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Compliance Monthly

The CAA Compliance staff is dedicated to providing its member institutions with comprehensive Rules Compliance Services and Support. We hope that you find the CAA monthly newsletters to be useful and we welcome your feedback and ideas for new content.

Fruit, Nuts and Bagels NCAA Bylaw 16.5.2



You probably remember the interpretation that rendered spreads for bagels impermissible. That interpretation no longer exists so it is now permissible to provide spreads for bagels. The NCAA does not want to issue interpretations related to the application of the fruit, nuts and bagels legislation but since you may still have questions let me give you an idea about what the CAA would consider to be permissible and impermissible food items:

Spreads on Bagels. Permissible "spreads" could include butter, margarine, jelly, jam, cream cheese, honey, or anything else that you spread on the bagel. Impermissible items would include eggs, steak, deli meats, or even lox.

Bagels. Can you provide a muffin instead of a bagel? Our answer is "yes," and our answer would be the same for a Danish, doughnut, English muffin, a slice of bread for toast, and any other conventional breakfast bread/pastry you can think of.

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Staff Interpretation - April 4, 2013

Institutional Camps and Clinics during the July Evaluation Periods - Women's Basketball (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that, in women's basketball, institutional camps or clinics may occur during the July evaluation periods. Further, telephone calls to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues may occur during the July evaluation periods, provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.2.2 (telephone calls regarding camp or clinic logistical issues), 13.1.3.7 (telephone calls regarding institutional camp or clinic logistical issues), 13.1.6.2.1 (additional restrictions -- men's and women's basketball), and 13.12.1.5 (recruiting calendar exceptions)]

Educational Column - April 11, 2013

Coach Traveling with Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents to Campus on an Official Visit (I)

NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.5.2.2.3, coaching staff members may accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit if the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. The official visit's 48-hour period begins when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to campus.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of legislation regarding a coach accompanying prospective student-athlete and/or parents legislation.

Question No. 1: May a coach transport a prospective student-athlete (and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) to campus for an official visit without being charged with a countable contact?

Answer: Once transportation begins, the interaction between a coach and a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) does not count as a contact. However, prior to beginning the transportation, any interaction that includes dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting must be counted as a contact. Therefore, such contact is permissible only during a contact period or, in men's basketball, a recruiting period.

Question No. 2: May a coach have dinner with a prospective student-athlete's mother and father before transporting them to campus without being charged with a contact?

Answer: No. Such activity would count as a contact. Any in-person, off-campus contact must occur during a contact period or, in men's basketball, a recruiting period.

Question No. 3: If a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians live in the locale of the institution (i.e., within a 30-mile radius), may a coach transport them to campus for an official visit outside of a contact period?

Answer: Yes, such an arrangement does not count as a contact; however, it does begin the 48-hour official visit time period.

Question No. 4: If a prospective student-athlete and his parents or legal guardians live in the locale of the institution (i.e., within a 30-mile radius), may a coach have dinner with them before transporting them to campus for an official visit without being charged with a contact?

Answer: Yes. However, the meal begins the 48-hour official visit time period.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.4 (contact), 13.02.5.3 (recruiting period -- men's basketball), 13.1.5 (contacts), 13.5.2.2.3 (coach accompanying prospective student-athlete and parents and legal guardians), a staff interpretation (11/22/1989, Item No. c), and official interpretations (03/13/97, Item No. 5, 10/19/2012, Item No. 5, 10/19/2012 Item No. 6, 01/10/13, Item No. 1)]

Educational Column - April 11, 2013

Graduate Student-Athlete Eligibility (I)

NCAA Division I institutions should note that a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period.

Further, a graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception and has eligibility remaining.

Finally, a graduate student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to participation in a sport for which the exception is not available, shall qualify for the one-time transfer exception as a graduate student, provided the student:

- (a) Fulfills the remaining conditions of the one-time transfer exception;
- (b) Has at least one season of competition remaining; and
- (c) The student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of graduate student-athlete eligibility legislation.

Admission and Enrollment

Question No. 1: Is it permissible for a graduate student-athlete to compete if he or she is considered a non-degree seeking graduate student?

Answer: No. Graduate student-athletes must be regularly enrolled, degree seeking students.

Question No. 2: Is a graduate student-athlete who is a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student eligible to compete even though he or she is not enrolled in a specific graduate degree program (e.g., graduate at large)?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: Is a graduate student-athlete eligible to compete if he or she is a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student but is required to earn, as a condition of continued enrollment in the graduate program, an enhanced grade-point-average (e.g., 3.00 or above) in each term of his or her first academic year as a graduate student at the certifying institution?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athlete is considered to be in good academic standing as interpreted for all students by the appropriate academic officials at the institution.

Transfer Graduate Student-Athletes

Question No. 4: May a student-athlete use the graduate student one-time transfer exception to pursue a second baccalaureate degree at the next institution?

Answer: No. A student-athlete who has previously graduated must be enrolled in a graduate or professional school at the next institution to qualify for the one-time transfer exception.

Question No. 5: Can a student-athlete who graduates after three years and has more than one season of competition remaining use the graduate student one-time transfer exception?

Answer: Yes, provided the student meets the requirements of the exception and is regularly enrolled as a degree seeking student in a graduate or professional school at the next institution.

Question No. 6: In sports for which the standard one-time transfer exception does not apply, may a student-athlete who is notified of the nonrenewal of athletics aid after indicating intent to transfer to another institution use the one-time transfer exception for graduate student eligibility?

Answer: Yes. The timing of the nonrenewal of athletics aid does not impact a student-athlete's ability to qualify for the graduate student one-time transfer exception, provided all criteria for the exception are met.

Question No. 7: May a student-athlete who does not receive a baccalaureate degree but is accepted for enrollment in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate be eligible to use the graduate one-time transfer exception?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 8: May a baseball or basketball graduate student-athlete who qualifies for the one-time transfer exception but initially enrolls as a full-time student at the certifying institution after the first term of the academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) be eligible for competition immediately?

Answer: No. Such a student-athlete cannot be eligible for competition until the following academic year.

Progress-Toward Degree Certification

Question No. 9: Is a football student-athlete who graduated with a baccalaureate degree required to earn nine semester hours or eight quarter hours and the APR eligibility point during the fall term to be eligible for all contests during the following playing season?

Answer: No.

Question No. 10: Must credits earned by a graduate or postbaccalaureate student-athlete be degree applicable to satisfy the six semester or quarter hour requirement?

Answer: Credits acceptable toward any degree program offered by the certifying institution (graduate or undergraduate) may be used to satisfy the six semester or quarter hour requirement, provided the student-athlete is permitted to complete such courses in accordance with published institutional policies applicable to graduate students.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission), 14.1.6.1.1 (special admission), 14.1.8 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate participation), 14.1.8.1 (one-time transfer exception), 14.5.2.2.10 (one-time transfer exception), 14.4.3.1-(c) (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements) 14.4.3.1.6 (additional requirements -- football), 14.4.3.1.6.1 (regaining eligibility for two contests), 14.4.3.1.6.2 (regaining full eligibility -- one-time exception), 14.4.3.5-(c) (exceptions to progress-toward-degree rule -- graduate student/postbaccalaureate exception), staff interpretations (09/26/2006, Item No. 1a, 03/15/2013, Item No. a), and official interpretations (4/17/2007, Item No. 15-a, 10/19/2012, Item No. 3)]

Official Interpretation - April 19, 2013 Recruiting Conversations at Camps and Clinics (I)

The committee confirmed that a camp or clinic is considered an athletics competition or athletics event. Therefore, a host institution's coaching staff member may not engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tours for recruiting purposes, meetings with faculty members, complimentary admissions, extending written offers or aid) other than recruiting conversations with prospective student-athletes participating in the institution's camp or clinic until after the completion of the camp or clinic. Any recruiting activities that occur after completion of the camp or clinic are subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.6.2 (practice or competition site); 13.12.1.5 (recruiting calendar exceptions); and staff interpretations (10/02/92, Item No. b) and (03/25/13, Item No. a), which have been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013 Noncountable Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members Serving as Countable Coaches (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may temporarily employ and compensate a noncountable coach (e.g., volunteer coach) or noncoaching staff member as a countable coach if the regular countable coach has left the program, provided the institution does not exceed the total number of countable coaches for the sport. Further, the noncountable coach or noncoaching staff member may return to his or her original position once a permanent countable coach is employed by the institution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.3 (coach, graduate assistant -- bowl subdivision football and women's rowing); 11.01.5 (coach, volunteer); 11.5.1 (annual certification requirement); 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities); 11.7.1.1.1.1.1 (exception -- noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities) and official interpretation (02/19/87, Item No. 17) which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013 College Coach Observing Enrolled Students, Student-Athletes and Prospective Student-Athletes Athletically Related Activities Outside the Playing Season (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that an institution's coaching staff member may not observe enrolled students or student-athletes in nonorganized athletically-related activities (e.g., "pick-up" basketball games) outside the institution's declared playing season. However, in individual sports, a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. Further, a coaching staff member may observe enrolled students or student-athletes in organized competition (e.g., summer basketball league, intramurals), provided the coach does not direct or supervise the organized activity. If prospective student-athletes are also participating in the organized competition, the institution's coaching staff member may observe such competition only if it occurs during a permissible contact or evaluation period, or in men's basketball, recruiting period.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 17.02.1.1(h) (countable athletically related activities) and 17.3.2.1.2(f) (prohibited activities); and staff interpretations (07/22/88, Item No. 1e and 07/02/93, Item No. a) which have been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013

Use of Nontraditional Courses during Final Semester or Quarter (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete may satisfy the final semester/quarter exception through enrollment in one or more nontraditional courses, provided the student-athlete is a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in the final semester or quarter of his or her degree program at the certifying institution and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission), 14.1.7.2.1.3 (final semester/quarter), 14.1.7.2.3 (concurrent courses at two institutions), 14.1.7.2.6 (nontraditional courses), 14.4.3.4.3 (nontraditional courses from another institution), and a staff interpretation (12/06/95, Item No. c), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013

Use of Male Students During Women's Basketball Summer Athletic Activities (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that male students may participate in summer athletic activities with women's basketball student-athletes, provided they are enrolled in summer school, or meet the academic requirements exception to enrollment, and are not receiving any form of financial assistance from the athletics department (e.g., compensation, financial aid).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.1.10 (eligibility requirements for male student to practice with women's teams), 17.1.6.2.1.1.4 (summer athletic activities -- basketball) and 17.1.6.2.1.1.4.1 (exception to summer school enrollment -- academic requirements -- basketball)]

2013-2014 Coaches Exam Update

Practice Exam: The 2013-14 NCAA Coaches Practice Exam is available on the NCAA website. The following website link provides coaches direct access to the practice exam without being required to login to the NCAA website: <http://web1.ncaa.org/coachesTest/exec/practiceexam?division=1>.

Regular Exam: The 2013-14 NCAA Coaches Exam will not be released until after the NCAA Board of Directors meeting on May 2 since two proposals (RWG Proposal Nos. 13-3-B and 13-3) received a sufficient number of override votes that requires further review from the Board. The NCAA staff anticipates that the exam will be released the following week (May 6-10).

May Recruiting Calendars



Cross Country/ Track & Field						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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Men's Basketball						
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Women's Basketball						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Quiet Period: May 1-15; May 26-31

Dead Period: May 16-25 (exception of NBA Draft Combine)

Evaluation Period: To be determined by NBA Draft Combine; otherwise considered to be a dead period

Women's Volleyball						
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Softball						
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Baseball						
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Men's Lacrosse						
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Women's Lacrosse						
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Evaluations may occur at one event conducted during the weekend of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship, provided the event is conducted within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship. The evaluation must be conducted on a day in which no championship competition is conducted.

Note: This is a color coded visual of the recruiting calendars, please consider this when printing.



Quiet Period



Contact/Recruiting Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

Spring Championships Schedule



Colonial Athletic Association Spring Championships

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Women's Lacrosse	4	May 3 & 5, 2013	Towson University
Men's Lacrosse	4	May 1 & 4, 2013	Pennsylvania State University
Outdoor Track & Field	4 (men) 7 (women)	May 3 - 4, 2013	Towson University
Softball	4	May 8 - 10, 2013	Highest Seed (Final Four Setting)
Women's Rowing	6	May 19, 2013	Occoquan Reservoir Fairfax, VA
Baseball	6	May 22 - 25, 2013	James Madison University