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2008-09 Coaches Certification Exam



Practice Exam

The 2008-09 practice coaches certification exam is now available on ncaa.org (simply type in 'coaches certification test' in the search box in the upper right corner of the site).

The test is intended to be of assistance in the rules-education process for coaches at NCAA Division I institutions and may be taken using the online program or it can be printed from your web browser and administered in hard-copy format. Tests taken using the online program also may be printed after completion for educational use. Please note that the actual Division I coaches certification test may differ in the level of difficulty and content from the practice tests. The actual tests consist of true or false and multiple-choice questions related to legislation contained in the following NCAA Division I Bylaws:

Bylaw 12
Bylaw 13
Bylaw 14.02
Bylaw 14.3
Bylaw 14.4
Bylaw 14.5
Bylaw 15.02
Bylaw 15.3

Annual Certification Requirement

Bylaw 11.5.1 mandates that in order for a coach to contact or evaluate a prospective student-athlete, he/she must pass the coaches certification exam annually. The annual certification period shall be effective August 1 through July 31. Coaches who passed the 2007-08 test are certified through July 31, 2008. However, once a new test has been distributed to conference offices, individuals who have yet to be certified and who wish to recruit off-campus prior to August 1, 2008 must pass the new (2008-09) test during the interim period in order to be certified. Once the individual receives a passing score, he or she would be certified from the date the passing score is received through July 31, 2009.

(For example, an individual who takes the 2008-09 coaches certification test and receives a passing score on May 20, 2008, is certified from May 20, 2008, through July 31, 2008.)

All Sports Exam

Please remember that taking and passing the "All Sports" version of the coaches certification exam DOES NOT certify a coach to recruit off-campus. The "All Sports" version of the test is meant to be taken by administrators for educational purposes only. Make sure that coaches in sports other than football and basketball take the "Sports Other than Football and Basketball" version of the exam.

Taking the Exam

The test shall be administered as a timed (80 minutes), open-book test. Test participants are permitted to use copies of the NCAA Division I Manual, the 2008 NCAA Official Notice, the 2008 Legislative Summary and LSDBi (Bylaw search). The use of any other resource materials during the test shall be prohibited.

Should a coach fail to pass the exam, 30 days must elapse between test-taking opportunities. This 30-day waiting period can not be waived for any reason, even for test participants with documented learning disabilities.

Certifying Administrator Forms

Please note that it is important that the Atlantic 10 receives the signed and dated certifying administrator form immediately following each testing date at your institution. It is imperative that the conference gets these forms in a timely manner so we can double-check for any mistakes and prevent any unnecessary recruiting violations. Faxing in these forms is acceptable.

Please contact the Atlantic 10 if you have any questions regarding the 2008-09 coaches certification exam.

Topics on Coaches Certification Exam:

Mandatory Medical Exams
Official Visits
Local Sports Clubs
Scouting Services
Transfers/Permission to Contact
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NLI News

Football Signings

The last day to sign an NLI for football was April 1, 2008. After April 1st, any written offer of athletics aid in the sport of football shall not be accompanied by an NLI.

Mid-Year Financial Aid Interpretation

The membership services staff determined that it is not permissible to award athletics aid to an individual for any term in the regular academic year preceding the academic year for which the prospective student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid. For example, if an individual signed an NLI in November for the following academic year and then graduates from high school at midyear, the institution may not award athletics aid to that prospective student-athlete for the spring term following the prospective student-athlete's high school graduation. Such an arrangement would constitute an impermissible award of an athletics grant-in-aid for a period in excess of one academic year.

Eligibility Center Registration and Institutional Request Lists (IRLs)

During the spring signings, please remember NCAA Bylaw 13.9.1 states that Division I institutions shall not provide a high school or preparatory school pro-

spective student-athlete with a written offer of athletically related financial aid until the prospect has registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and the institution has placed the prospective student-athlete on the Institutional Request List (IRL).

Since a written offer of athletics financial aid must accompany the NLI, NCAA Bylaw 13.9.1 must be satisfied before the prospective student-athlete is issued the NLI and financial aid agreement.

Upcoming Signing Dates

April 16 - May 21, 2008
Regular Period for
Basketball

April 9 - August 1, 2008
Regular Period for
"All Other Sports"

Please check the names of your prospective student-athletes on your Eligibility Center status report and compare to the names on your NLI list. Both first and last name should be identical on the Eligibility Center and NLI list. If the NLI list does

not match the Eligibility Center list, contact the A-10 so that we can make the necessary revisions to your NLI list.

Field Hockey, Soccer, Track & Field/Cross Country, Men's Water Polo

The signing period for these sports continues through August 1, 2008.

Impermissible Activities During a Dead Period:

- Official Visits
- Unofficial Visits
- Contacts
- Evaluations
- Observations
- Speeches at Banquets
- Complimentary Admissions to PSAs

Recruiting Calendar Changes

New Men's Basketball Dead Period

The adoption of Proposal No. 2007-53-B (effective immediately) created a new dead period for men's basketball.

This proposal establishes a dead period beginning the day after the conclusion of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the day before the first permissible day to conduct institutional basketball camps. This means that in 2008, **May 22 - May 31** is now a dead period in men's basketball. This dead period only applies to men's basketball, and the women's basketball recruiting calendar remains unchanged.



Both men's and women's basketball have upcoming dead periods surrounding the NLI signing date (regular period) from April 14-17, 2008.

Track & Field and Cross Country

Earlier this year, cross country and track were eliminated from the early NLI signing period by the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA). These sports now use the same signing period as field hockey, soccer and men's water polo. Because of this change, these sports no longer have a dead period April 7-10.



Regional Rules Seminars

Registration for the 2008 Regional Rules Seminars is now open. This year's seminars will take place May 18-23 in Boston, Massachusetts and June 1-6 in San Antonio, Texas. Each seminar is broken up into two segments, with the first segment taking place Sunday - Tuesday and the second taking place Wednesday - Friday at both locations.

The purpose of the NCAA Re-

gional Rules Seminars is to present an educational opportunity to athletics administrators and coaches at Divisions I, II and III institutions. The seminars are designed so that participants with different backgrounds and experiences may benefit. The seminars are conducted at two sites annually and the membership is encouraged to participate.

PowerPoint presentations for

the 2008 seminars will be posted May 1 for those of you who wish to review the materials prior to making the trip.

The registration page can be found on ncaa.org at Media and Events ► Events ► Regional Seminars.

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Postgraduate Scholarships

Atlantic 10 Postgraduate Scholarship

The A-10 annually awards a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship to four student-athletes who have been outstanding as athletes, scholars, and citizens and have been accepted for postgraduate studies at an institution of higher learning. Applications for the 2008 A-10 postgraduate scholarship are currently being accepted through **Friday, April 25** (applications must be post-marked by April 25 in order to be eligible for consideration). Student-athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the award:

1. The recipient must have achieved a cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
2. The recipient must have participated with distinction in an Atlantic 10 Conference championship sport for at least two years at his/her institution.
3. The recipient must graduate from his/her institution within 15 months following his/her selection.
4. The recipient must have applied to a graduate institution by April 25, 2008.
5. The recipient must have completed his/her eligibility for participation *and competed* in intercollegiate athletics in the year (*or the previous year*) in which he/she is nominated.

Applications are available under the 'Academic Honors' tab on atlantic10.org and must be submitted with an **official** transcript and two letters of recommendation to the Conference office by the deadline in order to be eligible. The application must be signed by the faculty athletics representative and an athletics administrator (director of athletics or senior woman administrator) in order to be considered.

Congrats to Dayton football student-athlete Brandon Cramer for being awarded a fall 2007 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship!

The award recipients (and alternates) shall be determined by a vote of the Academic Advisory Committee. Should a recipient, for any reason, be unable to accept the award, the stipend will be awarded to the first alternate. Please contact Jackie Campbell with any questions regarding the A-10 postgraduate scholarship.

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Spring sports nominations for the 2007-08 NCAA postgraduate Scholarship Program are now being accepted. Nominations can be submitted via the Postgraduate Scholarship Online Submission System located on ncaa.org and clicking on the 'Forms' tab located at the top of the ncaa.org homepage.

The online nomination submission system is completely electronic and is linked to the NCAA national office. The faculty athletics representative (FAR), or FAR designee initiating the nomination process, must use his/her institution's identification and password (the ones used to submit annual sports sponsorship requirements to the NCAA) to log in to the system. Please contact your compliance coordinator for your institution's ID and password.

The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship amount is \$7,500 and is awarded to up to 58 student-athletes per sport season. Institutions may nominate a total of five male and five female student-athletes each season. Eligibility guidelines are similar to the A-10 Postgraduate Scholarship and can be found online at www.ncaa.org. The deadline for spring sports nominations is **Thursday, May 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Castro at ncaastro@ncaa.org or at (317) 917-6222.

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UPCOMING A10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

APRIL 18-20 @ CLUB 4 LIFE (MONROEVILLE, PA)

ROWING

APRIL 19 @ COOPER RIVER (PENNSAUKEN, NJ)

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

APRIL 25-27 @ MCGUIRK STADIUM (UNIV. OF MASSACHUSETTS)

MEN'S GOLF

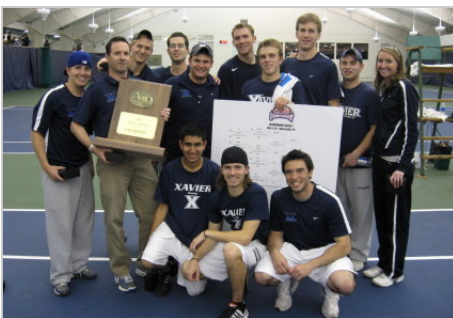
MAY 2-4 @ ORANGE COUNTY NATIONAL GOLF COURSE
(WINTER GARDEN, FL)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

MAY 3-4 @ UNIV. OF MASSACHUSETTS

Briefly Around the A-10

With a No. 1 singles victory, junior **Doug Matthews** clinched **Xavier's** first-ever A-10 men's tennis title after defeating George Washington, 4-0 in the finals of the 2008 Atlantic 10 Men's Tennis Championship held at Club 4 Life in Monroeville, Pa. The Musketeers, who played in a losing effort in last season's final match, earn the Atlantic 10 Conference's automatic bid into the 2008 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.



Xavier men's tennis will make its first-ever NCAA Tournament team appearance.

George Washington women's basketball senior guard **Kimberly Beck** was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press for the second consecutive season. Beck, the 2008 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, averaged career-highs of 12.5 points and 6.2 assists during the 2007-08 season to help GW post a 27-7 record and reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Charlotte head men's basketball coach **Bobby Lutz** has signed a five-year contract that will keep the 49ers all-time winningest coach with the program through the 2012-2013 season.

Senior men's basketball guard **Stanley Burrell** of **Xavier**, the 2007-08 Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year, was one of 16 student-athletes recently

named to the ColleagueInsider.com Defensive All-America team.

Duquesne's **Melissa Johnson** and **Brad Byars** of **Saint Louis** were named the Atlantic 10 Student-Athletes of the Year in men's and women's swimming and diving, respectively, in voting conducted among the Conference's sports information directors.

La Salle senior **Sean Quigley** earned Outdoor Track & Field Performer of the Week honors on April 7 after he qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 10,000m run with a school-record time of 28:03.72. The six-time All-American smashed the La Salle existing time (set by him in 2007) by 26 seconds en route to the 10K title at the Stanford Invitational.



Quigley would be the fourth track Olympian to come out of La Salle if he made it to Beijing in 2008.

The **Charlotte** 49ers baseball team has been ranked in the top-30 nationally for 3 consecutive weeks, reaching as high as No. 18 in the Collegiate Baseball News March 31.

Charlotte head golf coach **Jamie Green** signed a multi-year contract extension with the 49ers. Green, a two-time Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year who guided Charlotte to a 3rd-place finish at the 2007

NCAA Championships is in his fifth-year as 49ers head coach. The contract will carry Green

through 2011, his eighth year with the program.

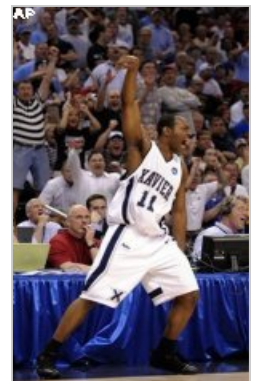
Massachusetts junior pitcher **Brandice Balschmitter** earned her fifth A-10 Softball Pitcher of the Week title on April 7th after throwing a perfect game in an 8-0 win against George Washington. It was the first perfect game of her collegiate career and just the eighth in UMass softball history.

Xavier men's basketball program won a school record 30 games this past season and secured its third straight 20-win season. Xavier won its second straight Atlantic 10 Regular Season Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight for the second time in school history.

Nine student-athletes from the Atlantic 10 Conference are among 64 seniors who will participate in the 56th annual Portsmouth Invitational Apr. 9-12, a showcase for outstanding men's basketball players in their senior year of college.

Xavier teammates **Stanley Burrell**, **Josh Duncan** and **Drew Lavender** will be joined by **Parfait Bitee** of **Rhode Island**; **Saint Joseph's** **Pat Calathes**; **Bryant Dunston** of **Fordham**; **Massachusetts'** **Gary Forbes**; **Brian Roberts** of **Dayton**; and **Temple's** **Mark Tyndale**.

The **George Washington** Colonials hosted the **Saint Joseph's** Hawks in the first-ever baseball game played at Nationals Park, Major League Baseball's newest stadium and home to the Washington Nationals, on March 22. **George Washington** won the contest 9-4.



B.J. Raymond reacts after putting XU up by 4 points late in overtime against West Virginia.