

## ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE NEWS

### Key Upcoming Dates

**December 8th:**

*Last day of classes*

**December 9th & 10th:**

*Reading Days*

**December 11th–15th:**

*Final Exams*

**December 16th:**

*Dorms close at 10:00 a.m.*

**December 16th:**

*December Graduation*

**December 18th:**

*Final Grades Due*

**January 2nd:**

*Academic Review Committee  
meets*

**January 5th–8th:**

*NCAA Convention*

**January 13th:**

*Dorms open at 1:00 p.m.*

**January 15th:**

*Spring 2007 semester  
begins*

**January 22nd:**

*Last day for drop/add*

**March 3rd:**

*Dorms close for spring  
break*

**March 3rd–11th:**

*Spring Break*

**March 12th:**

*Classes Resume*

### Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches

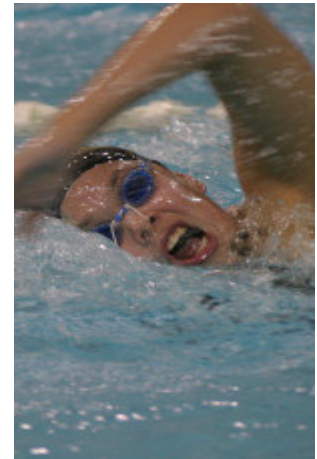
NCAA bylaws state that any individual who participates in any manner in the coaching of a sport in practice, games or organized activities directly related to that sport **must** be counted as a coach as stipulated in the limitations for that sport in NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.7. In addition to competitive equity, the intent of the coaching limitations is to restrict the actual coaching of student-athletes to those individuals who are identified as coaches. Other athletics department staff members, including managers and non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., administrative assistants, directors of operations), do not have to be identified as coaches provided they do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities and are not involved in recruiting activities.

#### Managers

It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice). Non-student managers may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be considered coaching without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11.7. Student managers may perform limited on-court or on-field activities provided they also perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., run clock at practice, laundry, fill water bottles). Finally, under no circumstances can a manager provide skill instruction without being counted in the coaching limitations.

#### Non-coaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities

These individuals may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be consid-



ered coaching (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice) without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11. For example, if a director of softball operations throws batting practice, the director of softball operations must be counted toward the coaching limitations in Bylaw 11 even if no skill instruction is provided. While non-coaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities should not be involved in any manner with practice activities, it is permissible for these individuals to observe practice without having to count toward the coaching limitations.



## Clearinghouse Preliminary Certifications for 2007

As part of the certification of a prospective student-athlete's eligibility, and pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.1.2.1, the clearinghouse will be reviewing academic credentials to determine whether the credentials may be used for the purpose of meeting the initial-eligibility requirements.

That review includes, but is not limited to, the examination of the following:

1. Prospective student-athlete graduates from a high school where no coursework was taken.
2. Prospective student-athlete attended multiple high schools.
3. Prospective student-athlete changed school(s) in his or her senior year.

4. Sequential courses taken in a single term or year (e.g., Spanish I, II and III taken in one year).

5. Number of core courses taken is disproportionate to previous years (e.g., student takes 10 core courses in one year).

6. Courses completed in an abbreviated time frame.

7. Courses taken out of sequence.

8. Dramatic increase in grade-point average from one year to another or from one school to another.

9. Dramatic increase in test score, either within the same test (e.g., SAT score from 650 to 920) or from one test type to another (e.g., ACT score of 95 and SAT score of 570).

10. Irregular test-taking patterns (e.g., five poor SAT scores followed by one higher ACT score).

The clearinghouse will forward this information to the NCAA national office staff to determine whether the situation warrants further review. If so, the staff will contact the institution for further investigation and follow-up.

In accordance with Bylaw 14.1.2.1.1, institutions have a shared responsibility in this process and should be aware of discrepancies in their prospective student-athlete's academic records. **Please evaluate your PSA's academic history early in the recruiting process to eliminate any surprises later on.**

## Academic Eligibility for Spring Semester

In order to be eligible for the Spring 2007 semester, student-athletes will need to have successfully completed the following:

1. A minimum of six (6) credits during the fall 2006 semester.
2. If the student-athletes has declared a major, those six hours must be in their major.
3. Current sophomores must have an overall GPA of at least a 1.80.

4. Current juniors must have an overall GPA of at least a 1.90.

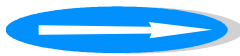
5. Current seniors must have an overall GPA of at least a 2.00.

6. All student-athletes must be enrolled in at least 12 credits for the spring term unless they are in their last semester of eligibility and are carrying for credit what they need to graduate.

7. Any mid-year enrollees will

be reviewed for progress towards degree completion requirements if applicable.

Finally, please keep in mind that these requirements are for NCAA eligibility purposes only. Students whose overall GPA falls below a 2.00 will be reviewed by the Academic Review Committee to determine their status as a student at the university.



## *COMPLIANCE TIP OF THE MONTH*

NCAA Bylaw 15.3.3 regulates the period of institutional financial aid that can be awarded to a student-athlete.

As a reminder, an athletics grant in aid must be awarded for an entire academic year and must be awarded in equal amounts for both semesters. Therefore, it is not permissible to increase someone's aid for the second semester. There are three exceptions to the bylaw:

1. Student-athletes who are in the final semester of eligibility and are enrolled in less than full-time status; hence their tuition charges are less.

2. A mid-year enrollee may receive aid for less than one year (i.e., the semester in which they enrolled).

3. One time during a student-athletes' enrollment, he or she may be awarded

athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has not previously received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution. Therefore in this exception, the student-athlete would be one who has never been on scholarship before.



### Recruiting Calendars

#### Baseball

Dec. 1—Jan. 3	Quiet
Jan. 4—8	Dead
Jan. 9—Feb. 28	Quiet

#### Men's Basketball

Dec. 1—Dec. 23	Eval
Dec. 24—26	Dead
Dec. 27—Mar. 28	Eval

#### Women's Basketball

Dec. 1—Dec. 23	Eval
Dec. 24—26	Dead
Dec. 27—Feb. 28	Eval

#### Softball

Dec. 1—Dec. 5	Quiet
Dec. 6—Dec. 10	Dead
Dec. 11—Jan. 1	Quiet
Jan. 2—April 8	Cont/Eval

#### Lacrosse

Dec. 1—Jan. 1	Quiet
Jan. 2—April 8	Cont/Eval

### **Office of Admissions Campus Visiting Days**

Saturday January 20th  
Saturday February 3rd  
Saturday February 10th

