



## Summer Certified Basketball Events and Leagues



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With summer just around the corner, it is important to remember that NCAA legislation mandates that during the summer evaluation period, a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may only attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1; and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 30.15 and 30.16. The NCAA will certify events from July 6-15 and 22-31 during the summer of 2008. A complete list of certified events for men's and women's basketball can be found on the NCAA website at:

**Sports and Championships ► General Information ► Certified Basketball Events**

Or you can type 'certified basketball events' in the search box at the top upper right corner of ncaa.org.

NCAA legislation also mandates that a currently enrolled Division I student-athlete with remaining eligibility **may** participate in an NCAA-certified summer league only on certified dates between June 15 and August 31 or the institution's opening day of classes (whichever occurs earlier).

A list of certified summer leagues can be found on the same webpage as certified basketball events.

A link to the certified basketball events and leagues page is also under the compliance tab of [www.atlantic10.org](http://www.atlantic10.org).



### Upcoming Dead Periods



**Men's Basketball:**  
May 22-31, 2008

*This dead period is new with the adoption of Proposal No. 2007-53-B*

**Women's Lacrosse:**  
May 23-25, 2008

*Evaluations may occur at one event conducted during the NCAA D-I Women's Lacrosse Championship, provided the event is conducted within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship and no championship competition occurs on the same day.*

**Softball:**  
May 27 through June 4, 2008

**Cross Country/Track & Field:**  
June 11 (12:01 a.m.) through June 15 (12:01 a.m.)

The adoption of Proposal No. 2006-121 (effective August 1, 2008), has moved this year's first date of competition for women's soccer up to **Friday, August 22!**

Please make sure your coaches are aware of this change!

## Atlantic 10 Among Top Conferences In Latest Academic Progress Rates

In twenty of the twenty-one sports sponsored by the Atlantic 10, the league's Academic Progress Rates (APR) are at or above the conference average nationally according to data released by the NCAA.

The A-10 ranked third out of 27 conferences in men's swimming & diving; fourth out of 31 conferences in men's and women's indoor track & field, men's and women's outdoor track & field, men's tennis and men's cross country; fourth (out of 29) in women's swimming & diving; and fifth out of 31 in baseball.

Every Division I sports team calculates its APR each academic year based on the eligibility and retention of each scholarship student-athlete. The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete

and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport. An APR of 925 projects to an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of approximately 60 percent. This marks the fourth year that data was compiled.

Recently, the NCAA honored 712 Division I sports teams with public recognition awards for their latest multi-year Academic Progress Rate scores. The Atlantic 10 Conference had 34 teams among those honored. These teams posted multi-year APR scores in the top ten percent of all squads in their respective sports. The public recognition awards are part of the broad Division I academic reform effort.

Earlier this year, the Division I Board of Directors reiterated its commitment to academic reform in the form of a

resolution, stressing that NCAA-member institutions must continue to hold a high academic standard for all Division I student-athletes.

APR scores per institution, along with penalties per school and teams receiving public recognition, are available online at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

**Congratulations to SLU men's swimming student-athlete Brad Byars for being awarded a 2008 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship!**

## Publication of Staff Interpretations

On April 25 the Board of Directors adopted Proposal No. 2008-4 which changes the way staff determinations are applied. The proposal, which is effective immediately, amended NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.2 to specify that a staff determination that has been reviewed and approved by the Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee (LRIC) is binding on all other institutions (other than the requesting institution) on publication to the membership [e.g., announced on the NCAA Web site

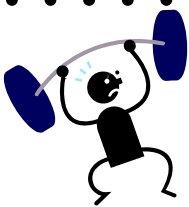
or LSDBi].

LRIC-approved staff determinations are binding on all institutions (other than the requesting institution) as of the date listed on LSDBi as the "Date Issued." These staff determinations have entries in the "See Also" section on LSDBi to show the date the membership services staff originally issued the interpretation and the date LRIC approved the interpretation. In these cases, the "date issued" represents the publication date (e.g., announced on NCAA Web site or

LSDBi).

Staff confirmations are not considered interpretations under the legislation because they simply confirm the application of the legislation in question.

The Atlantic 10 urges compliance coordinators to check LSDBi daily for the most recent staff determinations. Official interpretations are also compiled in the monthly Division I CCACA Update which is forwarded to A-10 compliance coordinators by Jackie or Kelly.



## Voluntary Summer Conditioning

Pursuant to NCAA bylaw 17.1.6.2.1.1, student-athletes may not participate in any countable athletically

related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

In sports in which the safety exception

is applicable in Bylaw 17, a prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may participate in voluntary individual workouts in the presence of the institution's coach and in the institution's regular practice facility when the PSA uses equipment related to the sport. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the workout.

In basketball, a PSA may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength & conditioning coach and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she has signed a National

Letter of Intent; OR is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

Prior to voluntary summer conditioning or individual workouts, SAs who are beginning their initial season of eligibility are required to undergo a medical examination administered or supervised by a physician. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice or out-of-season conditioning activities.



## Camps & Clinics Rules Review

- It is not permissible for an institution to employ an individual (including a high school or two-year college coach) at an institutional camp who is involved in athletics talent evaluation (e.g., scout, coach) for a professional organization or team. (Official interpretation 4/23/08)
- In sports other than basketball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). In football, participation in such camps/clinics is limited to two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June and July or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). The dates of the two 15-day periods must be on file in the office of the athletics director. (Bylaw 13.12.2.3.3)
- A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements:
  - 1.) The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments.
  - 2.) Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.
  - 3.) A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. (Bylaw 13.12.2.1)
- The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending verbal or written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic. Other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period. (Bylaw 13.12.1.3)
- An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants. (Bylaw 13.12.1.6)
- In basketball, a coach (or any individual with basketball-only responsibilities) may not be employed at a noninstitutional privately owned camp or clinic. (Bylaw 13.12.2.3.3)
- A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year-college coach at its camp or clinic, provided:
  - ⇒ The coach receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience.
  - ⇒ The coach is not paid on the basis of the value the coach may have for the employer because of the coach's reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes.
  - ⇒ The coach is not involved in athletics talent evaluation (e.g., scout, coach) for a professional athletics organization or team. (Bylaw 13.12.2.2)

**June 1, 2008 is the first permissible date to start institutional basketball camps or clinics!**

## Financial Aid: Calculating Equivalencies

With the new baseball financial aid minimums going into effect August 1, 2008, it is important to have a clear understanding of Bylaw 15.5.3.2 (Equivalency Computations). Here is a quick review:

### Average Cost vs. Actual Cost

When calculating equivalencies, an institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of a full grant for any or all of the elements of financial aid (i.e., room, board, tuition and fees), provided the institution is consistent in the method it uses in the numerator and denominator (i.e., if the institution uses the average cost of room in the numerator, it also must use the average cost in the denominator). It is not permissible to

average the value of in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees to determine an average cost for tuition and fees at that institution.

As confirmed in an official interpretation dated April 23, 2008, an institution may compute equivalencies based on the averaging method for one team and the actual method for another team. Further, an institution may compute equivalencies based on the actual method for one student-athlete and the averaging method for another student-athlete on the same team.

### Book Allowances

When calculating book allowances in equivalencies, an institution must use

the legislated amount for books (\$400 for the academic year) in the denominator. Therefore, if a student-athlete receives a full-book allowance for the academic year, \$400 must be placed in the numerator and denominator, regardless of the actual cost of the books. If a student-athlete is receiving less than the full book allowance, the institution must determine the fraction of book aid received and use the appropriate numerator based on the \$400 denominator to reflect the fraction of the book allowance actually received. For example, if a student-athlete receives only one-half of the institution's book allowance, \$200 would be used as the numerator and \$400 would be used as the denominator.

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*"There are advantages to having our athletes interact with each other and learn about different cultures and traditions that carry over into their everyday lives and make them better people, not just better athletes."*

*-Nikki Franke  
Director of Fencing/Women's Foil Coach, Temple  
featured in the spring 2008 edition of the NCAA's Champion magazine*

## Important Upcoming Dates:

### MAY

- 18-23: Boston Regional Rules Seminar
- 18-22: Atlantic 10 Annual Meeting, Naples FL
- 20-24: Atlantic 10 Baseball Championship, Camden, NJ (Campbell's Field)
- 23: 2008-09 A-10 SAAC nominations due
- 25-29: National Student-Athlete Development Conference, Orlando, FL
- 26: Memorial Day (A-10 office CLOSED)

### JUNE

- 1-6: San Antonio Regional Rules Seminar
- 24-25: A-10 Compliance Coordinators annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN

## Spring Championships Round-Up

### Women's Tennis

On April 20, second-seeded **Temple** downed No. 5 **Xavier** 4-0, in the finals of the 2008 Atlantic 10 Women's Tennis Championship at Monroeville, Pennsylvania's Club 4 Life. It marked the fourth-ever A-10 crown for the Owls and first since 2003.

**Temple** junior **Dina Senkina** was named the Atlantic 10 women's tennis Most Outstanding Performer in voting conducted among the Conference's head coaches following the Championship. In that same vote, **Zena Williams** of **Duquesne** was named Most Outstanding Rookie Performer and **Temple** head coach **Jill Breslin** was tabbed as Coach of the Year. **Dayton's Allysa Detroy** was selected as the Student-Athlete of the Year in a separate vote of the Conference's sports information directors.

### Outdoor Track & Field

Junior **Lamarra Currie** captured gold in the 100m and 200m dashes and teammate **Aja Jackson** won the 800m and 1,500m events on May 4 as **Charlotte** won its third consecutive women's title at the 2008 Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track & Field Championships, held at the Track & Field Complex on the campus of the University of Massachusetts. On the men's side, **Rhode Island** seized its seventh crown in eight seasons as it edged runner-up **Charlotte**, 224-206.

### Rowing

The University of **Rhode Island** captured its first-ever Atlantic 10 Women's Rowing Championship on the Cooper River (Pennsauken, New Jersey) on April 19. The win snapped a 12-championship title streak held by **Massachusetts** which was the longest streak in any sport in Atlantic 10 history.

**Rhode Island** head coach **Shelagh Donohoe** was named Coach of the Year for the second straight year in voting conducted among the Conference's head coaches.

### Men's Golf

**Charlotte** claimed its third-straight Atlantic 10 Men's Golf Championship finishing with a 23-stroke cushion at the Orange County National Golf Center in Winter Garden, Florida on May 4.

**Dayton** junior **Rob Chappell** earned Dayton's first-ever individual medalist honor shooting an 11-under 205 in the three-day Championship. Teammate **Chris Woeste** captured the league's Rookie of the Year award as the top freshman finisher and was the second Flyer in three years to earn the Rookie honor (Chappell in 2006), while **Charlotte** head coach **Jamie Green** earned his third-straight Coach of the Year award in a vote of the league's coaches. Senior **Jonas Enander Hedin** of **Charlotte** was named the men's golf Student-Athlete of the Year in voting conducted by the Conference's sports information directors.

### Softball

Winning their fourth consecutive title, the top-seeded **Massachusetts** Minutewomen shutout the **Charlotte** 49ers 3-0 on May 10 in the final day of action at the 2008 Atlantic 10 Softball Championship at Charlotte's Phillips Softball Complex. With the win, **Massachusetts** head coach **Elaine Sortino** picked up her 20th A-10 softball tournament championship. The win gives Massachusetts 14th championship in the last 15 years and 20th of 24 all-time conference tournament titles.

**Massachusetts** pitcher **Brandice Balschmitter** was named Most Outstanding Player for the tournament.