

## COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

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## March 2011 Football Recruiting Calendar

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1-31 ~ Quiet Period

### NCAA AMA ONLINE CASE MANAGEMENT System

The AMA Online Case Management System was launched on Monday, February 28. AMA Online Case Management is a centralized case processing system for institutions to submit and manage waiver and reinstatement cases, communications and decisions. All waiver and student-athlete reinstatement requests submitted February 28 and thereafter must be submitted via the AMA Online Case Management System. Any waiver or reinstatement case that is submitted prior to February 28 will continue to be processed via the previous method. Guidelines, policies and procedures for each case type and other helpful documents are located on the Resources tab within the AMA Online Case Management System.

AMA Online Case Management, the new waiver and student-athlete reinstatement processing system, is available behind the Single-Source Sign-On System. Single-Source Administrators may add access to the application prior to its launch. Administrators should expand the application once it has been assigned to be sure individual roles and privileges are selected to provide the user appropriate access levels. The function for "Request a case" will be defaulted to "Yes" if the application is assigned to a user. If there is a user that should be able to view information in AMA Online, but should not be able to initiate a case, the access level should be changed to "No." There is a <u>user guide</u> and <u>tutorial video</u> available to assist users on the Help tab within the Single-Source Sign-On System. Questions relating to the AMA Online Case Management System should be directed to webhelpdesk@ncaa.org.

Click here to read the NCAA News article regarding AMA Online.

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**CAA Reminder:** With the NCAA Tournament starting on March 15, we wanted to take this time to remind all student-athletes, coaches and staff of the NCAA's policy on gambling. The NCAA membership has adopted specific rules prohibiting athletics department staff members and student-athletes from engaging in gambling activities as they relate to intercollegiate or professional sporting events. NCAA member colleges and universities have defined sports wagering as putting something at risk – such as an entry fee - with the opportunity to win something in return. Because of this, student-athletes, coaches and staff may not participate in leagues or pools where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. If you have any questions regarding this material, please do not hesitate to contact the agent, gambling, and amateurism activities staff.

NCAA Agent, Gambling, and Amateurism Activities Staff -317/917-6222

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## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN- - PRESEASON PUBLICIZED OFF-CAMPUS PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

Educational Column: February 22, 2011

NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.6.6.3 an institution may not publicize preseason off-campus practice activities that occur at a site not normally used by the institution for its practices. The legislation is intended to address concerns that publicized off-campus practice activities were being conducted for recruiting purposes (i.e., practice activities were conducted at the educational institutions of prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution). It is not designed to preclude institutions that normally use a single off-campus practice facility from continuing to use such a facility to conduct preseason practice activities. Therefore, an institution that normally conducts preseason practice activities at a single designated off-campus location may publicize the fact that its practices will occur at that site.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of this legislation.

**Question No. 1:** If an institution normally conducts its preseason practice activities at various off-campus sites, may it publicize its practices at these sites?

**Answer:** No. An institution that conducts preseason practice activities at multiple sites each year or at one off-campus site that varies from year to year is not permitted to publicize its practices at those locations. For example, if an institution normally uses the same four sites every year for preseason practices, it is not permissible to publicize the preseason practices at these sites.

**Question No. 2:** May an institution publicize its off-campus practice activities at a site it has never used before, but intends to normally use in subsequent years?

**Answer:** Yes. An institution may designate a new off-campus site it will normally use for preseason practice activities if the institution can demonstrate that it will normally be conducting preseason practice activities at that site in subsequent years (e.g., a multiyear contract).

**Question No. 3:** Is an institution required to conduct all of its preseason practice activities at the designated off-campus site to be permitted to publicize its practice activities at that site?

**Answer:** No. An institution is not required to conduct all of its preseason practice activities at the designated off-campus site to be able to publicize such practices. For example, if an institution normally conducts the first week of its preseason practice activities at an off-campus site and then conducts the remaining preseason practice activities on campus, it is permissible to publicize the practice activities at the off-campus site, provided it is the site the institution normally uses for its preseason practice activities.

**Question No. 4:** May an institution conduct preseason off-campus practice activities at a site not normally used by the institution for its practices if an entity other than the institution (e.g., facility where practices will be conducted) publicizes the activities without the consent or knowledge of the institution?

**Answer:** An institution has an obligation to cancel, relocate or reschedule off-campus preseason practice activities that have been publicized, regardless of the source or scope of the publicity. For example, if the team arrives at the off-campus practice facility and discovers that the activities have been publicized (e.g., fans are in attendance), going through with the practice would constitute a violation.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.6.6.3 (preseason off-campus intrasquad games and practice activities prohibition); staff interpretation (1/12/11, Item No. b)]