

The Interpreter

April 2004

Summer Camps and Clinics

Summer is right around the corner. Summer in Tallahassee means hot weather, lemonade and summer camps.

The campus of Florida State University is host to several sport camps and clinics during the summer months. These sports camps are designed to provide prospects with special emphasis on a particular sport and provide specialized instruction, practice or competition. A sports camp involves activities designed to improve overall skills or general knowledge in the sport, or offer a diversified experience with emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport. A prospect must pay their own expenses to attend a camp or clinic.

Summer camps and clinics also provide a source of employment for student-athletes. Student-athletes may be employed at summer camps and clinics provided they abide by these NCAA rules and regulations:

- * The student-athlete's role should generally be supervisory in nature. No more than half of the student-athlete's work time should consist of coaching or officiating.
- * The student-athlete's compensation should be commensurate with the going rate of camp counselors with the same teaching ability and experience. A student-athlete may not be paid based on the value that student-athletes may be to the employer because of athletics reputation or fame that the student-athlete has achieved.
- * A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp or clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance.

Prior to a student-athlete working at a summer camp, the Florida State University Student-Athlete Camp Employee Request Form must be completed and signed by Mr. Hart as well as the Student-Athlete Letter of Agreement must be completed and signed by the student-athlete and camp director.

NLI Signing Dates

Basketball

April 14 - May 19

Other Sports Except Football and Soccer

April 14 - August 1

The National Letter of Intent cannot be signed prior to 7 a.m. (local time) on the initial date of signing.

Unlimited Phone Calls for all sports except Football and Soccer:

April 14 - 16

Remember:

All signees remain prospects until the first day of practice or the first day of classes, whichever comes first.

Recruiting Practices Examined

A 12-member panel named by the NCAA to review recruiting rules might consider reducing the number of paid campus visits recruits can take or even eliminating them all together, said panel chairman David Berst.

Berst, who said it is clear current recruiting standards are inadequate, stated that a final decision on strict new standards is expected in the next few weeks.

Allegations that the University of Colorado and other schools have used sex and parties to lure high school athletes have brought about calls for stricter recruiting guidelines.

The group could shorten visits from 48 hours to 24 hours, prohibit off-campus entertainment and limit spending on plane tickets, meals and hotels. It could also require schools to provide lodging and

meals on campus. The group is also considering banning university-funded recruitment visits.

The current rule allow recruits five visits.

"I think there's some conventional wisdom that the number of five not only provides the opportunity to evaluate schools that you're serious about but also leaves room to simple go visit...for fun," Berst said.

NCAA President Myles Brand created the task force, consisting of athletic directors, administrators and student-athletes, after reports of tactics used by Colorado and other schools to attract top prospects. He wants the changes in place before the next college football season.

But members stressed that Colorado is not the only school under scrutiny. A list of 18 recent scandals in the college ranks, including recent felony charges against Miami's top recruit, Willie Williams.

Williams was charged after setting off three fire extinguishers in his hotel and grabbing a woman against her will during an official visit to Florida. At the time, he was on probation for a burglary charge and had 10 prior arrests.

According to the NCAA database, 31 schools have been sanctioned for major recruiting violations since 2000. Many involved coaches giving cash, plane tickets or other prohibited benefits to the high school athletes or family members.



From the Interpretation File



National Football League Draft. In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 12.2.4.2.3, an enrolled student-athlete in the sports of Division I-A, I-AA and Division II football may enter the National Football League draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares his intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 72 hours following the National Football League draft declaration date. (Ed. Col, 2/24/04)

Completion of High School Graduation Requirement Subsequent to the Eight Semester. For the purposes of satisfying the initial-eligibility requirements, the subcommittee confirmed that there is not a high school graduation time limitation. Thus, a prospect who does not graduate from high school after his or her eight semester, but otherwise satisfies the initial-eligibility core-course requirements, may complete requirements for high school graduation in a subsequent term and be immediately eligible without having to delay enrollment until the following academic year. (Official, 2/11/04)

Completion of Core-Course Requirements Subsequent to Eight Semester. A prospect, who receives an incomplete grade (as opposed to a withdrawal) for a core course taken during the prospect's eight semester, may complete the course after the eight semester and use the course for purposes of meeting initial-eligibility requirements, provided:

1. The failure to complete the core course during the eight semester was due to circumstances beyond the prospect's control;
2. The granting of an incomplete as well as the completion is in accordance with the high school's policy for all students;
3. The complete course is placed on the high school transcript for the prospect's eight semester; and
4. The prospect completes the course prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution. (Official, 2/4/04)



In the News....

APRIL RECRUITING CALENDAR

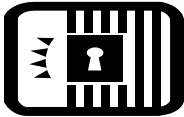
Baylor Reports To NCAA

Baylor will turn its findings over to the NCAA to decide if self-imposed sanctions are enough to atone for the misdeeds of former men's basketball coach Dave Bliss.

The NCAA is under no deadline to address the major infractions acknowledged by the school's internal investigation, which include payment to players and efforts to cover up wrongdoing.

Already under a self-imposed ban on postseason play this year, the school will cut scholarships from 13 to nine for next season and from 13 to 12 in 2005-06.

The NCAA could accept Baylor's sanctions, levy harsher penalties or even recommend lesser ones, which would be unusual but not unprecedented.



Bonnies Banned from Postseason

The NCAA placed St. Bonaventure's men's basketball on three years probation and barred the team from the NCAA postseason this year after a player eligibility scandal.

Citing "a lack of institutional control," the NCAA also reduced the number of scholarships from 13 to 11 for this year and limited the school to 12 next season.

The penalties come less than a year after junior forward Jamil Terrell was ruled ineligible for failing to meet NCAA junior college transfer guidelines.

The NCAA specifically blamed former school president Robert Wickenheiser, ruling he violated principles of ethical conduct. Wickenheiser resigned last March at the school trustees' request after taking full responsibility for approving Terrell's transfer.

In its findings, the NCAA ruled that it found it "extremely troubling that a university president would assert independent interpretive authority with regard to NCAA legislation despite repeated advice of the former director of athletics."

Washington Cited For Lack of Control

The NCAA cited the University of Washington for lack of institutional control in the gambling flap that led to the firing of former football coach Rick Neuheisel.

The NCAA found Neuheisel and other individuals broke the rules against gambling but did so unwittingly. The NCAA instead cited the school for failing to adequately educate its coaches and staff.

The university's compliance director, Dana Richardson, has voluntarily resigned. Richardson's erroneous memorandum on gambling was the cornerstone of the gambling controversy.

The memo, approved by faculty athletic representative Robert Aronson, a law professor, stated: "The bottom line of these rules is that if you have friends outside of intercollegiate athletics that have pools on any of the basketball tournaments, you can participate."

Jacksonville Dissolves Athletic Dept.

Jacksonville University will formally dissolve its athletics department and transfer coaches and administrators into another office. The vice president for student life will oversee sports, and the athletic director will relinquish his role.

The reorganization resembles a move made last year by Vanderbilt University. Catherine Morgan, Jacksonville's acting president, said that integrating athletics officials into the university's administration would keep athletics from being isolated from the rest of the student body.

Ball State Reprimands Coaches

Ball State reprimanded two coaches after a football player suffered frostbite during a disciplinary workout in subzero temperatures.

During the January 31 workout, redshirt freshman receiver Chris Jackson suffered frostbite to several fingers.

The workout, which began at 6 a.m., was conducted on one of the coldest days of the winter. The wind chill brought the temperature to minus 12 degrees.

The school determined the disciplinary workout was acceptable, but not in severe weather conditions.

Football

Apr 1-14 Quiet
Apr 15-May 31 Eval/Quiet

Men's Basketball

Apr 1-6 (noon) Dead
Apr 6(12:01pm)-7(7:59am)Quiet
Apr 7(8:00 am)-11 Contact
Apr 12-15 Dead
Apr 16-30 Contact

Women's Basketball

Apr 1 Cont/Quiet
Apr 2-7(noon) Dead
Apr 7(12:01pm)-11 Contact
Apr 12-15 Dead
Apr 16-30 Quiet

Baseball

Apr 1-11 Cont/Eval
Apr 12-15 Dead
Apr 16-30 Cont/Eval

Softball

Apr 1-11 Cont/Eval
Apr 12-15 Dead
Apr 16-30 Cont/Eval

Volleyball

Apr 1-11 Cont/Eval
Apr 12-15 Dead
Apr 16-30 Cont/Eval

All Other Sports Except Soccer

Apr 12-15 Dead

Dead Periods

Men's Basketball

April 1-April 6 (noon)

Women's Basketball

April 2-7 (noon)

All Sports Except ball & Soccer

April 12-April 15

Foot-

During the dead period:

- Ø No Official Visits
- Ø No Unofficial Visits
- Ø No Contacts
- Ø No Evaluations
- Ø No Observations
- Ø No Speeches at Banquets

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