



CAA Compliance Monthly

Male Students Practicing with Women's Teams

In today's competitive world of college athletics, more women's teams are looking for alternate ways to prepare for the season.

Some coaches have researched different strength and conditioning techniques as well as implementing aggressive summer workout plans. However, there is a source of preparation that seems to be more popular amongst women's teams. Coaching staffs are now asking male students to practice with their teams. Providing an opponent for the team to practice against allows coaches and teams to test plays and evaluate what adjustments need to be made.

This new preparation does not come without NCAA restriction. According to Bylaw 14.1.8.1, a student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree to be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions. Male students must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations (e.g., the individual must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, have eligibility remaining under the five-year/10 semester rule, must sign a drug-testing consent form and must be included on the institution's squad list).

In addition, the following list contains permissible and non-permissible activities:

Permissible:

1. It is permissible for an institution to provide apparel to male SA's for the purpose of practicing with the institution's women's team.

2. If a male SA's is involved in skill-related instruction with a women's team, he must be included in the permissible number of student-athletes permitted to be involved in such instruction at any one time in any facility.

Non-permissible:

1. It's not permissible for an institution to provide male SA's financial assistance (i.e., room and board, tuition and fees and books) in return for practicing with the women's team.
2. It is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport to engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport.
3. It's not permissible for an institution to provide male SA's with room and board to remain on campus during vacation periods to participate in practice sessions with the women's team.
4. It's not permissible for an institution to allow male SA's who are nonqualifiers to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.
5. It's not permissible for an institution to provide travel expenses to an away-from-home competition to a male SA who is practicing with a women's team.
6. It's not permissible to place a male SA in the position of a team manager for the purpose of receiving expenses to practice with the women's team on away-from-home competitions.
7. It's not permissible for a male SA who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department to practice with a women's team.

Recruiting--Men's and Women's Basketball

It's that time of year again! Many basketball coaches are gearing up for recruiting in order to have prospective student-athletes sign during the early signing period beginning November 8th and ending November 15th, 2006. The compliance department should also be preparing.

Prospects will be visiting your campuses either on official or unofficial visits. Bylaw 13.02.15.1 states that an official visit is one that is financed in whole or in part

by the member institution. If the prospect's visit is made at the prospect's own expense then it falls under Bylaw 13.02.15.2 as an unofficial visit.

In addition, coaching staffs should be reminded about the 48-hour period (Bylaw 13.6.3.1). The official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective athlete's arrival at the air-

port or elsewhere in the community.

If coaches pick the prospect up at home or school, then the 48-hour period starts when transportation begins (see Bylaw 13.6.3.1.1).

Please advise your coaches to ask questions and discuss official visits with the compliance department before prospective student-athletes arrive on campus.

Recruiting Calendar

Men's Basketball

Sept. 9 - Oct. 5 ~ Contact Period
Oct. 6—March 28, 2007 ~ Evaluation Period
*Exception: Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Sept. 16-April 17, 2007 ~ Evaluation Period
*Exception: Days not designated ~ Quiet
Sept. 16-Oct. 6 ~ Contact Period
*Exception: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 ~ Evaluations permitted at non-scholastic events
*Exception: Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Baseball

Sept. 15-Nov. 5 ~ Contact/Evaluation Period
November 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Softball

Aug. 1-Nov. 22 ~ Contact/Evaluation Period
*Exception: November 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Volleyball

Aug. 1-Dec. 3 ~ Contact/Evaluation Period
*Exception: November 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Football I-AA

August 1-November 25 ~ Quiet Period
*Exception: 42 days in Sept, Oct, and through Nov. 25 ~ Evaluation Period

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“Try-Out” Camps/Clinics, Permissible or Not?

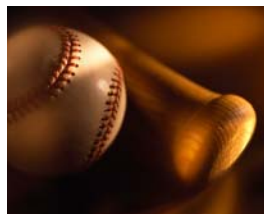
The issue of “try-out camps” is being discussed nationwide.

Bylaw 13.11.1.5, Tryout Events, states that “a member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g. combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. In sports other than football, a member institution’s staff members may only attend such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution’s campus and is open to all institutions.”

There have been questions from coaches about camps/clinics that contain a portion of “tryout” activities. For example, an institution plans to hold a camp, complete with tournament play and some strength, agility and speed testing. The question becomes, is this permissible and is it the intent of

NCAA legislation?

The intent of Bylaw 13.11.1.5 is to prevent such “testing” at institutional camps. If any portion of the camp/clinic has testing or combine-type activities, the camp/clinic would be treated like a combine and is therefore not permissible. In addition,



The bylaw is clear in stating, “a member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine.” Please inform your coaching and facilities staffs about the intent of this legislation and encourage them to stay away from “combine like” activities.

Schedule of Events

- > 10/18 — James Madison University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
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- > 10/25 — CAA Men’s and Women’s Basketball Media Day, ESPN Zone-Washington, DC.
- > 10/26 — Old Dominion University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 10/31 — Hofstra University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 11/5-6 — CAA SAAC Meeting, Towson University.

Upcoming NLI Signing Dates

- > 11/8-15 — Basketball (Early Period)
- > 11/8-15 — All Other Sports (Early Period)
**Excludes Field Hockey, Soccer, and Football

Question of the Month

Can Student-Athletes & Coaches Work a Camp/Clinic for 1st - 8th Grade Students?

Answer: It is permissible for student-athletes to work a clinic for students in grades 1-8. According to Bylaw 12.4.3, Camp/Clinic Employment- General Rule, a student-athlete may be employed by his/her institution, by another institution, or by a private organization to work in a camp or clinic as a counselor, unless otherwise restricted by NCAA (see Bylaw 13.12 for camp/clinic regulations). In addition,

the student-athletes working the clinic must meet the criteria in Bylaw 12.5.1.1 and or 13.12.2.1.

It is also permissible for the head coach to speak at the clinic per Bylaw 13.11.2.3. The bylaw states a coach may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospective student-athlete age (i.e., before the ninth grade).

CAA Blood Challenge

The CAA Blood Challenge is underway. The idea for a CAA Blood Challenge came from the league presidents/chancellor as a fun way to emphasize the critical importance of donating blood. Each CAA institution works with its local blood service center and designates one day during the fall term to conduct a campus-wide blood drive. Student groups, faculty, staff, and alumni are all encouraged to participate. Join the CAA in supporting this important initiative. Have a Heart!





Proposed Legislation

The 2006-2007 legislative cycle has begun. Proposals have been submitted to the Management Council for their review. In late October, the CAA Compliance office will be distributing vote/comment forms to be completed and returned to the CAA by Friday, December 8, 2006.

Compliance Coordinators may be asked to review selected proposals with their campus SAAC.

To view proposals, visit http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/?ut/p/kcxm/04_Sj9SPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMOY_QizKLN4j3NQDJgFiGpvqRgCK06Al-YXARX4_83FR9b_0A_YLcDNC1ckdFAEuT364!/delta/base64xml/L3dJdyEvUOd3QndNQSEvNEIVRS82XzBftFUI?CONTENT_URL=http://www2.ncaa.org/portal/legislation_and_governance/rules_and_bylaws/legislative_actions_and_issues/dl_poopl.html and click the **Online POPL** link.

Student-Athlete Spotlight

Do you have an interesting Student-Athlete story you'd like to share? Has your team been involved in community service projects? We want to know. This year the CAA is continuing to highlight the achievements of our student-athletes. To participate, please submit stories and pictures to sdickerson@caasports.com and jdelp@caasports.com, include Student-Athlete Spotlight in the subject. (Stories will be published on the web.)

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Remind student-athletes, coaches, and others that
"Not Knowing is Not an Excuse." ~ Shequra Dickerson



Comments and Suggestions

Do you have a topic you would like the CAA to cover? Is there information you would like included each month? Tell us about it! We welcome comments and suggestions. Please submit ideas to sdickerson@caasports.com, write Compliance Newsletter as the subject.

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