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LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES-- RESPONSIBILITIES ON NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

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NCAA Division I institutions should note that any individual who participates in any manner in the coaching of a sport in practice, games or organized activities directly related to that sport must be counted as a coach as stipulated in the limitations for that sport in NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.7. In addition to competitive equity, the intent of the coaching limitations is to restrict the actual coaching of student-athletes to those individuals who are identified as coaches. A strength and conditioning coach does not need to be included in the institution's coaching limitations for a specific sport provided the individual only conducts flexibility, warm up and physical conditioning activities before contests and before or during practices or other organized activities. Other athletics department staff members, including managers and non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., administrative assistants, directors of operations, quality control personnel, directors of player development, video coordinators, assistant/associate athletics directors for specific sports), do not have to be included in the institution's coaching limitations provided they do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities, off-campus recruiting activities or scouting of opponents. Specific prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, attending meetings involving coaching activities, analyzing videotape or film involving the institution's or an opponent's team, and participation in or observation of student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in non-organized voluntary athletically related activities.

Managers

It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice). Nonstudent managers may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be considered coaching without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11.7. Student managers may perform limited on-court or on-field activities during practice, games and organized activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member) provided they also perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., run clock at practice, laundry, fill water bot-

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ties). Finally, under no circumstances may a manager provide skill instruction without being counted in the coaching limitations.

Non-coaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities

Non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be considered coaching during practice, games and organized activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice, signaling in plays) without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11. For example, if a director of softball operations throws batting practice, the director of softball operations must be counted toward the coaching limitations in Bylaw 11 even if no skill instruction is provided. While non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities should not be involved in any manner with practice activities, it is permissible for these individuals to observe practice without having to count toward the coaching limitations. Finally, non-coaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities may sit on an institution's bench or stand on the sidelines during an institution's contest provided the individual does not engage in any coaching activities. If an institution permits non-coaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities to sit on the bench or stand on the sidelines during games, the institution is responsible for ensuring that these individuals are not engaging in any coaching activities.

NLI DEAD PERIOD RESTRICTIONS & REMINDERS

NLI EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

**Applies to All Sports Except Football,
Field Hockey, Soccer and Cross Country/Track & Field**

Initial Date for NLI Early Signing Period: November 11, 2009.

Last Day of Signing Period: November 18, 2009.

Dead Period: Begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 9 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Contacts, Evaluations & Recruiting Trips. No in-person, on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete may be made during the Dead Period, including evaluating a prospect or visiting a high school, prep school, or junior college, even if no contact is made with prospects.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/ Track & Field

Nov 1 - Nov 30 ~ Contact Period
Nov 23 (12:01 a.m.) - Nov 24 (12:01 a.m.) ~ Dead Period

Men's Basketball

Nov 1 - Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Nov 1 - Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period

Baseball

Nov 1 - Nov 8 ~ Contact Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period
Nov 13 - Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Nov 1 - Nov 25 ~ Contact Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period
Nov 26 - Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball

Nov 1 - Nov 30 ~ Contact Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period

Men's Lacrosse

Nov 1 - Nov 24 ~ Contact Period*
Nov 9 - 12 & Nov 25 - 29 ~ Dead Period
Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Lacrosse

Nov 1 - Nov 24 ~ Contact Period
Nov 9 - Nov 12 ~ Dead Period
Nov 7 - 8, 14 - 15, & 21 - 22
Evaluations on PSA participating in lacrosse activities permitted
Nov 25 - Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Football, Championship Subdivision

Nov 1 - Nov 28 ~ Quiet Period*
Nov 29 - Nov 30 ~ Contact Period
*42 Possible Evaluation Days
(Sept., Oct., and Nov.)



NLI DEAD PERIOD RESTRICTIONS & REMINDERS CONTINUED

Speaking Engagements. Coaches may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a Dead Period.

Telephone Calls. Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospects on the initial NLI signing date in the prospect's sport and the two days following the initial NLI signing date (i.e., November 11, 12 & 13, 2009).

Official/Unofficial Visits/Complimentary Admissions. A prospect may not visit your campus on an official (paid) or unofficial (self-paid) visit. Complimentary admissions may not be provided to a prospect during a Dead Period.

Delivery of NLI. The NLI cannot be hand-delivered or picked up during the Dead Period or at any other time. It may be delivered and returned by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or facsimile machine during the signing period.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Written Correspondence. Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period.

Eligibility Center Registration. In order to sign the NLI and GIA a high school or preparatory school prospect must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and placed on the institution's IRL.

Admissions and Graduation Rate Data, Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR). Institutions are required to provide prospects and prospects' parents/legal guardians with information contained in its NCAA Academic Progress Rate, Graduation Success Rate, and Admissions and Graduation Rate Data no later than the day prior to a prospect's signed acceptance of the NLI or signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. The reports may be provided in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to Web site).

Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. Institutions are required to provide to high school prospects and their parents/legal guardians information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3. The information must be provided at the earliest opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospect, but not later than the day prior to the prospect's signed acceptance of the NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., email, link to Web site).

Banned Drug List. The Banned Drug List and Information about Nutritional Supplements must be provided to prospects and parents no later than July 1 before the prospect's initial enrollment.

This Month's CAA Championships

11/6&8 Women's Soccer at Northeastern
11/7-8 Field Hockey at Drexel

11/13&15 Men's Soccer Highest Seed
11/21-22 Volleyball Highest Seed