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April						
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Quiet Period
 Contact Period
 Evaluation Period
 Dead Period

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

Quiet Period: April 1 - 14

Evaluation Period: April 15 - May 31

*168 evaluation days selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics.

**An authorized recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of the prospect on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospect on a separate day during this evaluation period. Those days in April not designated for evaluation shall be considered a quiet period.

University of Delaware

James Madison University

University of Maine

University of New Hampshire

Georgia State University

Old Dominion University

University of Rhode Island

University of Richmond

Towson University

Villanova University

College of William and Mary

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Staff Interpretation - March 25, 2013**Definition of Registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a camp or clinic is considered an athletics competition or athletics event. Therefore, a host institution's coaching staff member may not engage in recruiting activities other than recruiting conversations with prospective student-athletes participating in the institution's camp or clinic until after the completion of the camp or clinic. Any recruiting activities that occur after completion of the camp or clinic are subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.1.6.2 (practice or competition site); 13.12.1.5 (recruiting calendar exceptions); and (10/02/92) staff interpretation which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - March 25, 2013**Medical Examinations Conducted by a Professional Athletics Team (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that medical examinations (e.g., psychological examinations, eye examinations, hearing examinations) conducted by a professional athletics team constitute a tryout designed, in part, to measure the athletics ability of a student-athlete. The staff noted that a member institution is permitted to conduct these examinations in accordance with permissible medical expenses and may provide the results to a professional sports organization at its discretion.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment) and 16.4 (medical expenses); and a staff interpretation (02/28/91, Item No. a, which has been archived)]

Staff Interpretation - March 25, 2013**Part-Time Student Serving as Student Host (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies at the institution at the time he or she participates as a student host unless the student meets an exception to or is granted a waiver of the full-time enrollment requirements for competition.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7.5 (student host); 14.1.7.1.3 (exception - final semester/quarter); 14.1.7.2.1 (exceptions); 14.1.7.3 (waivers), and staff interpretation (12/20/89, Item No. f), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - March 15, 2013**Graduate Student Eligibility -- No Specific Degree Program Required (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a student-athlete who has been admitted to the certifying institution and is enrolled as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking graduate or professional school student is not required to be enrolled in a specific degree program to be eligible for competition.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission), 14.1.6.1.1 (special admission), 14.1.8 (graduate student/post-baccalaureate participation), 14.1.8.1 (one-time transfer exception), 14.5.2.2.10 (one-time transfer exception) and a staff interpretation (03/26/09, Item No. a), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - March 15, 2013**Complimentary Admissions to an Away-From-Home Contest for an Athletic Department Staff Member's Relative who is a Prospective Student-Athlete (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may provide complimentary admissions to an away-from-home contest to an athletic department staff member's relative who is a prospective student-athlete.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12 (prospective student-athlete); 13.2 (offers and inducements); 13.6.7.1 (general restrictions) and 13.7.2.1 (general restrictions), and a staff interpretation (9/14/90, Item No. a), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - March 15, 2013**Pro Bono Legal Services Provided to Student-Athletes (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that it is permissible for a student-athlete to receive pro bono legal services from an outside agency, provided the agency provides such services based on objective criteria unrelated to athletics.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment), 16.02.3 (extra benefit) and 16.11.2.2.1 (free or reduced-cost services), and a staff interpretation (06/27/90, Item No. a), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - March 15, 2013**Providing Transportation for a Prospect-Aged Sibling During a Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may permit a prospect-aged sibling of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official or unofficial visit.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.5.2.6 (transportation of prospective student-athlete's relatives, friends or legal guardians) and 13.5.3 (transportation on unofficial visit), official interpretations (12/12/12, Item No. a) and (1/10/13, Item No. 1), and a staff interpretation (5/23/11, Item No. a)]

Staff Interpretation - March 15, 2013**Institution Providing Recognition to High School Coach who is an Alumna or Alumnus (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may publicly recognize a special achievement (e.g., retirement, coaching accomplishment) of a high school coach who is an alumna or alumnus of the institution and may provide benefits incidental to recognition of that award (e.g., award, certificate, meal) to the recipient and his or her relatives.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.2.1 (general regulations); 13.4.3.1 (recruiting advertisements); 13.8.1 (entertainment restrictions) and 13.8.2 (material benefits), and a staff interpretation (12/21/05, Item No. a), which has been archived]