

# 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.

## Permissible Expenses Prior to the First Permissible Practice Date for Fall Sports (Published August 6, 2013) -- Staff Interpretation

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed it is permissible for an institution to begin providing preseason practice expenses to student-athletes participating in fall sports on the evening prior to the first permissible practice date. An institution may conduct nonathletically related meetings (e.g., to sign compliance forms, to administer medical examinations) at any time prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice, provided student-athletes do not receive expenses until the evening before the first permissible date of practice. Finally, it is permissible for an institution to issue equipment and apparel to an individual at any point after he or she becomes a student-athlete. In football, if a Football Bowl Subdivision institution establishes an academic orientation day on the day prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period, the institution may provide first-time participating student-athletes with lodging and an evening meal on the evening prior to the academic orientation day and returning student-athletes with lodging and an evening meal on the evening prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12 (prospective student-athlete); 16.5.2 (permissible); 16.8 (expenses provided by the institution for practice and competition); 17.9.2.2 (academic orientation -- first time participants -- bowl subdivision); 17.9.2.3 (five day acclimatization period); a staff interpretation (6/8/2005, Item No. 1a), which has been archived; a staff interpretation (8/2/2006, Item No. 1f), which has been archived]

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## CAA Nonqualifier Rule (Applies to all CAA Sports)

Since the median of each institution's freshman class academic profile far exceeds the NCAA minimum standards for freshman eligibility, if a **recruited** nonqualifier enrolls at a member institution directly from high school, the individual will not be eligible to represent the institution in a CAA Sport. The institution, through its chief executive officer, may appeal in instances of special circumstances for relief from this legislation.

With the start of the 2013-14 season the CAA has released this new conference logo. The logo features the recognizable block letters that have been used on uniforms, fields and courts around the CAA for many years, but provides a cleaner, refreshed look. The league has also kept its navy blue and gold color scheme.

## CAA Intraconference Transfer Rule (Applies to all CAA Sports, except Football)

Pre Matriculation: The CAA Intraconference Transfer Rule applies to an incoming student-athlete that has signed a valid National Letter of Intent (NLI) with a CAA Institution. A prospective student-athlete who signs a valid NLI with a CAA institution but subsequently enrolls at a different CAA institution must fulfill two academic years of residence prior to being certified eligible to compete.

### CAA Facts

Tom Yeager is entering his 28th year as the one and only Commissioner in the history of the Colonial Athletic Association.



Post-Matriculation: The CAA Intraconference Transfer Rule applies to a student-athlete in a conference sport that has ever been the recipient of athletically-related financial aid at a CAA institution. If the student-athlete decides to transfer within the conference he/she must fulfill two academic years of residence prior to being certified eligible to compete at a second CAA institution.

Exceptions: The CAA Intraconference Transfer Rule does not apply in these situations:

1. The rule does not apply to a student-athlete that has never received athletically-related financial aid at the first CAA institution.
2. The rule does not apply when the first CAA institution drops the sport in which the student-athlete has participated.

[ Note: Reference CAA Handbook for Football Intraconference Transfer Rule]

## NCAA Staff Interpretation

### Institutional Press Release Including a Quote From a Recruiting or Scouting Service (I)

Date Published: August 13, 2013

Item Ref: c

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may include a quotation by a recruiting or scouting service about a prospective student-athlete in a media release regarding the prospective student-athlete's commitment, provided there is no indication that the institution endorses the recruiting or scouting service and the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. It is not permissible for an institution's website to include a hyperlink to either the website of a noninstitutional publication that reports primarily on the institution's athletics program or a recruiting/scouting service.

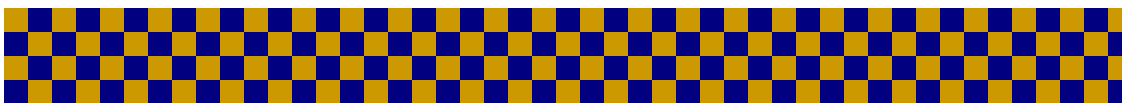
[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.3.2.5 (recruiting service consultants) and 13.10.3 (publicity after commitment); a staff interpretation (8/4/99, Item No. b, which has been archived); and an official interpretation (11/17/98, Item No. 3, which has been archived)]



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The Colonial Athletic Association sends a warm welcome to the College of Charleston, who joins the CAA this year!

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## Colonial Athletic Association News

The Colonial Athletic Association Blood Challenge enters its 12th year in 2013. Thus far, the CAA Blood Challenge has raised 36,719 units of blood over the past decade, which has helped save 110,157 lives.

Please contact your local Colonial Athletic Association institution if you would like to donate/help with this year's blood challenge. Please keep in mind that student-athletes who are in season will not be permitted to donate blood.



## September Recruiting Calendars

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



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Evaluation Period

### Cross Country/ Track & Field

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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					

### Men's Basketball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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					

### Women's Basketball

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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					

MBB– September 1-8 Quiet  
September 9-30 Recruiting Period

WBB– September 1-8 Quiet  
September 9-29 Contact Period  
September 30 Evaluation Period

### Women's Volleyball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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
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### Softball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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					

### Baseball

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Softball– In those states that play high school softball season in the fall, evaluations shall be permissible during those seasons, except during dead periods.

### Men's Lacrosse

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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					

### Women's Lacrosse

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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
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MLA– Contact  
period/ No  
evaluations