



# COMPLIANCE INSIDER

Duquesne University  
Department of Athletics  
Office of Compliance

### Upcoming Meetings:

Staff & Coaches Meeting  
Wed., May 13 @ 9:30am

\*All meetings to be held in  
the AJ Palumbo Center  
Team Room.



## RECENTLY ADOPTED LEGISLATION BY THE NCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Proposal # 2008-12:** In the sport of basketball, specifies that during the July evaluation periods, a coach replaced for the purpose of off-campus recruiting activities is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day. **Effective Immediately.**

**Proposal # 2008-13-B:** In individual sports, a student-athlete can now accept prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in an open athletics event (an event that is not invitation only), provided the competition occurs outside the institution's declared playing and practice season during the institution's summer vacation period and the prize money does not exceed actual and necessary expenses and is provided only by the sponsor of the open event. **Effective Immediately.**

**Proposal # 2008-20:** In football, to this proposal specifies that live athletic 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, it specifies that institutional staff members cannot attend a recruiting event in which information (e.g., athletics or academic credentials, highlight video) related to the prospective student-athletes is presented or otherwise made available. **Effective August 1, 2009.**

**Proposal # 2008-43:** An institution may provide fruit, nuts and bagels to student-athletes at any time. **Effective August 1, 2009.**

**Proposal # 2008-25-D:** An institution shall not provide a high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has completed the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center. **Effective August 1, 2010.**

**Proposal # 2008-29:** In sports other

than football and basketball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; further, to specify that an institution may finance medical expenses for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in such workouts. **Effective Immediately.**

**Proposal # 2008-34:** To specify that if a prospective student-athlete with a diagnosed education-impacting disability graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she may use up to three core courses completed after high school graduation to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements, or both. **Effective August 1, 2010.**

## Steps for PSAs to Finalize the NCAA Eligibility Center

PSAs can start receiving final certification of their amateur status beginning April 1st.

Fall '09 enrollees need to request final amateur certification by signing the 10.1 statement on or after April 1, 2009.

Key points to remember with regard to initial eligibility (academics):

- ACT or SAT test scores MUST be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agencies. Test scores on an official high school transcript will no longer be usable for NCAA purposes.

Key points to remember with regard to amateurism and academics:

- All prospects must be certified with the NCAA Eligibility Center for BOTH academic and amateur certification in order to be eligible to compete and arrive for pre-season.
- All prospects must be certified with the NCAA Eligibility Center for academic certification in order to receive athletics aid.

### Upcoming SAT Test Dates:

SAT- June 6th / ACT - June 13th  
NCAA Eligibility Center Code - 9999

- ALL prospects intending to enroll in a NCAA DI institution must complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire.
- PSAs enrolled full time in a DI Institution prior to the fall of '07, do not need to complete the amateurism questions BUT prospects who are transferring from a 2-year institution and have never attended a DI institution full time MUST complete the amateurism questionnaire.
- Prospects can ONLY complete the amateurism certification via the web (ncaaclearinghouse.net).

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## **VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES AND EXCEPTIONS**

What is a “voluntary” activity?

NCAA BYLAW 17.02.13

In order for any athletically related activity to be considered “**voluntary**,” all of the following conditions must be met:

- (a) The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) may report back to the student-athlete’s coach any information related to the activity;
- (b) The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletics department staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities (e.g., times when the strength and conditioning coach will

be on duty in the weight room or on the track). In addition, for students who have initiated a request to engage in voluntary activities, the institution or an athletics department staff member may assign specific times for student-athletes to use institutional facilities for such purposes and inform the student-athletes of the time in advance;

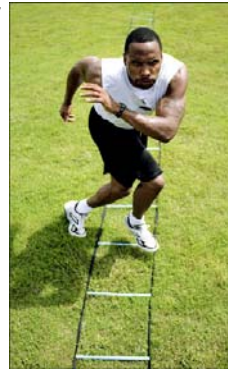
- (c) The student-athlete’s attendance and participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purpose of reporting such information to coaching staff members or other student-athletes; and
- (d) The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity. In addition, neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may provide recognition or incentives (e.g., awards) to a student-athlete based on his or her attendance or performance in the activity.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

**SUMMER INDIVIDUAL WORKOUT SESSIONS**  
(DU teams that this exception applies to: *cross*

*country/track & field, golf, swimming, tennis and wrestling)*

A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. This also applies to incoming prospective student athletes (including transfers) that have signed an NLI and/or are receiving aid for summer school.



**SAFETY EXCEPTION**

(DU teams that this exception applies to: *rowing, swimming, track & field and wrestling)*

A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution’s regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaging in sport-related activities and/or utilizing sport-related equipment. The coach may provide safety and skill instruction, but cannot conduct the individual’s workout. This also applies during the summer to incoming prospective student-athletes (including transfers) that have signed a NLI and/or are receiving aid for summer school.

### **NCAA Celebrates APR Successes: Duquesne Teams Recognized**

The NCAA is honoring 767 Division I sports teams that earned multi-year APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports, about 11.8 percent of all 6,484 Division I teams (last year, 11.4 percent were recognized).

Included in the list are both Division I men’s and women’s basketball champions (North Carolina and Connecticut, respectively).

Of 381 schools that sponsor at least one sport at the Division I level, 211 had a team in the top 10 percent for APR. ***Duquesne University is honorably recognized for both men’s swimming and women’s indoor track and field for this accomplishment.***

The most recent APR scores are multi-year rates based on the scores from the 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 academic years. The public-recognition awards are part of the overall Division I academic-reform effort. This list includes 319 men’s teams and 448 women’s teams.

For the third consecutive year, Yale had the most teams (28) recognized, followed by Dartmouth (21) and Brown (21). By conference, the Ivy Group had 144 teams honored, followed by the Patriot League (85) and the Big East (60). The A-10 Conference compiled a total of 51 teams.

## INSTITUTIONAL NOTE CARDS - Q & A



A rule that became effective on August 1, 2007, regulated institutional note cards that are provided to prospective student-athletes may not exceed 8-1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full. In addition, such cards may contain only the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on the outside and may not include any preprinted information on the inside of the note card. The following are some common questions about this topic:

Q: Is it permissible to include multiple logos on the outside of the note card?

A: NO. Each card may only include the institution's name and either a single institutional logo OR a single athletics logo.

Q: Is it permissible to use a sport-specific logo and have sport-specific note cards?

A: YES. These logos do not have to be registered trademarks, but an institution must be able to demonstrate that what is printed on the note card is an official logo for that sport (e.g., logo is used on other materials and/or merchandise).

Q: Is it permissible to use color ink, foil ink and/or embossing on the outside of the card?

A: YES. The legislation limits the type of information that may be included on the outside of the card, but not the printing mechanism or technique used to present the information. Institutions should note that a note card may include a solid color border around the outside edge; however, the border may not include pictures of any items (e.g., golf balls, basketballs).

Q: Is it permissible to use color paper or color stock for the note card?

A: YES. The legislation limits the total size of the note card, but not the color or type of paper that is used to make the note card.

Q: How does the legislation apply to cards that are not rectangular in shape?

A: The legislation does not limit the shape of the note card. However, regardless of the shape of an institutional note card, when opened in full, it must fit within the area of a rectangle that measures 8-1/2 by 11 inches.

Q: What would constitute "preprinted information"?

A: The inside of note cards must be blank when received from the publisher or printer that produces the card. Only handwritten information may be added to the inside of the note card. Also, attaching business cards to the note card is not permissible.

## COMPLIANCE HOT SEAT

### FANS RECRUITING THROUGH FACEBOOK HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE NCAA VIOLATIONS

Support of college athletics on Facebook could land colleges and universities in big trouble with the NCAA.

Fans of N.C. State, Duke and North Carolina have set up pages on the social networking site asking John Wall, a Raleigh high school basketball star, to play for their schools.

N.C. State recently sent a cease-and-desist letter to N.C. State freshman Taylor Moseley to shut down the 700-member group "John Wall, PLEASE Come to N.C. State" after determining it violated NCAA recruiting rules.

"The NCAA wants to control as much as possible and make reasonable for the high school prospect the whole recruiting process," said David Glenn, owner and editor of the ACC Sports Journal.

Under NCAA rules, fans are not allowed to recruit players. The NCAA says such sites are a high-tech way to try to influence the college choice of a recruit.

"That's always been illegal," Glenn said. "What has changed is now the schools and the NCAA have Facebook sites where they can see there is a potential violation."

Nick Stevens, an N.C. State student and sports blogger for WRAL-SportsFan.com, said the NCAA should not penalize fans for speaking their mind.

"I just think it is impossible to police, and I don't think students are directly involved with the athletic program, and I don't know how that can be a recruiting violation," Stevens said.

Although Glenn believes the pages are recruiting violations, he admits schools probably don't have to worry about most of the sites.

"Nobody is going to get thrown in NCAA jail because of somebody's Facebook page," Glenn said.

Wall, a 6-4 playmaker, averaged 21 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for Raleigh Word of God this past season. He is the No. 1-ranked recruit in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com, and among the last top players yet to commit.

A Facebook search Monday afternoon turned up other groups, including "Bring John Wall to Kentucky!" and "John Wall, come to DUKE!!"

There are at least four groups encouraging Wall to pick Kentucky. Through an athletic department spokesman, UK head of compliance Sandy Bell declined to comment on whether the department has taken any action in response to such groups.

N.C. State athletics officials declined to comment about the issue Monday.

The group that it wanted shut down has been renamed "Bring a National Title back to NC STATE!" and features a photo of Wall.

Dozens of other Facebook pages, however, are still up for current recruits, including Wall, and other top undecided basketball players.

"The name of this group has been changed to comply with a request in regards to NCAA regulations," the page stated.



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## May Recruiting Calendar

**Football** - EVALUATION: May 1-31 (Quiet period for non-recruiting days)

**Men's Basketball** - QUIET: May 1-20, 31 DEAD: May 21-30

**Women's Basketball** - QUIET: May 1-31

**Cross Country/Track** - CONTACT: May 1-31

**Baseball** - CONTACT: May 1-31

**Women's Volleyball** - QUIET: May 1-22, CONTACT 23-30

**Women's Lacrosse** - CONTACT: May 1-21; 25-31, DEAD: May 22-24



## GOT COMPLIANCE?

Have a question about NCAA rules?  
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"Inside Athletics", click on NCAA Compliance.

## Recruiting Reminders For NLI Signees

Most of our sports teams are still receiving official commitments from their recruits during this time of the year. Remember, a PSA remains a PSA until he or she officially registers and enrolls in 12 hours and attends class during a regular term (e.g., Fall) at Duquesne; or participates in a regular squad practice or competition that occurs before the beginning of any term; or officially registers and enrolls and attends class during the summer prior to initial enrollment and receives institutional athletics aid.

Also, please remember the following:

**Contacts:** no limit on the number of contacts with the prospect or his/her parents/legal guardians once he or she signs an NLI but other rules (e.g., no contact during the dead period, no contact at events) still apply so refer to Bylaws 13.1.6.8 and 13.1.6.8.1 [women's basketball prospects who are not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., 4-year transfer) must have signed an offer of admissions and/or financial aid agreement].

**Evaluations:** no limit on the number of evaluations of the prospect once he or she signs an NLI.

**Telephone calls:** no limit on the number of calls to the prospect or his/her parents/legal guardian beginning the day after he or she has signed an NLI OR for a prospect who has signed an offer of admissions and/or financial aid agreement who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., 4-year transfer).

## DUKES COMPLIANCE TRIVIA

Answer the following question related directly to Bylaws found in the 2008-09 NCAA Division I Manual. The first DU Athletics staff member to **email the correct answer with the relevant Bylaw cited to Lindsay (busseyl@duq.edu)** in the Compliance Office wins a gift card to Barnes & Nobles. The winner will be announced in the next edition of the Weekly DU Compliance Item.

Which of the following is NOT a permissible action of a representative of an institution's interests (i.e., booster)?

- Notifying coaches of prospects in the area that may be strong additions to the team.
- Entertaining high school, prep school or community college coaches.
- Inviting student-athletes into their homes for an occasional or special occasion meal on an infrequent basis.