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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN: LIMIT ON NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES--RESPONSIBILITIES OF NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

October 19, 2010—NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 11.7 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. 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. In addition to maintaining 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.

Managers.

A manager must perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., laundry, equipment, water bottles, running clock at practice) and must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of a degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. Managers may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice and games (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), in addition to traditional managerial functions. It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities. Finally, under no circumstances may a manager provide instruction to student-athletes or participate in countable athletically related activities, (e.g., practice player) other than participation in limited on-court or on-field activities, without being counted in the coaching limitations. In baseball, a manager must forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution at which the individual serves as a manager.

Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.

Noncoaching 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 are not identified as coaches and do not engage in any coaching activities, on-court or on-field activities (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), off-campus recruiting activities or scouting of opponents.

For example, if a director of softball operations throws batting practice, then the director of softball operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11 even if no skill instruction is provided. Similarly, if a director of football operations signals plays from the sideline during a game, then the director of football operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11, even if the plays were being signaled at the direction of a member of the coaching staff.

RECRUITING CALENDAR**Cross Country/ Track & Field**

Nov 1– Nov 21 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 22 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 23– Nov 30 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Nov 1 - Nov 7 ~ Evaluation Period
 Nov 8– Nov. 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

Nov 1 - Nov 7 ~ Evaluation Period
 Nov 8– Nov. 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period

Baseball

Nov 1 - Nov 7 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 8– Nov. 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Nov 1– Nov 7 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 8– Nov 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 24 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 25– Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball

Nov 1– Nov 7 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 8– Nov 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 30 ~ Contact Period

Men's Lacrosse

Nov 1– Nov 7 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 8– Nov 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12– Nov 23 ~ Contact Period
 Nov 24– Nov 28 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 29– Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Lacrosse

Nov 1 - Nov 7 ~ Contact Period*
 * Nov 6-7 Evaluations of PSAs participating in Lacrosse activities permitted.
 Nov 8– Nov 11 ~ Dead Period
 Nov 12 ~ Nov 23 ~ Contact Period*
 * Nov 13-14 and Nov 20-21 Evaluations of PSAs participating in Lacrosse activities permitted.
 Nov 24– Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Football, Championship Subdivision

Nov 1– Nov 27 ~ Quiet Period*
 Nov 28– Nov 30 ~ Contact Period
 *42 Evaluation days during September, October, and November

Educational Column Continued

While noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities are not permitted to be involved in any manner with practice activities, it is permissible for these individuals to observe practice or organized activities without counting toward the coaching limitations. It is also permissible for noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on an institution's bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during an institution's contest, provided these individuals do not engage in any coaching activities. If an institution permits noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on the bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during games, the institution is responsible for ensuring that these individuals are not engaging in any coaching activities. In addition, noncoaching staff members are prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pickup games).

Finally, noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, a noncoaching staff member may not be involved in any activity involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.01.6 (manager), 11.7 (limitations on the number and duties of coaches), 11.7.1.1 (designation of coaching category), 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities), 11.7.1.1.1.1.1 (exception -- noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities), 11.7.1.2 (recruiting coordination functions), 11.7.2.1.1 (weight or strength coach), 11.7.3.1.1 (weight or strength coach), 11.7.4.2 (exceptions to number limits) and 11.7.4.2.1 (weight or strength coach); and official interpretation (2/11/93, Item No. 9); and staff interpretations (5/2/07, Item No. 1a) and (11/19/97, Item No. b)]

Staff Interpretation: Observation of Prospective Student-Athletes on Video

October 4, 2010—The academic and membership affairs staff reviewed several issues related to the observation of prospective student-athletes on videos and determined the following:

- a. If video that includes prospective student-athletes is delivered to an institutional coaching staff member, or if an institutional coaching staff member accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of prospective student-athletes on such a video at an off-campus site (e.g., the coach's home) is not considered an "off-campus activity" and, thus, is not included in the permissible number of evaluations in the applicable sport.
- b. If an authorized institutional coaching staff member visits a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the evaluation period, the institution is charged with an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes at the educational institution. If, during the visit, the coaching staff member receives video that includes prospective student-athletes, or accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of the video at an off-campus site is not considered an additional evaluation.
- c. If an authorized institutional coaching staff member makes a contact with a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, and, during the visit, receives video that includes prospective student-athletes or accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of the video at an off-campus site is not considered an evaluation.
- d. If an institutional coaching staff member attends an off-campus recruiting event at which he or she observes video of prospective student-athletes, such observation is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to the applicable regulations related to the evaluation of prospective student-athletes.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.4.1 (evaluation activities during contact period -- football), 13.1.7 (limitations on number of evaluations), 13.1.7.1 (visit (without contact) to prospective student-athlete's educational institution), 13.1.7.15 (evaluations/contact at prospective student-athlete's educational institution), 13.1.7.20 (off-campus observation of recruiting or scouting service video), 13.14 (use of recruiting funds), and 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services)]

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 10, 2010.

Last Day of Signing Period: November 17, 2010.

Dead Period: Begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 8 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2010.

DEAD PERIOD REMINDERS

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.

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 10, 11 & 12, 2010).

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.

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

NEW NCAA RULES

The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete:

- A. Prospect must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- B. Prospect's name must be placed on the institution's Institutional Request List (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- C. **NEW!** Prospect must complete the Amateurism Certification Questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

NEW! Disclosure Reports. The NCAA Eligibility Center now provides the information contained within the Disclosure Reports [e.g., Admissions and Graduation Rate Data, Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR), Initial-Eligibility Standards and Banned Drug List] to prospects and their parents or legal guardians after the prospect registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center, and is added to the institution's IRL. Therefore, institutions may still send these reports to prospects but it is no longer a requirement.

Schedule of Events

- } Nov. 2nd– JMU Blood Drive
- } Nov. 3rd– NU Blood Drive
- } Nov 4th– ODU Blood Drive
- } Nov. 5th & 7th– CAA Women's Soccer Championships @ Hofstra
- } Nov. 6th & 7th– CAA Field Hockey Championship @ Drexel
- } Nov. 7th & 8th– CAA SAAC Leadership Summit @ UNCW
- } Nov. 12th & 14th– CAA Men's Soccer Championship @ W&M
- } Nov. 15th– Division I Official Notice is Available on NCAA website
- } Nov. 15th– GMU Blood Drive
- } Nov. 17th– UD Blood Drive
- } *Nov. 20-21– CAA Volleyball Championship
- *Dates are flexible, site TBD

NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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- 1) An official visit shall not exceed ____ hours.
- 2) A student-athlete has ____ years to complete his or her four seasons of competition once he or she begins full-time enrollment.
- 3) A team can have a maximum of ____ basketball coaches.
- 4) At the beginning of the third year, a student-athlete shall have successfully completed ____ percent of the course requirements in the student's specific degree program.
- 5) A student-athlete must designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of year ____.
- 6) The weekly limit on countable athletically related activities, during the playing season, is ____ hours.
- 7) A student-athlete can be provided ____ training table meal a day during the academic year.
- 8) The maximum number of counters in women's basketball is ____.
- 9) The maximum number of counters in men's basketball is ____.
- 10) The limit on off-campus recruiters for basketball is ____.

Number Bank

1 3 5 15 40

2 4 13 20 48