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Baseball Proposal in Override Period

****Remember to submit your institution's votes and comments to the CAA no later than Friday, September 21, 2007.****

PROPOSAL 2007-9

FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- SQUAD SIZE LIMITATION -- BASEBALL

Intent: To specify that: (a) there shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 27 (30 in 2008-09) on the total number of counters in baseball at each institution; (b) an institution shall provide each counter athletically related and other countable financial aid that is equal to or greater than 25 percent of an equivalency; and (c) an institution shall declare, by the day prior to its first scheduled contest

in the championship segment of the playing and practice season, a squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes who shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities during the remainder of the championship segment.

Rationale: The average number of baseball student-athletes receiving athletics aid among Division I baseball programs is 27, however, there are some programs that annually exceed as many as 40 baseball student-athletes receiving some portion of aid. A minimum award of athletically related and other countable financial aid at 25% of an equivalency ensures an appropriate balance between



addressing student-athlete well-being for those reluctant to serve a year of transfer residence and the ability of baseball coaches to effectively and efficiently manage distribution of 11.7 equivalencies. Requiring the 25% minimum helps ensure the baseball program is truly committed to the student-athlete, thereby encouraging more responsible recruiting and making it less likely for coaches to facilitate transfers of student-athletes to whom they are significantly committed financially. Coaches will be less likely to employ a "run-off" strategy of squad size maintenance after having what amounts to a fall term tryout if the number of counters is limited at the outset. Encouraging a student-athlete who is one of 27 counters to transfer during the academic year will not only cost that institution NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate points, but the institution will not be able to replace that student-athlete with another counter.

Temporary Certification Period

It is permissible for student-athletes that are within their temporary certification period (i.e., 14 or 45 days) and have not yet been certified by the clearinghouse (i.e., initial eligibility and/or amateurism status is "pending") to do all of the following:

- A. Warm up with the team before a game.
- B. Sit on the bench, but not in uniform.
- C. Receive complimentary admissions.

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The CAA Blood Challenge begins this month. Check the Calendar on page 3 for dates.



Recruiting Calendar

Cross Country/Track & Field
Sept. 1-Sept. 30~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball
Sept. 1- Sept. 8 ~ Quiet Period

Sept. 9- Sept. 30~ Contact Period

Women's Basketball

Sept. 1- Sept. 15 ~ Quiet Period

Sept. 16-Sept. 30~ Contact Period/ Evaluation Period

Note: September 28-30, 2007: Evaluations permitted at non scholastic women's basketball events.

Baseball

Sept. 1- Sept. 13 ~ Quiet Period

Sept. 14-Sept. 30 ~ Contact Period

Softball

Sept. 1- Sept. 3 ~ Contact Period

Sept. 4- Sept. 30 ~ Contact Only (No Evaluation)

Women's Volleyball

Sept. 1- Sept. 30 ~ Contact Period

Men's Lacrosse

Sept. 1- Sept. 30 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

Sept. 1- Sept. 30 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Sept. 1- Sept. 30 ~ Quiet Period

Note: In NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, 42 evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.9) during the months of September, October and November, (not to exceed a period of 42 days) selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period.

NLI Signing Period

All Sports Except Field Hockey, Football, and Soccer (Early Period)
Nov. 1-21, 2007

Ed Column -- Use of Logos on Uniforms and Apparel

August 14, 2007

Interpretation:

Institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.5.4, a student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

- (a) Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or

golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

- (b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area (rectangle,

square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the 2 1/4 square inch size restriction.

THIS LINK contains color pictures and guidelines (Attachments A-O on the website) to be used when reviewing Adidas apparel items.

NCAA Bylaw Interpretation: Conditions for Reduction or Cancellation of Athletically Related Financial Aid During the Period of the Award

The membership services staff confirmed that, in addition to the legislated conditions by which a student-athlete's financial aid may be reduced or cancelled during the period of the award, an institution may in-

clude other non-athletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academic policies or standards, compliance with team rules or policies) in its financial aid agreements. The staff noted that regardless of the reason for

reduction or cancellation, the student-athlete must be provided the opportunity for a hearing before the aid is reduced or cancelled.

Clearinghouse Certification

During August and early September, many student-athletes are not yet certified by the clearinghouse due to missing documents (test scores, proof of graduation). Below is some helpful information from the NCAA Eligibility Center staff:

1. College Board (SAT) has said that batches of test scores are sent to the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse every Tuesday. If a student requests a score to be sent and does not ask for it to be expedited/rushed it could take 3-5 weeks. An expedited score takes 3-5 business days and costs around \$36.00. The student-athlete has the ability to call the College Board to ask for



the date that the test score was mailed. Be aware that the disc with results is sent via regular mail and there is no opportunity to send it faster (e.g., Fed Ex). Note that ACT scores can be submitted to the clearinghouse electronically, however, SAT scores cannot be sent electronically. The institution may pay to have the scores sent to the clearinghouse (Bylaw 13.15.2.1).

2. Once you know that all required documents are at the Clearinghouse you still need to

call the Clearinghouse and request to have the student-athlete's file Expedited or else it may sit untouched for days/weeks, depending on the sport/season and date the student-athlete was added to the institution's IRL.

3. If a student-athlete's Clearinghouse record says "under internal review" then be sure to call the Clearinghouse and/or Eligibility Center immediately to find out what the issues are instead of waiting for someone to notify you. Otherwise, it could be weeks before the institution is contacted about the student-athlete's problem.

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