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Duquesne Hosts Speaker on Gambling

With March Madness upon us the Athletic Department is bringing an influential ex-mafia member in to speak to student-athletes about the repercussions of gambling. Once considered "The Prince of the Mafia" for his money earning capabilities, Michael Franzese will speak to our athletes, and anyone seeking inspiration to change their lives, about his life and the problems associated with sports and gambling.

Gambling and March Madness

With Selection Sunday only days away we will take the time to remind everyone while this tournament provides many fun, memorable moments it also can be a nervous time for every university throughout the country. One reason- gambling. Just remember the trouble the University of Washington went through with former coach Rick Neuheisel and his betting on the NCAA Tournament back in 2003. The university just finished its probation period last month- a full three and a half years after the infraction.

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10.02.1 Sports Wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

10.02.2 Wager. A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.



Watch Out 4 This

Bylaw 13.1.8.8

The membership services staff confirmed that during the March contact period, evaluations at sites other than the prospective student-athlete's educational institution are prohibited in men's basketball. Live (in-person, at the event) evaluations at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices and regular scholastic activities involving Bylaw 13.1.8.8-(a).

Hosting, Sponsoring, Conducting, Evaluating Events

a. In football, it is not permissible for coaches to attend any portion of a scholastic or nonscholastic event that includes activities devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes regardless of whether or not the coach observes the portion of the event devoted to such activities.

b. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct any portion of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes conducted at a separate location in any sport.

Mandatory Medical Examinations

NCAA Division I institutions should note that effective May 1, 2007, in all sports, prospective student-athletes and student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to initial participation or competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, returning student-athletes are required to have an updated medical history completed each year. In football and basketball, all prospective student-athletes who will be first time participants are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to participation in voluntary summer weight training or conditioning activities. Further, in sports in which the safety exception is applicable, prospective student-athletes who will be first-time participants are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to participation in any voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception. In all cases, the medical examination/evaluation or updated medical history must be administered within six months prior to the individual's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. For example, in swimming, if an incoming transfer student-athlete wants to participate in a voluntary individual workout pursuant to the safety exception May 10, 2007, the prospective student-athlete is required to have had a medical examination/evaluation administered or supervised by a physician on or after November 10, 2006. Similarly, if a returning student-athlete in women's soccer reports for preseason practice August 10, 2007, the student-athlete is required to have had an updated medical history administered on or after February 10.



Around the World of Compliance

Baseball and APR

Many people understand, or at least know about, the academic reputations surrounding college football and basketball players. However, it's college baseball players' classroom performance that is coming under fire from the NCAA these days- so much so that the NCAA considered cutting the season short last year to address the problem. Instead, the NCAA opted to form a 26-person advisory committee to discuss and figure out ways to combat baseball players' academic progress rate (APR). This committee is expected to report back to the NCAA some time next month. Baseball players' APR is on pace with football and basketball players but the APR of baseball players drops much more sharply in college. Reasons for this include but are not limited to- entering college with higher GPAs and test scores yet transferring more often, leaving school earlier, and being less likely to finish with a degree than athletes in other sports.

-Courtesy of the Sporting News

McNeese State Sanctioned By NCAA

McNeese State men's basketball team and men's and women's track and field programs were penalized last month for major NCAA rules violations. The track and field violations, which occurred from 1999-2003, involved an ineligible female athlete, improper benefits to athletes, and unethical conduct by the coach. Men's basketball violations, which were investigated in 2003, included academic fraud, impermissible lodging and transportation benefits, official visit violations, and unethical conduct by an assistant coach. McNeese, who self reported the incidents, recommended a loss of scholarships and decreases in recruiting activities, vacating all women's track and field and cross country awards during the '99-'00 through 2003-'04 and a two year probation. In addition, the NCAA levied two additional sanctions: a loss of two women's track scholarships for 2007-'08 and '08-'09 and extended the probation to February 2009. The school must also comply with additional training for coaches and employees that work with athletes, additional progress reports, and documentation of the university's compliance with the penalties.

USC Looks Into Possible Violation

In wake of comments made by star recruit Joe McKnight, the university's compliance officials are investigating whether or not an NCAA recruiting violation occurred during the school's pursuit of the star prize recruit. During a news conference on National Signing Day, McKnight told reporters he was put at ease about USC when he listened to a phone conversation between Coach Carroll and Bush. Bylaw 13.1.3.5.1 states "Reps of an institution's athletics interests are prohibited from making telephonic communications with a PSA or the PSA's relatives or legal guardians. This is a wait and see situation.



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March Compliance Quiz

1. A member institution may not host, sponsor, or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospects at any location.

- A. True
- B. False

2. Which of the following are exceptions to the tryout rule?

- A. Agility camps
- B. Local sports clubs and institutional camps/clinics
- C. Tryout camps
- D. None of the above

Answers for the February quiz: 1. True, 2. False

Recruiting Calendar

Football

Mar 1-31 Quiet

Mens BB

Mar 1-28 Eval
29-31 Dead

Women's BB

Mar 1-29 Cont
30-31 Dead

Baseball

Mar 1-31 Cont/Eval

Volleyball

Mar 1-31 Cont/Eval

Lacrosse

Mar 1-31 Cont/Eval

Contact period - permissible for authorized athletic department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Dead period - not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on- or off-campus or permit official or unofficial visits.

Evaluation period - permissible for authorized athletics department staff to be involved in off-campus activities to assess academic qualifications and playing abilities. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect are permitted.

Quiet period - permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus.

