### Colonial Athletic Association

### FOOTBALL COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

Delaware \* Hofstra \* James Madison \* Maine \* Massachusetts \* New Hampshire \* Northeastern \* Old Dominion \* Rhode Island \* Richmond \* Towson \* Villanova \* William & Mary



#### RECRUITING CALENDAR

Aug. 1- Aug. 31 ~ Quiet Period

#### **NLI SIGNING PERIOD**

Football (Midyear JC Transfer) Dec. 16, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010

Football (Regular Period) Feb. 3, 2010 - April 1, 2010

#### **NEW BYLAW ALERT**

17.1.6.3.2.1 states that Countable Athletically Related Activities may not be conducted at any time following a football game.



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# RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS -- SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES -- EVENTS ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED BY SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS GOVERNANCE BODIES -- OTHER EVALUATION EVENTS

Proposal 2008-20-A became effective on August 1, 2009. Reference NCAA Bylaws 13.1.8.9.4 and 13.1.8.9.4.1 in the 2009 – 2010 NCAA Division I Manual.

Intent: In football, to specify that live athletics evaluations are permissible at events organized and conducted solely by the applicable state high school athletics association, state preparatory school association or state or national junior college athletics association; further, to specify that institutional staff members shall not attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available.

Rationale: This proposal seeks to permit coaches' attendance at coaching clinics, all-star game practices and competitions that are solely conducted and organized by a state high school athletics association or by a junior college athletics association. In addition, the current limitations on evaluations apply only to live athletics activities. This proposal would preclude attendance at recruiting events (other than the permissible live events) in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight or combine video) related to prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available, but it would not preclude an institution's coach from engaging in other individual evaluation activities (e.g., individually meeting with a high school coach to discuss a prospective student-athlete athletics or academic credentials).

# PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS - FOOTBALL-PRESEASON PRACTICE - LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -REPLACEMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS - FCS

Proposal 2008-52 became effective on April 30, 2009. Reference NCAA Bylaw 17.9.2.1.3.4 in the 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual.

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to specify that a student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution's limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice.

Rationale: Current legislation limits the number of student-athletes who may participate in and receive expenses related to preseason practice activities. In addition, current legislation does not

allow an injured or ill student-athlete to be replaced in the limit on preseason participants. This proposal would permit replacement of a student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice. For the student-athlete to be replaced, he must immediately cease participation in all athletically related activities and may not resume participation in athletically related activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete would not be permitted to return to practice for the remainder of the preseason-practice period; however, football programs that lose student-athletes to injuries or illnesses would be able to maintain a consistent number of preseason practice participants.

## REMINDERS- CAA NONQUALIFER & INTRACONFERENCE FOOTBALL TRANSFER RULES

CAA Article IV, Fundamental Principles 4.01-C states: 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.

CAA Article III, Eligibility, 3.01-C states: Any football student-athlete who transfers from one Conference institution to another is not eligible for athletic financial aid during the year of residency. An appeal of this rule to the Board of Directors for extenuating circumstances may be requested by the Director of Athletics of the institution to which the student-athlete intends to transfer.