

The Interpreter

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New Legislation

The following proposals were adopted by the Board of Directors at their April 29, 2004 meeting:

Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Relatives—Post-Season Bowl Games. In Division I-A football, to permit a student-athlete to designate individuals other than his parents or legal guardians to receive permissible entertainment expenses related to the student-athlete's participation in the postseason bowl game. Effective—August 1, 2004

Volunteer Coach—Meals During Official Visit. In sports other than football and basketball, to permit an institution to provide a volunteer coach meals during a prospective student-athlete's official visit. Effective—August 1, 2004

Two-Year College Transfers—Competition in Year of Transfer. To permit a two-year college transfer student-athlete, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements, to participate in the championship segment at the certifying institution, provided the student-athlete had not participated in the same championship segment while enrolled in the two-year college during the same academic year. Effective—August 1, 2004

Seasons of Competition—Tennis and Swimming & Diving. In tennis and swimming & diving, to specify that a student-athlete who does not enroll in a college within one year following the graduation date of the student-athlete's class shall fulfill an academic year in residence upon initial collegiate enrollment. Further, to specify the student-athlete also loses a season of competition for each year in which he or she has participated in organized tennis or swimming and diving competition subsequent to the expected date of high school graduation and prior to

collegiate enrollment. In addition, a tennis student-athlete who is not subject to the provisions of Bylaw 14.2.3.2 enrolls in a college, but matriculates at the certifying institution after participating in organized tennis competition after his or her 20th birthday, is subject to a residence requirement and uses a season of eligibility for each year of organized competition after his or her 20th birthday. Effective—August 1, 2004 for competition occurring on or after August 1, 2004

Meals Incidental to Participation. To permit an institution to provide meals incidental to participation in conjunction with a home athletic contest. Effective—Immediate

Miscellaneous Benefits. To permit an institution to provide an additional meal to a student-athlete during each day of any vacation period that occurs within the academic year, provided the student-athlete is required to remain on campus for practice or competition. Effective—Immediate

Medical Expenses. To permit an institution to provide a student-athlete's medical expenses (including surgical expenses, medication, rehabilitation, physical therapy expenses and dental expenses) resulting from any injury or illness regardless of whether the injury or illness occurs during the academic year or summer vacation period. Effective—Immediate

Maximum Limit on Financial Aid—Individual Limit. To establish a student-athlete's individual maximum financial aid limit as the cost of attendance; further, to specify that a student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability, outside financial aid for which athletics is a major criterion and educational expenses awarded by the US Olympic Committee or a US

national governing body up to the value of a full grant-in-aid. Finally, to specify that a student-athlete may receive any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to cost of attendance; or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus a Federal Pell Grant, whichever is greater. Effective—August 1, 2004

Men's Basketball Limitations—Initial Counters. In men's basketball, to eliminate the limit of initial counters. Effective—August 1, 2004

Scheduling Requirements—Men's Swimming and Men's Track. In men's swimming and men's indoor and outdoor track and field, to reduce from 100 to 50 percent the percentage of Division I opponents an institution must schedule to satisfy the minimum contest requirements. Effective—August 1, 2004

Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities—Multisport Participant. To specify that a multisport student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities shall not exceed a total of 20 hours per week and four hours per day. Effective—August 1, 2004

Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities—Outside the Playing Season. To specify that outside the playing season during the academic year, a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is prohibited two days per week; further to permit an institution to require a student-athlete to participate in individual skill instruction while limiting such instruction to two hours within the limit of eight hours of athletically related activities per week. Effective—August 1, 2004

Banned Drug List and Nutritional Supplements. To require an institution to provide the list of NCAA banned drugs, or the NCAA Web site address at which the list is located, and information about the risks of nutritional supplements to all

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incoming prospects at the earliest practical time but in no case later than July 1 prior to the prospect's initial full-time enrollment; further for a prospect whose recruitment is initiated after July 1, the institution must send the banned drug list at the earliest opportunity. Effective—August 1, 2004

Official Visits—Waiver of Institutional Limitation. To permit an institution to provide additional official visits (up to 25 percent of the limitation) when a new coach is hired and the previous coaching staff used 75 percent or more of the official visits allotted for that academic year. Effective—Immediate

Announcement of Signing. To permit an institution, following a prospect signing a National Letter of Intent or subsequent to the prospect's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, to release information related to a prospect's signing to any media outlet with no limitations on the number of occasions that such information may be released; further, to prohibit an institution from purchasing or receiving commercial advertising that identifies the prospective student-athlete by name or picture. Effective August 1, 2004

Contacts & Evaluations. To permit an institution, in all sports other than football, to engage in the following recruiting activities: (1) one in-person, off-campus contact with a prospect during April of the prospect's junior year that must occur on the high school campus (subject to recruiting calendar restrictions); and (2) one telephone call during March of the prospect's junior year in high school with subsequent telephone calls subject to current sports-specific limitations. Effective—August 1, 2004

Recruiting Communication. To specify that all electronically transmitted direct human interaction voice exchange shall be considered telephone calls and that all electronically transmitted correspondence shall be considered general correspondence. Effective—August 1, 2004



Telephone Calls Subsequent to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. To permit an institution to make unlimited calls to a prospect who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer) provided the prospect has signed an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Effective—Immediate

Evaluations and Telephone Calls—Basketball. In basketball, to amend the recruiting regulations as follows: (1) in men's and women's basketball, to modify the current July evaluation period to establish a six-day dead period between two 10-day evaluation periods from July 6-15 and July 22-31; and (2) in men's and women's basketball, to permit coaches to make telephone calls to a prospect's high school coach (or high school administrator) during the July evaluation period when the high school coach or administrator is not in attendance at the certified event. Effective—August 1, 2004

Non-coaching Athletics Staff Members—Employment at Non-Institutional Camps/Clinics. To permit non-coaching staff members (e.g., compliance coordinators) who do not have sports specific responsibilities to present educational sessions at non-institutional camps, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance. Effective—August 1, 2004

General Correspondence—Express Mail. To prohibit an institution from using any express mail services to send recruiting correspondence other than the National Letter of Intent agreement or other written admissions/financial aid commitment to attend the institution, to domestic prospective student-athletes, their parents or guardians or their coaches. Effective—August 1, 2004

Four-Year College Prospects—Financial Aid. To permit an institution to provide non-athletically related financial aid during the first academic year to a transfer student-athlete whom the institution did not receive written permission to contact from the

previous four-year institution's athletics director. Effective—August 1, 2004

Employment of Prospects—Non-Athletics Award Winner. To permit an institution's athletics department to employ prospective student-athletes who are not athletics award winners, as specified. Effective—Immediate

Employment of Prospects—Athletics Award Winner. To specify that institutional departments outside the athletics department may employ prospective student-athletes who are athletics award winners provided the athletics department is not involved in the arranging of employment ; further to permit an institution's recreation department to employ prospective student-athletes who are athletics award winners, regardless of whether the recreation department reports to the institution's athletics director. Effective—August 1, 2004

Five-Day Acclimatization Period—Division I-A and I-AA Football. In football, to permit an institution, during the five-day acclimatization period, the option of conducting one three-hour on-field practice session per day or, in the alternative, one one-hour testing session (e.g., speed, conditioning or agility tests) and one two-hour on-field practice per day; further, to specify that an institution must provide student-athletes with at least three hours of recovery time between the testing and on-field practice session and protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) shall not be worn during such sessions. Effective—Immediate

Progress-Towards-Degree—Missed-Term Exception. To specify that a student-athlete may use the missed-term exception even if the student-athlete is not eligible to enroll at the certifying institution during that term(s). Effective—Immediate

Professional Sports Organizations. In sports other than football and men's basketball, to permit an institution's marketing department to enter into a reciprocal contractual relationship with a professional sports organization for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an institutionally sponsored sport. Effective—August 1, 2004



In the News....

Auburn Placed on Probation

The Auburn men's basketball program will be placed on two years probation and lose one scholarship for violations of NCAA bylaws governing recruiting.

Auburn was cleared on the NCAA's most serious allegations, that the university violated rules while trying to recruit high school prospects Chadd Moore and Jackie Butler.

Moore and Butler played summer ball for AAU basketball coach Mark Komara, whom the NCAA alleged was a representative of Auburn and was involved in improper recruitment.

UW Faces More Allegations

A University of Washington internal report determined softball coach Teresa Wilson and others—including former athletic director Barbara Hedges—should have known that a former team doctor and a trainer improperly gave powerful pain medication to student-athletes.

The developments marked more bombshells for an athletic department that has endured plenty of them over the past year, including the firing of former football coach Rick Neuheisel in a gambling investigation.

State authorities last October suspended the medical license of the volunteer physician, William Scheyer, after he admitted to improperly providing thousands of doses of painkillers and other narcotic medications to softball players over the course of four years.

The university's investigation found that Dr. Scheyer had dispensed drugs to softball players at a far higher rate than drugs were being prescribed for athletes on other UW teams, even in sports with much higher injury rates. The university's report said that the drugs dispensed by Dr. Scheyer did not appear to be anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing substances.

University investigators found that Dr. Scheyer had freely distributed drugs to players—in dugouts, on team buses and airplanes and at hotels—and that former coach Wilson must have known about his practices or should have known about them.

Missouri Basketball on NCAA's List

The NCAA alleges that University of Missouri basketball coach Quin Snyder "failed at all times" to maintain an environment of rules compliance.

Snyder made multiple impermissible calls and personal contacts to recruiting prospects, provided impermissible meals for recruits and student-athletes and didn't keep tabs on his staff's compliance with rules, the NCAA assets in its formal notice of allegations.

Snyder is mentioned by name in 17 of the allegations, some covering multiple alleged rule violations.

Some of the alleged violations have been reported previously. For example, Snyder has already acknowledged giving troubled ex-player Ricky Clemons two pairs of pants and a pair of flip-flops that the coach received as promotional gifts. Such gifts are barred by NCAA rules.

The only allegation of a cash gift in the NCAA documents is \$250 that assistant coach Tony Harvey is supposed to have given Clemmons. Harvey denied that allegation.

No New Sanctions for LSU

The NCAA will not punish LSU further as a result of an investigation into cheating and other academic misconduct at a campus athletic center for athletes.

The NCAA ruling grew out of allegations that LSU athletes in 2002 cheated on tests, plagiarized papers and benefited from pressure on faculty to change grades. An internal investigation resulted in a 1,300 page report to the NCAA in which the university said the violations of NCAA were secondary and not systemic.

The NCAA will take no further action beyond the penalties that LSU has already imposed: the loss of two football scholarships for 2005; the loss of four official visits by recruits; and the discipline against those involved.

LSU made changes concerning athletes and the academic center that took effect last fall. Under the new rules, no test will be given in the center under any circumstance and no one in the center is allowed to type a paper for an athlete.

Bloom Loses Injunction Against NCAA

Colorado receiver Jeremy Bloom was denied an injunction against the NCAA, hurting his bid to play football while collecting endorsement money from his pro skiing career.

The Colorado Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court that Bloom failed to show he would probably win his case or that the NCAA was inconsistent in applying its rules.

The court added that "although student-athletes have the right to be professional athletes, they do not have the right to simultaneously engage in endorsement or paid media activity and maintain their eligibility to participate in amateur competition."

St. John's Expects Some Penalties

NCAA investigators are looking into allegations from a former St. John's player that he was given monthly stipends of \$300.

St. John's is taking seriously the accusations of former center Abraham Keita, who said in early March that he'd received regular payments from a team staffer. The senior from West Africa came out with his allegations after being suspended for a year following an early February incident involving four St. John's players at a strip club in Pittsburgh.

Colorado Staff Member Pays For Calls

A University of Colorado athletic department official was asked to pay for about \$11 worth of personal phone calls to "chat lines" made on his university cell phone and from hotel room phones during business trips.

He has apologized to the university and has voluntarily surrendered his cell phone.

University officials are also investigating phone calls made to unspecified "adult entertainment" from football players' hotel rooms during a trip to the 2002 Fiesta Bowl.

The calls turned up during an internal audit prompted by allegations that sex and alcohol were used to recruit football players.

June Recruiting Calendar

Football

June 1-30 Quiet

Men's Basketball

June 1-30 Quiet

Women's Basketball

June 1 -30 Quiet

Baseball

June 1-30 Cont/Eval

Softball

June 1-7 Quiet
June 8-30 Cont/Eval

Volleyball

June 1-30 Cont/Eval

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