



COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

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NOV. 2010 FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR

S	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	S
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					

1-27 ~ Quiet Period*

28-30 ~ Contact Period

*42 Possible Evaluation Days
(Sept., Oct., and Nov.)

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN: LIMIT ON NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES--RESPONSIBILITIES OF NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

October 19, 2010—NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 11.7 any individual who participates in any manner in the coaching of a sport in practice, games or organized activities directly related to that sport must be counted as a coach as stipulated in the limitations for that sport. A strength and conditioning coach does not need to be included in the institution's coaching limitations for a specific sport provided the individual only conducts flexibility, warm up and physical conditioning activities before contests and before or during practices or other organized activities. In addition to maintaining competitive equity, the intent of the coaching limitations is to restrict the actual coaching of student-athletes to those individuals who are identified as coaches.

Managers.

A manager must perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., laundry, equipment, water bottles, running clock at practice) and must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of a degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. Managers may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice and games (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), in addition to traditional managerial functions. It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities. Finally, under no circumstances may a manager provide instruction to student-athletes or participate in countable athletically related activities, (e.g., practice player) other than participation in limited on-court or on-field activities, without being counted in the coaching limitations. In baseball, a manager must forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution at which the individual serves as a manager.

Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.

Noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., administrative assistants, directors of operations, quality control personnel, directors of player development, video coordinators, assistant/associate athletics directors for specific sports), do not have to be included in the institution's coaching limitations, provided they are not identified as coaches and do not engage in any coaching activities, on-court or on-field activities (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), off-campus recruiting activities or scouting of opponents.

For example, if a director of softball operations throws batting practice, then the director of softball operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11 even if no skill instruction is provided. Similarly, if a director of football operations signals plays from the sideline during a game, then the director of football operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11, even if the plays were being signaled at the direction of a member of the coaching staff.



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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN CONTINUED

While noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities are not permitted to be involved in any manner with practice activities, it is permissible for these individuals to observe practice or organized activities without counting toward the coaching limitations. It is also permissible for noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on an institution's bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during an institution's contest, provided these individuals do not engage in any coaching activities. If an institution permits noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on the bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during games, the institution is responsible for ensuring that these individuals are not engaging in any coaching activities. In addition, noncoaching staff members are prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pickup games).

Finally, noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, a noncoaching staff member may not be involved in any activity involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.01.6 (manager), 11.7 (limitations on the number and duties of coaches), 11.7.1.1 (designation of coaching category), 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities), 11.7.1.1.1.1.1 (exception – noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities), 11.7.1.2 (recruiting coordination functions), 11.7.2.1.1 (weight or strength coach), 11.7.3.1.1 (weight or strength coach), 11.7.4.2 (exceptions to number limits) and 11.7.4.2.1 (weight or strength coach); and official interpretation (2/11/93, Item No. 9); and staff interpretations (5/2/07, Item No. 1a) and (11/19/97, Item No. b)]

STAFF INTERPRETATION: OBSERVATION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES ON VIDEO

October 4, 2010—The academic and membership affairs staff reviewed several issues related to the observation of prospective student-athletes on videos and determined the following:

- a. If video that includes prospective student-athletes is delivered to an institutional coaching staff member, or if an institutional coaching staff member accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of prospective student-athletes on such a video at an off-campus site (e.g., the coach's home) is not considered an "off-campus activity" and, thus, is not included in the permissible number of evaluations in the applicable sport.
- b. If an authorized institutional coaching staff member visits a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the evaluation period, the institution is charged with an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes at the educational institution. If, during the visit, the coaching staff member receives video that includes prospective student-athletes, or accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of the video at an off-campus site is not considered an additional evaluation.
- c. If an authorized institutional coaching staff member makes a contact with a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, and, during the visit, receives video that includes prospective student-athletes or accesses video provided by a recruiting or scouting service to which the institution subscribes, the observation of the video at an off-campus site is not considered an evaluation.
- d. If an institutional coaching staff member attends an off-campus recruiting event at which he or she observes video of prospective student-athletes, such observation is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to the applicable regulations related to the evaluation of prospective student-athletes.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.4.1 (evaluation activities during contact period – football), 13.1.7 (limitations on number of evaluations), 13.1.7.1 (visit (without contact) to prospective student-athlete's educational institution), 13.1.7.15 (evaluations/contact at prospective student-athlete's educational institution), 13.1.7.20 (off-campus observation of recruiting or scouting service video), 13.14 (use of recruiting funds), and 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services)]