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## NCAA CONVENTION NEWS: THE VOTES ARE IN...

In the dead of winter, many from this region plan timely excursions to more tropical destinations. Whether it's an island in the Caribbean or a beach on the west coast, sometimes you just want to get away from the chill of this climate. But from an NCAA compliance standpoint, things were heatin' up this past January in of all places, Indianapolis, Indiana. The NCAA's annual Convention took center stage in the city dubbed as the "Crossroads of America" and kicked-off the celebration of the Association's 100th year.

As a backdrop to the festivities, there was also some business to attend to - - voting on proposed rules legislation. In the spotlight was a proposal that was initially approved by the membership last April (2005), but for the first time in the history of the legislative process an approved rule was facing the likelihood of being overturned. Proposal #2004-21 sought to increase the scholarship/equivalency maximum limits in four women's sports - - soccer (12 to 14), gymnastics (12 to 14), volleyball (12 to 13) and track and field (18 to 20).

The initial approval of these increases was met with overwhelming resistance from NCAA schools and the Convention's legislative session would prove to be the final showdown where each institution could vote on "overriding" this new initiative. In order for the override vote to be upheld for each sport, resulting in a defeat of the passed legislation, a five-eighths (62.5%) majority of all Division I institutions was needed. The final tabulations were close, but in the end only one sport, women's soccer, survived and will see its equivalency maximum raised to 14.0 starting with the 2006-07 academic year.

The weekend's fun didn't stop there, as over 150 new proposals were considered by the Management Council and Board of Directors. Here are the highlights from some of the 97 new and ammended rules that were supported:

### LEGISLATION ADOPTED WITH AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

#### •Proposal #2005-75 - Recruiting Contacts & Evaluations with Juniors

In sports other than basketball and football, specifies that in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts (**in April**) shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) before July 1 following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school; further, eliminates the telephone call (**in March**) to a prospective student-athlete during his or her junior year in high school.

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## PROPOSAL 2 WATCH 4: #2005-131-B: OUT OF SEASON ACTIVITIES-NUMBER OF ATHLETES

In sports other than football, this new rule change, which was sponsored by the Big Ten Conference, would permit more than four student-athletes to engage in skill-related instruction outside of the playing season with their coach(es) at any one time. It would also specify that all athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period, through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams. Current legislation allows an unlimited number of basketball student-athletes to be involved in skill-related instruction out of season. To give you some background, this proposal was initially approved by the NCAA Division I Management Council in January, but it will be considered again by the NCAA membership and possibly voted on again in late-April.

•**Proposal # 2005-78 (Recruiting – Transportation to Enroll)**

Permits an institution to transport a prospective student-athlete from the nearest airport, bus or train station to the institution's campus for initial enrollment in the institution's summer term, provided he or she has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the summer term.

•**Proposal No. 2005-73 (Recruiting – Tryouts – Nonscholastic-Based Basketball)**

In the sport of basketball, permits a member of an institution's coaching staff or an institutional staff member with basketball specific duties, to participate in coaching activities with nonscholastic-based basketball teams of the opposite gender than the team the staff member is associated with at the institution *and that include the child of the staff member*.

•**Proposal No. 2005-172 (Recruiting – Admissions and Graduation Data – Disclosure Report)**

Requires an institution to provide prospects' parents or legal guardians with information contained in its APR and GSR disclosure reports.

**LEGISLATION ADOPTED WITH AN AUGUST 1, 2006 EFFECTIVE DATE**

•**Proposal No. 2005-37 (Amateurism – Validity of Amateur Status – Prospective or Transfer Student-Athlete)**

Requires NCAA certification of amateur status of any prospective student-athlete (including two- and four-year transfers) initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution. *(For final certification for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I institution on or after August 1, 2007)*

•**Proposal No. 2005-70 (Recruiting – Tryouts – Local Sports Club)**

Permits prospective student-athletes, who reside outside the 50-mile radius, to participate in a local sports club provided the institution documents that the club is the closest opportunity for the prospective student-athlete to participate in the sport.

•**Proposal No. 2005-72 (Recruiting – Tryouts – Competition Against Prospects)**

Prohibits an institution from competing against an established outside (i.e., club) team in any sport that includes high-school prospects, except for permissible foreign tour competition, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States, and the United States national team.

•**Proposal No. 2005-93 (Recruiting – Restrictions at Nonscholastic Events During the April Contact Period – MEN'S BASKETBALL)**

In men's basketball, prohibits communication with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardians, the prospect's coach or any individual associated with the prospect, as a result of the prospect's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, during the April contact period when a prospect is participating in a nonscholastic event; further, permits institutional staff members to telephone a prospective student-athlete's high-school coaches while the prospect is participating at nonscholastic events during the April contact period.

•**Proposal No. 205-151 (Recruiting – Limitations on Evaluations – Spring Evaluation Period – Divisions I-A and I-AA FOOTBALL)**

In football, prohibits coaches from evaluating at specified events during the spring evaluation period; further would prohibit an institution from hosting events devoted to testing the agility, flexibility, speed, and strength of prospective football student-athletes.

•**Proposal No. 2005-155 (Recruiting – Tryout – Host Institution)**

Prohibits an institution from hosting or sponsoring a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine event at any location.

•**Proposal No. 2005-50 (Eligibility – Progress Toward Degree – Certification of GPA Requirement – Transfer Student-Athletes)**

Requires a transfer student-athlete to satisfy the applicable GPA requirement at the end of their first full-time term in residence at the new institution.

•**Proposal No. 2005-82 (Eligibility – Transfers – One-Time Transfer Exception – Student-Athlete Not Recruited By Original Institution)**

In all sports, allows a student-athlete who was not recruited by the original four-year institution, and who has never received institutional athletically related financial aid, to use the one-time transfer exception.

•**Proposal No. 2005-134 (Playing And Practice Seasons — Spring Practice Period — Divisions I-A And I-AA FOOTBALL)**

For spring football practice, would increase from 29 to 34 consecutive calendar days in which the permissible 15 practice sessions may occur.

**LEGISLATION ADOPTED WITH AN AUGUST 1, 2007 EFFECTIVE DATE**

•**Proposal No. 2005-171 (Eligibility – Four-Year College Transfers – Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid)**

Requires a transfer student-athlete from a four-year institution to have been academically eligible for competition for the next regular academic term at the previous four-year institution in order to be eligible to receive institutional athletically related financial aid during his or her first academic year at the new institution.

**\*\*\*For a complete, updated listing of all the newly adopted legislation, please log-on to the DU COMPLIANCE WEB SITE at [www.GoDuquesne.com](http://www.GoDuquesne.com) (click-on the "NCAA Compliance" and "DU Coaches" links), or call the Compliance Office at (412) 396-4917.\*\*\***



# OUTSIDE THE MANUAL: RECENT NCAA RULES INTERPRETATIONS

## EVALUATIONS, FINANCIAL AID, TRANSFERS AND TELEPHONE CALLS

### Coach observing multiple competitions in same facility

An institution's coaching staff member who is attending an event in which multiple competitions are occurring at the same time in the same facility is charged with an evaluation of each prospect participating in the event that the coach observes for evaluation purposes (i.e., the coach is assessing the prospect's athletics ability). For example, if three volleyball competitions are occurring simultaneously in the same facility and a coach is observing the competition occurring only on one court, the coach is charged with an evaluation of all prospects participating on that court, even though prospects participating on the other courts in the same facility are all within view.

### Issuing a financial aid agreement for summer only does not trigger recruited status

The issuance of an institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to initial full-time enrollment does not, in and of itself, cause the prospect to become "recruited" by definition.

### Eligibility of transfer student-athlete for competition in year of transfer

If the institution from which a student-athlete transfers at midyear declares separate nonchampionship and championship segments of its playing and practice season (e.g., wrestling), a student-athlete may compete during the nonchampionship segment for such an institution and during the championship segment for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the applicable transfer and progress-toward-degree eligibility requirements are satisfied.

### Telephone calls to prospects after the limit on calls during a particular time period is reached

Once an institution has made a countable telephone call to a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) that results in the limit on calls for the particular time period being reached (e.g., one per month, one per week, two per week), the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the second call (e.g., voicemail message).

## COMPLIANCE DID YOU KNOW??

### AMATEURISM CLEARINGHOUSE

The NCAA is formulating a new clearinghouse initiative that will certify both international and domestic prospects and transfers beginning with the incoming class of 2007. Though officials continue to describe it as "a work in progress," this much is known:

- Prospects and transfers will complete an online questionnaire about their athletics history as it relates to contracts, salaries and other issues that could affect their amateur status.
- If the responses do not reflect amateurism issues, a certification decision automatically will be generated.
- If the responses reflect potential issues, the NCAA amateurism staff will review the case and issue a certification decision.
- If the prospect has been identified as an elite athlete (for example, an all-American or selected for international competition), the NCAA staff automatically will review the information provided.

## COMPLIANCE HOT SEAT:

### CAN A BOOSTER EMPLOYEE A PROSPECT?

It is permissible for a prospective student-athlete, regardless of recruited or athletics award winner status, to be employed by a representative of the institution's athletics interests (booster).

The employment would not be considered an improper recruiting inducement, provided the institutions does not arrange the employment, the opportunity for employment is available on an equal basis to all applicants who qualify for the position and the prospect is paid only for work performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services.

However, boosters are not permitted to provide any of the following to a prospective student-athlete:

- An employment arrangement for a prospect's relative
- Gift of clothing or equipment
- Cash or tangible items, including merchandise
- Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases

## SIGNING DATES FOR THE 2006-2007 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

### SPORT

Basketball (Regular Period)  
Soccer  
Football  
All Other Sports (Regular Period)

### INITIAL SIGNING DATE

April 12, 2006  
February 1, 2006  
February 1, 2006  
April 12, 2006

### FINAL SIGNING DATE

May 17, 2006  
August 1, 2006  
April 1, 2006  
August 1, 2006



# FEBRUARY 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			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				



## JANUARY/FEBRUARY COMPLIANCE QUIZ

Answer the following questions related directly to Bylaws found in the 2005-06 NCAA Division I Manual. The first DU Athletics staff member to e-mail the correct answers to the Compliance Office ([christensen@duq.edu](mailto:christensen@duq.edu)) wins a prize from the **Duquesne University Bookstore**.

### TOPIC = RECRUITING MATERIALS

Which of the following **Printed Recruiting Materials** are permissible to send/mail to a prospective student-athlete on or after September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school (men's basketball - June 15 at the conclusion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school):

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|---|---------------------------------|
| A. Media Guide                            | H. Questionnaire                |
| B. Camp Brochure                          | I. A Letter on Blue Paper       |
| C. Game Program (with a Poster insert)    | J. Business Card                |
| D. Game Program (without a Poster insert) | K. NCAA Clearinghouse Brochure  |
| E. Birthday Card                          | L. NCAA Championship Poster     |
| F. DU Admissions CD-ROM                   | M. Pre-/Post-season Media Guide |
| G. Photocopies of Newspaper Clippings     | N. Institutional Notecard       |

\*December's Compliance Quiz Answers:  
1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-F

### DECEMBER'S COMPLIANCE QUIZ WINNER:

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## FEBRUARY DIVISION I RECRUITING CALENDARS

<u>Baseball</u> Feb. 1 - 28	Quiet
<u>Men's Basketball</u> Feb. 1 - 28	Evaluation
<u>Women's Basketball</u> Feb. 1 - 28	Evaluation
<u>Football</u> Jan. 30 - 2 Feb. 3 - 28	Dead Quiet
<u>Women's Volleyball</u> Feb. 1 - 28	Contact/Eval.
<u>Women's Lacrosse</u> Feb. 1 - 28	Contact/Eval.
<u>Soccer</u> Jan. 30 - Feb. 2	Dead

**Contact Period** - permissible to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

**Evaluation Period** - permissible to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospect during an evaluation period.

**Quiet Period** - permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

**Dead Period** - not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospects to the institution's campus.

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