The Division I Board of Directors adopted numerous new rules intended to simplify and update particular legislation in the bylaws. The adopted proposals will go into effect August 1, 2013.

Personnel
- RWG 11-3-B: Prohibits off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) except for opponents participating in the same tournament at the same site or the same double header event at the same site.
- RWG 11-4: Removes limits on the number of coaches who can recruit off-campus at the same time.

Amateurism
- RWG 12-1: Uniformly defines actual and necessary competition-related expenses.
- RWG 12-2: Allows actual and necessary expenses for

PSAs and student-athletes to be based on the total over a calendar year instead of on an event-by-event basis.
- RWG 12-3: Allows a student-athlete to receive up to $300 more than actual and necessary expenses, so long as it is paid by a permissible person or source.
- RWG 12-4: Allows outside sponsors (except for agents, boosters or any representative of a professional sports team) to pay for student-athletes’ actual and necessary competition-related expenses.
- RWG 12-5: Allows student-athletes, in sports other than tennis, to receive payment based on performance or on an incentive basis, up to actual and necessary competition-related expenses, from an amateur team or event sponsor. In tennis, student-athletes may accept prize money based on their performance in an athletics event only after initial full-time enrollment.
- RWG 12-6: Permits a government entity to fund a student-athlete’s actual and necessary expenses for training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, travel, room, board, and health insurance purposes.

Recruiting
- RWG 13-1: NLI signees are considered student-athletes for the purposes of Bylaw 13.1. The NLI signee remains a PSA for applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws. Also specifies

In May the Division I Board of Directors adopted two changes to initial-eligibility standards that included amending the sliding scale previously adopted and changing the core-course GPA calculation. As a result, the following academic standards apply for 2016:

- 2.300 core-course GPA;
- Core-course progression;
- Current sliding scale; and
- Only the best 16 core courses may be used in calculating the core GPA.

The academic redshirt classification will be maintained for student-athletes who have a core GPA between 2.000 and 2.299. An academic redshirt has access to athletically related financial aid and practice during the initial term of enrollment at a Division I institution.
that an individual who officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the summer term prior to his or her initial enrollment shall no longer be considered a PSA

- RWG 13-4: Eliminates the requirement for the Eligibility Center to provide graduation rates, APR reports, banned drug lists, and initial eligibility rules to PSAs.
- RWG 13-7: Removes restrictions on publicity after a PSA signs an NLI, financial aid agreement or submits a housing deposit.
- RWG 13-8: Deregulates the employment restrictions at camps and clinics for PSAs and current student-athletes. A senior football PSA will now be allowed to participate in a camp or clinic.

Awards and Benefits

- RWG 16-1: Allows USM, C-USA and the NCAA to give an award to student-athletes any time after initial full-time enrollment.
- RWG 16-2: Allows a conference, school, international government, the U.S. Olympic Committee or the awarding agency to give actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic achievement. These actual and necessary expenses may also be paid for immediate family.
- RWG 16-3: Allows USM, C-USA or the NCAA to provide academic support, career counseling or other personal development service intended to support student-athlete success.
- RWG 16-4: Allows USM, C-USA or the NCAA to pay for medical expenses for a student-athlete.
- RWG 16-5: Establishes a uniform definition of family member for the purpose of permitting specific benefits to such individuals.
- RWG 16-6: Allows USM, C-USA or the NCAA to provide reasonable entertainment to student-athletes in conjunction with practice or competition.
- RWG 16-7: Allows USM to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to represent USM in practice and competition (and incidental activities) and in noncompetitive events (e.g., media appearances, SAAC meetings)
- RWG 16-8: Permits student-athletes to receive actual and necessary expenses plus reasonable benefits associated with a national team practice and competition. USM is also permitted to fund any number of national team tryouts and championship events for a particular student-athlete.

Membership

- RWG 20-1: This amendment simply establishes commitments that guide the bylaws.

**Reminders**

Check ACS for your updated roster—Unless a student-athlete has a yes next to practice eligible, they should not be practicing!

- Log in to ACS and sign your Recruiting Activity Statement
- Submit your Declaration of Coaches and Staff documents and your Declaration of Playing Season form
- Remind student-athletes to pay their balance at Business services
- Check with your SAEP academic counselor to make sure all of your new student-athletes are cleared with the NCAA Eligibility Center

**Congratulations!!**
The following made a perfect 100 on their NCAA Coaches Certification Exam!
- John Barnett
- Scott Berry
- Steve Buckley
- Alex Carl
- Jareem Dowling
- Mohamed El-Zare
- Julie Gallup
- Jon Malgradi
- Joyce Lee-McNelis
- Todd Monken
- Pete Perot
- Lytel Pollard
- Alaura Sharp
- John Simon
- Andrew Thacker
- Donnie Tyndall
- Kirsten Voak
- Jerry Weeks

**Compliance Information**

If you have questions regarding any of the information covered in this newsletter or any other NCAA rules, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office!

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