



University of Richmond Department of Athletics Compliance Newsletter

JANUARY 2009

Recruiting Calendars:

Cross Country/ Track & Field

Jan 3-Jan31 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Jan 1-Jan 31 ~ Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

Jan 1-Jan 31 ~ Evaluation Period

*Not to exceed 100 recruiting person days.

Baseball

Jan 1 and Jan 7-31 ~ Quiet Period

Jan 2-Jan 6 ~ Dead Period

Women's Lacrosse

Jan 1 ~ Quiet Period

Jan 2-Jan 31 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Jan 1 ~ Dead Period

Jan 2-Jan 4 ~ Quiet Period

Jan 5-Jan 10 ~ Contact Period

Jan 11 ~ Quiet Period

Jan 12-15 ~ Dead Period

Jan 16-Jan17 ~ Quiet Period

Jan 18-Jan 31 ~ Contact Period



Upcoming calendar highlights:

Cross Country/ Track & Field Field Hockey Football Soccer

Feb 2 – Feb 5 ~ Dead Period

Legislative Briefs ...

The NCAA Legislative Council issued the following interpretation:

Advertising an Institutional Camp or Clinic. (I) The Legislative Council determined that an institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic in any way, provided any camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, Web site, newspaper or magazine advertisement) stipulates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).

- *This action negates, or reverses the interpretation that was published requiring name changes for camps with names like "Elite" or "All-Star" provided the advertisement clearly stipulates that the only limitation for attendance is restricted by age, grade level and/or gender.*
- Staying on the subject of camps ... in a conference call with the A-10, **the issue of campus tours that take place during these camps was discussed**, and the following clarification was made:
 - A campus tour for the purpose of showing the camp participants a tour of all the facilities they will be using during their stay, such as dorms, student-unions, athletic facilities or to provide some sort of informational material to the campers so that when there is down time, the campers will be able to negotiate themselves around the campus would be permissible.
 - What is not okay, and likely to be happening on many campuses during camps, is an organized tour promoting the benefits of a particular campus.

The Legislative Council modified a previously approved official interpretation and issued the following official interpretation:

National Team Tryouts and Exception to Outside Competition Regulations. (I) The Council determined that in order for a student-athlete to use the U.S. national team exception to the outside competition regulations to participate as a member of an outside team in an official national team or junior national team tryout, the official tryout must be one in which all student-athletes (as opposed to all athletes) are directly selected to a national team or are required to participate in order to qualify for a subsequent event from which participants will be named to a national team or junior national team that will represent their nation in international competition. The exception is applicable to an official tryout that is structured as a series of events in which student-athletes must participate in each event (or at least one event in each level) of the series in order to be selected to the national team. **The exception does not apply to events in which student-athletes are only identified for further evaluation at unrelated events for a future national team, such as league competition or events in which no elimination of potential national team participants occurs.**

- *If this interp does not provide clarity to your particular sport, please let either Jill, or Melissa know.*

Legislative Briefs continued: A couple of new legislation items...

Recruiting – admissions and graduation data, banned drug list ... (effective August 1, 2010) ☺

The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide the information contained within the disclosure reports related to admissions, graduation-rate data, academic progress rate and graduation success rate to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center and the Eligibility Center has received an institution's request to add the prospective student-athlete to the institution's institutional request list; further, to specify that the Eligibility Center shall provide notification of initial-eligibility standards, the banned drug list and information about nutritional supplements to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center.

- This eliminates the institution from being responsible to provide this information to prospects and their parents/guardians, and places the responsibility with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Recruiting – printed recruiting materials ... institutional postcards (effective August 1, 2009)

To specify that an institutional postcard may be provided to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, his or her coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, provided its dimensions do not exceed 4 1/4 by 6 inches, it contains only the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on one side when produced and it includes only handwritten information, (e.g., words, illustrations) on the opposite side when provided to a prospective student-athlete.

- The distinction between institutional postcards and note cards can be confusing and prone to misapplication. This proposal will alleviate many questions regarding what constitutes a postcard and what constitutes a note card for recruiting purposes. Further, postcards are less expensive to produce and require less postage to mail. This proposal does not eliminate the option of sending a blank postcard issued by the U.S. postal service to a prospective student-athlete as general correspondence.

In the News...

Board moves to report coaches' APR

January 17, 2009

NATIONAL HARBOR, Maryland -- The Academic Progress Rate "lifetime batting averages" of all Division I head coaches could be available through a publicly searchable Web site as early as summer 2010 after the Division I Board of Directors voted Saturday to pursue the creation of such a database.

The database would include the name of each head coach, the institutions where he or she has coached, hire and departure dates, and single-year APRs for each year. The database would include multiple years of data.

The Board is also interested in pursuing data that could potentially lead to a separate, password-protected Web site with more extensive information about individual head coaches, including more detailed academic information (academic profiles of recruits, Academic Performance Program penalties) as well as infractions data. The site would be used by university administrators to assist with hiring decisions.

If approved by the Board, the earliest such a database could be available would be 2011.

Board members long have been supportive of tying the APR to coaches, pointing to a need for transparency and accountability, and the concept has been discussed since the early days of academic reform.

Some Board members also are in favor of connecting a team's APR to both an athletic director and the institution's president and believe that academic success is an institutional issue.

The Division I Committee on Academic Performance is expected to devise a model for the public database and present it to the Board in April.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Can institutions provide Fish Oil (Omega-3 and Omega-6) to student-athletes?

- No, fish oil is a fatty acid and not classified as a vitamin or mineral. As a result, it falls outside of permissible nutritional supplements that can be provided to student-athletes [16.5.2.-(g)], which are identified in the following classes (carbohydrates/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals).