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Recruiting Calendars November 2009

Baseball

Nov. 1-8 Contact Period
Nov. 9-12 Dead Period
Nov. 13-30 Quiet Period

Men & Women's Basketball
Evaluation Period except:
Nov. 9-12 Dead Period

Cross Country/Track
Contact Period except:
November 23 Dead Period

Softball
Contact Period except:
Nov. 9-12 Dead Period
Nov. 26-30 Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball*
Contact Period Except:
Nov. 9-12 Dead Period

Other Sports:
Dead Period Nov. 9-12

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Compliance Newsletter

November 2009

Sports-wagering study shows progress in education

NCAA News - An NCAA study released Nov. 13, indicates progress in educating student-athletes on dangers of sports wagering, but also points to areas where additional efforts are needed.

The Association's second national study on sports-wagering behaviors finds that Division I student-athletes targeted by educational efforts since the first study in 2004 demonstrate more familiarity with NCAA rules that ban gambling on sports, and that most believe education discourages wagering by student-athletes.

The study, which also measures changes in and the prevalence of sports-wagering activities among student-athletes, educational efforts - notably, Division I men's basketball players. However, the survey also indicates increases among male student athletes in "social levels" of wagering on sports, in violation of NCAA rules. The survey points to areas where increased educational efforts likely are needed, such as men's golf.

"The research is another indicator that no campus is immune to sports-wagering issues, and

every school needs to be diligent in its efforts to educate student-athletes and the entire campus to the dangers of sports wagering," said Rachel Newman Baker, NCAA director of agent, gambling and amateurism activities.

Among noteworthy findings pointing to changes in wagering behaviors, the study indicates:

1. A decrease in frequent (once a month or more) sports wagering by Division I men's basketball student-athletes, from 6.1% in 2004 to 4.5% currently.

2. A decrease in wagering-related behaviors among Division I men's basketball and football players, such as intentionally sharing information about their teams with outsiders.

Probing the impact of education on sports wagering, the study indicates:

D-I student-athletes, who were the target of the NCAA's most intensive educational efforts, were more likely to report familiarity with NCAA rules than was true in 2004, and generally demonstrated a reduction in sports-wagering behaviors.

For more information, visit www.NCAA.org.

NCAA Recruiting Changes

Indianapolis - The NCAA has approved new rules on basketball recruiting intended to restrict money being funneled to third parties.

The governing body wants to limit access by coaches from outside the NCAA who run camps and try to enlist players.

Effective immediately, coaches will no longer be allowed to employ a person associated with a prospective student-athlete at a camp or clinic, make payments to nonprofit organizations that a person associated with a prospect has either a proprietary or financial interest in, or use 1-900 telephone numbers for recruiting purposes.

Coaches found in violation of any of the rules could be suspended from coaching regular-season or NCAA tournament games. The rest of the package, which includes legislation aimed at stopping so-called package deals, will be spon-

sored by the board of directors. Member institutions will be solicited for feedback, with a vote on changes expected in April.

"I do think it will pass," Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said. "It has the unanimous support of all the commissioners and as commissioners, we represent what at least the majority of membership is feeling. We wouldn't support this so strongly if we didn't feel like it was something our members wanted. There's been so much concern about the culture of men's basketball and the unsavory influences. There are so many coaches who want to do the right thing but feel pressured to deal with these outside people. This helps put a stop to that."

Entertainment During Road Trips & Home Contests

It is permissible for a sport to purchase tickets to a Pacers basketball game as entertainment for the team in conjunction with an away-from-home contest at IUPUI.

Under NCAA Bylaw 16.7.1, institutions may pay the costs for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in conjunction with an away-from-home contest. In this case, it would be permissible to provide such expenses within a 100-mile radius of IUPUI's practice or competition site. Under Bylaw 16.7.1.1 student-athletes can only receive admissions to professional sporting

events if the tickets are provided by the institution for entertainment at an away-from-home contest.

Please note that while you can purchase tickets, coaches should accompany student-athletes to the event for admission. You should NOT provide hard tickets to student-athletes since the tickets could potentially be sold, resulting in an extra benefit violation. Additionally, it is important to make sure that the seating is reasonable, so tickets should be for general seating (not club or box seats). For additional guidance on what the institution views as reasonable, please contact the athletic compliance office.

In addition, according to Bylaw 16.7.2 IPFW may rent a film or movie, provide pay-per-view movies in student-athletes' hotel rooms or take its intercollegiate team to the movies the night before a home contest without the film or movie being considered an extra benefit. Also, an institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus or practice site during vacation periods when the team is required to reside on campus and classes are not in session.

Thanksgiving and Holiday Planning

As is usual, CARA logs and countable activities will go into slumber for a little while as IPFW is on official vacation periods.

There are however, some rules which still need to be followed during these times. First, in order to require your respective team to stay here during the Thanksgiving and/or Winter break, your team must be within the "in-season" designation of your Playing and Practice season. That will eliminate some teams.

Those who are still in-season must declare each vacation day as a required, scheduled practice day in order to be able to coach their athletes as well as cover necessary expenses for athletes remaining on campus. No coaching is permissible for individuals staying on campus voluntarily and no expenses can be paid either per Bylaws 16.5 and 17.



Compliance Quiz

October's Wordy Gurdy Answers:

1. More intelligent first stringer (Smarter Starter)
2. A wise enrolled one (Prudent Student)
3. Simmer sideline stroller (Poach Coach)
4. Educational plague (Academic Epidemic)
5. All the rage bylaw (Cool Rule)
6. Greet a prospective student-athlete (Salute Recruit)
7. Nonprofessional antagonist (Amateur Saboteur)
8. More gloomy letter of appeal (Graver Waiver)
9. Disobedience of conformity (Compliance Defiance)
10. Countable Athletically Related Activities possession of local outfitter's paisley products (CARA's Veras)

November's Compliance Quiz

Prospective student-athlete 'Service Ace' is a highly touted men's volleyball recruit who is taking an official visit to IPFW during a women's basketball game at the Gates Sports Center. Several individuals in the student section are wearing t-shirts that read "ipfw mACEtodons" in an effort to attract the PSA to the institution. What is the problem with this scenario? Find out the answer to November's Compliance Quiz in the December issue of the 'Dons Defender.

Featured Compliance Question:

What are permissible functions and uses of popular online social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter by coaches and administrators in regard to recruiting?

In today's society, news and communication are more instant than 'instant' coffee. We find ourselves checking our computers, PDA's, and smart phones for updates regarding people's Facebook statuses, Tweets, blogs, and emails. When is it all too much? The days of only communicating via telephone and email are quickly far behind us. That said, what are the current policies regarding recruiting prospective student-athletes with the assistance of social networking web sites?

In an NCAA education column published October 9, 2009, social networking web sites are outlined and subsequent restrictions are detailed.

NCAA D-I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.2, an institution may send electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete in sports other than men's basketball and men's ice hockey beginning September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. In men's basketball and men's ice hockey, an institution may send electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete beginning June 15 at the conclusion of a prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school. Further, electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete is limited to electronic mail (e-mail) and facsimiles until after the calendar day on which a prospective student athlete signs a valid NLI. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited.

Institutions should take note that e-mail is not limited to a traditional e-mail service provided by an institution, Web site or Internet service provider. Therefore, it is permissible for an athletics department staff member to send electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete using a social networking Web site's (e.g., MySpace, Facebook) e-mail feature. All other electronically transmitted correspondence including, but not limited to, text messaging, Instant Messenger, chat rooms or message boards (e.g., a user's wall) within a social networking Web site or through other services or applications remain impermissible.

For example, a coaching staff member with a MySpace or Facebook account may send electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete's MySpace or Facebook account using the e-mail inbox feature located on that user's profile page. However, a coaching staff member may not send electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete via the comments feature on MySpace or the wall-to-wall feature on Facebook.

Accordingly, although it is permissible for a prospective student-athlete's name and/or picture to appear on an athletics department staff member's profile page of a social networking Web site to identify the prospective student-athlete as a "friend" of the athletics department staff member, staff members may not initiate or accept such requests until such time that it is permissible to send electronically transmitted correspondence to a prospective student-athlete. Institutions should

note that the identification of the prospective student-athlete as a "friend" on an athletics staff members profile page confirms only the institution's potential recruitment of that individual. However, institutions are reminded they may not make any public comments about the prospective student-athlete's ability, the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team or the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete's signing with that institution.

Likewise, there has been some discussion recently at the national level regarding the "friending" process between coaches and prospects, and whether that process can occur prior to the first date that a coach is permitted to e-mail a prospect (September 1st of the prospect's junior year in sports other than men's basketball; the preceding June 15th in men's basketball).

The main issue is that when a coach asks a prospect to be a "friend," or accepts a friend request from a prospect, an automatic and editable e-mail is sent to the prospect. The NCAA has recently taken the position that this automatic and editable e-mail should be treated like any other e-mail, and therefore should not be sent prior to the first permissible date to e-mail a prospect. Since the e-mail is an automatic part of the "friending" process, the result is that no "friending" between a coach and a prospect can occur prior to the first permissible date to e-mail that prospect.

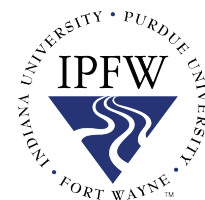
The immediacy and intimacy of Twitter on the other hand has made it a very useful and popular recruiting tool, but some tweets have resulted in violations, prompting the NCAA to lay out its current rules for using the internet medium.

Division I and II rules currently allow coaches to contact prospects through the direct-message function on Twitter, subject to the same rules applicable to email communication with recruits. However, publicly mentioning a recruit's name or sending an "@reply" message via Twitter are both considered NCAA rules violations. Coaches can "follow" recruits on Twitter—and vice versa—so long as the @reply function is not used. Any direct messages sent through Twitter must conform to the contact-period legislation for each NCAA sport.

The issue of social networking is still under discussion within the membership, and the Division I Recruiting Cabinet has identified the issue as a priority for the coming months. The membership will continue to discuss the issue with a focus on limiting the amount of intrusion in the lives of recruits and maintaining equitable competition among member institutions.

Source: NCAA education column published 10/9/09 & NCAA News "Twitter moves to front of athletics communication," Hosick, M. 6/4/2009.

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Did you know?

An institution may provide four complimentary admissions to a student-athlete in the sport they participate for each home game.

1. When taking recruiting trips, it is imperative that you complete a request to travel form (located on the athletic forms website) and submit it to the compliance office. After being approved, the form must be given to Tim Heffron who signs off and forwards the form to Bev Saalfrank. Bev then fulfills any monetary need you may have.
2. In regards to all prospective student-athletes coming to IPFW for an official visit, you must turn in an official visit record, most recent transcript, and test scores (if applicable). In addition, all prospects must be fully registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
3. Lastly, please provide the names and Clearinghouse IDs of any walk-on student-athletes joining IPFW teams during the 2009-10 academic year to the compliance office.

2009-2010 ACT/SAT Test Dates

ACT	September 12, 2009	SAT	October 10, 2009
	October 24, 2009		November 7, 2009
	December 12, 2009		December 5, 2009
	February 6, 2010		January 23, 2010
	April 10, 2010		March 13, 2010
	June 12, 2010		May 1, 2010
			June 5, 2010

2009-2010 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL	Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Recess	SPRING	Jan. 11, Classes Begin
	Dec. 14-20, Finals Week		Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
			Mar. 8-14, Spring Recess
			May 3-9, Finals Week

DON'S DEFENDER OF THE MONTH



For the month of November, the Don's Defender of the Month Award goes to Sports Information Director **Rudy Yovich** for verifying the proper use of student-athletes' photographs in institutional publications.

August's Defender: Men's Baseball Staff

September's Defender: Robert Barrett and Jack Dahl

October's Defender: Women's Basketball Staff

GOOD LUCK TO ALL IPFW SPORTS COMPETING IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!

GO 'DONS!!!