of the student's academic record in existence by the first date of competition or contest of <u>each regular term</u> of an academic year beginning with that student's second or later academic year (third semester or fourth quarter) of full-time enrollment. If the student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the progress-toward-degree legislation at the beginning of that term, eligibility may be reinstated at the beginning of any other regular term of that student's specific academic year, based on the student's later fulfillment of the minimum grade-point average requirement.
Determining Mid-Year Eligibility Status for Transfer Student-Athletes		
14.4.3.1.2.1	Six-Hour Requirement for Transfer.	A transfer student-athlete from a domestic two-year or four-year collegiate institution must complete six hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment regardless of when the student-athlete enrolls in the certifying institution. A transfer student-athlete from a foreign collegiate institution is not required to complete six hours of academic credit in the previous term of full-time enrollment.
14.4.3.3.1.1	Application of Rule to Transfer Student for Fulfillment of Minimum GPA Requirements.	The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1 Minimum GPA Requirements, shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence at the certifying institution.
Changes in Status, Requirements for Practice and Competition		
14.1.10	Change in Eligibility Status.	If a student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date his or her eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete's or the institution's first participation in an NCAA championship, he or she shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship.
14.1.8.1	Requirement for Practice.	To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution.
14.1.8.2	Requirement for Competition.	To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CAA Closed	2	3	4	5
6 JMU Girl Scouts WBB Game NEU Girl Scouts WBB Game	7	8	9	10 NCAA Conven- tion	11 NCAA Conven- tion	12 NCAA Conven- tion
13 NCAA Conven- tion	14 NCAA Con- vention	15	16	17	18	19
20 Drexel Girl Scouts WBB Game Towson Girl Scout WBB	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Delaware Girl Scouts WBB Game UNCW Girl Scouts WBB Game	28	29	30	31		

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