



# Niner Knowledge



April 2006

## Important Dates!

**April 3:** Fall Registration Begins

**April 14 – 15:** Spring weekend, No Classes

**April 17:** Deadline to withdraw from all courses with "W"

## Recruiting Calendar

### Men's Basketball

March 30 - 31 Dead Period  
April 1- 4 (noon) Dead Period  
April 10 - 13 Dead Period

### Women's Basketball

March 31 Dead Period  
April 4 - 13 Dead Period  
April 19 - 30 Quiet Period

### Baseball

March 1 - 31 Contact/Eval Period  
April 10 - 13 Dead Period

### Softball

March 1 - 31 Contact/Eval Period  
April 10 - 13 Dead Period

### Men's and Women's Soccer

March 1 - 31 Contact/Eval Period

### Volleyball

March 1 - 31 Contact/Eval Period  
April 10 - 13 Dead Period

### All Other Sports

March 1 - 31 Contact/Eval Period  
April 10 - 13 Dead Period

## Use of Outside Consultants

Under NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1, it is *not* permissible to use an outside consultant who is involved in any on- or off-field coaching activities (e.g., attending practices and meetings, formulating game plans, analyzing videotape) without counting the consultant in the coaching limitations in that sport. Three regularly used consultants include:

### 1. Yoga/Pilates Instructors

It is permissible to hire an instructor to conduct yoga sessions with the team without counting in the coaching limitations as long as the instructor is a UNC Charlotte employee (e.g., works for UNC Charlotte recreation sports).

### 2. Sports Psychologists

It is permissible to hire sports psychologists without counting in the coaching limitations as long as they do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities. A psychologist may engage in "mental imaging" with student-athletes. If a student-athlete is required to meet with the psychologist, it is considered a countable athletically related activity.

### 3. Sport Skill Consultants (e.g., Pitching or Shooting Coach)

These individuals may serve as temporary consultants to our coaching staffs, but may not participate in coaching activities. Student-athletes may hire such consultants to work with them individually, but they must be paid the going rate and may not workout on campus.

## Compliance Points

- Remember:** Continue to submit weekly practice reports. All practice reports should be submitted each week.
- New NCAA Interpretation on Recruiting Correspondence:** The restrictions of the new NCAA interpretation which says attachments to recruiting correspondence may only include information that is not created for recruiting purposes applies to mailings and to materials you may provide to prospects on official or unofficial visits. The only athletic items you may give to prospects on visits that you cannot mail to them are game programs. Thus, on a visit, you may not provide prospects with a folder containing Charlotte 49ers Athletics "fact sheets" or similar items that were previously

permissible as attachments. You may show prospects such items (as long as you do not bind the materials together), and you could give the prospect a letter which includes the "fact sheet" information in the body of the letter, but you could not give the prospects the attachment.

### 3. 2006 – 2007 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 12, 2006	May 17, 2006
Soccer	February 1, 2006	August 1, 2006
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 12, 2006	August 1, 2006

4. **PSA's Official Visit With Family Members:** It is not permissible for travel agents or coaches to book tickets for a prospective student-athlete's family, even though the staff member would be reimbursed. This constitutes a loan.

5. **NCAA Clearinghouse:** Remind all recruits to register for the Clearinghouse and continue to check on their status. Core course issues should be addressed by their guidance department as soon as possible.

# Athletic Academic Center

- Registration for Summer 2006 is taking place now. Students should register as soon as possible as several of the desirable courses, times and instructors are already filled.

- Fall 2006 registration will use the new BANNER system. Registration for student-athletes will be on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only priority groups and graduate students will register on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The entire registration system will be taken off-line on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> - no one will be able to register. Regular registration will begin on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Student-athletes must see their departmental and athletic advisor prior to registration. All holds both academic and financial must be removed before they will be allowed to register. **Students are the only ones that can register for a course - advisors and faculty members can not add you to a course! Students may be given a permit or override to add a course but they are not in the course until they actually register on-line for the course.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- During state tournaments coaches and staff members may not serve as announcers for high school contests, nor may they provide a broadcast interview during a high school contest. Student-athletes may not serve as announcers for high school contests, but they may participate in an interview for a high school broadcast as long as the University does not arrange for the interview and the student-athlete does not report on any prospects.

- A coach or athletics staff member may serve as an official/umpire for a high school game or a competition involving prospects as long as the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization.

- Teams that provide framed jerseys to their senior student-athletes must include the amount in your awards limitations for senior participation gifts, which have a total limit of \$325 per Bylaw 16.1.4.1. Note that the cost of the frame and the framing charges must be included within the \$325 limit. Even if a business donates its time to do the actual framing for free, you must calculate the value of the framing charges and include it in your awards limits.

- It is not permissible for a male student who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department to practice with a women's team.

# NCAA LEGISLATION

## Evaluation of Individuals Prior to Ninth Grade

**Interpretation:** The committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Management Council modify a previous Council-approved official interpretation [Reference: 07/18/2001, Item No. 2] to specify that evaluation activities related to individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes may only occur during contact or evaluation periods when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. [References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.11 (prospective student-athlete), 13.02.4 (recruiting periods) and 13.1.8 (limitations on number of evaluations-all sports)].

## Practice Activities with a Prospective SA Prior to Enrollment & Outside of the Playing Season

**Interpretation:** The committee confirmed that it is not permissible for an institution's coaching staff members to engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a prospective student-athlete prior to his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution and outside of the institution's playing season. [References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.8.1 (requirement for practice), 14.1.8.1.1 (practice prior to initial enrollment), 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities) and 17.1.1 (playing season)]

## Interview of Athletic Department Staff Members by Media Outlets

**Interpretation:** The committee determined that it is permissible for an athletics staff member to provide an interview for a noninstitutional publication or other media outlet that is associated with an entity that also includes a recruiting service or publication, provided the individual conducting the interview is not involved with the recruiting service or publication division of the entity and information from the interview is not included in any media (e.g., publication, Web page, television or radio program) that is primarily devoted to reporting on the athletics participation or evaluation of prospective student-athletes. The committee noted that in the case of a Web site, this standard is applied to each separate page within the overall site. [Note: This interpretation clarifies a previous official interpretation (reference: 2/2/06, Item No. 1), which has been archived]. [References: NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.4 (noninstitutional publications that report on athletics program); Bylaw 11.3.2.4.1 (educational materials); Bylaw 11.3.2.5 (recruiting service consultants); Bylaw 13.4.4.1 (recruiting advertisement); and Bylaw 13.4.4.1.2 (interview to recruiting publication).]

## Important

**If there are any changes to your roster please inform the Athletic Academic Center as soon as possible. Please contact the compliance office if there are changes to competition schedule or playing and practice sessions.**

**Thanks!**