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'Cheating will not be tolerated'

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Let's make no mistake: Today's violations in collegiate athletics are utterly indefensible. They overshadow all that is good in college sports. They cast doubt over the motivations of all involved and give credibility to the cynical view. Worse, they encourage others to cheat. That is why they cannot be tolerated.

These concerns — among others — prompted me to gather a group of Division I college presidents this month to address these problems and resolve them quickly. The result was a strong consensus and a clearly stated agenda for action, an agenda the Division I Board of Directors and I will enact in the coming weeks and months.

First, we agreed student-athletes must be just that, students who are athletes. Winning on the court or field is not enough. College athletes must also perform well in the classroom. The board took an important first step by creating serious academic standards that teams must meet to play in NCAA championships. Higher eligibility standards for college freshmen and junior college transfers are also coming shortly.

Second, we all agreed that the NCAA's rules need to be simplified with clear emphasis on integrity — weed out unenforceable and irrelevant rules and focus on serious threats.

Next, we are addressing the needs of student-athletes, looking to increase grants to cover the full cost of attendance and providing opportunities for multiyear scholarships and

Finally, I am committed — with the full support of our presidents — to hold all those involved in college athletics responsible for following the rules. It is not too onerous a burden to expect participants in college sports to not cheat. For those who do, we must be clear about the consequences.

We are changing our enforcement practices and our penalties to reflect these common-sense values. There must be shared responsibility — among presidents, athletes, administrators, coaches, conferences, agents and boosters alike — that cheating will not be tolerated and the cost of doing so outweighs any benefit. Words, of course, do not mean much; only action counts. We cannot legislate integrity. But we can and will define it, expect it and hold ourselves accountable.

COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

Question 1:

If a student-athlete is enrolled in, and attending classes, during the summer prior to their initial full-time enrollment, can they serve as a host for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit?

Question 2:

Bill, a prospective student-athlete, arrived at 8 p.m. the night before his official visit. A coach at University College picked up Bill at the nearest major airport. As they were walking through the airport to collect Bill's luggage, Coach bought a "to-go" meal for Bill to take with him on the drive to the hotel. A) Does the receipt of the meal begin the 48 hour period? B) If Bill's father is with him can the coach also purchase a to-go meal for him?

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Departure Restriction for Extended Road Trip That Includes Multiple Competition Sites

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The academic and membership affairs staff determined that, in sports other than men's basketball, a member institution may provide travel expenses for a student-athlete representing the institution in multiple competitions on an extended road trip, provided each competition occurs within 84 hours of the first or each subsequent competition (i.e., institution may provide expenses 36 hours after each competition and 48 hours prior to the subsequent competition, for a total of 84 hours between competitions). In men's basketball, an institution may provide travel expenses to a student-athlete representing the institution in multiple competitions on an extended road trip, provided each competition occurs within 72 hours of the first or each subsequent competition (i.e., 24 hours after each competition and 48 hours prior to the subsequent competition, for a total of 72 hours between competitions).

Staff Interpretation

Contact with a Prospective Student-Athlete who Repeats Junior Year

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The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that an institution may make off-campus, in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete beginning July 1 following completion of his or her junior year even if the prospect will repeat the junior year; however, once the prospect begins classes as a junior for the following academic year, no further contact may occur until July 1 following the academic year or the first day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year, whichever is earlier.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



A new feature starting this year for the Athletics Newsletter is the Department Spotlight. Each month we will be getting to know employees in various departments of Athletics. This month we will be talking with the Business Office staff. The Business Office staff includes Bill Sparks, Sarah Williams, Debbie Allred, Ace Malsom, Brenda Livingston and Becky Brix. We asked all of them 5 questions that will help us get to know them.

1) Where did you grow up?

Bill: Spanishburg, West Virginia

Sarah: New Rockford, North Dakota

Debbie: Southern California

Ace: Ranch near Aberdeen, South Dakota

Brenda: Kansas; High School in Texas

Becky: On ranches in Wyoming & Nebraska

4) How long have you lived in Laramie?

Bill: 12+ years Started at UW in Nov. 1998

Sarah: Almost 5 years

Debbie: 30 years

Ace: 28 years

Brenda: 6 years

Becky: 4 years

2) What is your favorite snack?

Bill: Chocolate/Oatmeal-No Bake Cookies

Sarah: M&Ms

Debbie: Anything with Chocolate

Ace: Pretzels

Brenda: Brownies

Becky: Chocolate

5) What is your favorite color?

Bill: Brown and Gold-of course

Sarah: Pink

Debbie: Red

Ace: Yellow

Brenda: Red

Becky: Green

3) What is your favorite time of year?

Bill: Summer (all 3 months)

Sarah: Spring

Debbie: Fall

Ace: Spring

Brenda: Summer

Becky: Winter (November-December)



Sarah, Brenda, Bill, Becky, Debbie, Ace

UW FACULTY/STAFF CORNER

ACADEMIC YEAR OF READINESS

It's that time of year again to start looking at new proposals that the NCAA and its membership have put forward for consideration. This year there is one that may dramatically affect 2-year college transfers. Proposal 2011-65 would allow for 2-year college student to not start their 5-year clock under NCAA rules until after their first year at a 2-year school provided certain conditions are met. They are referring to this year as a year of academic readiness.

The purpose of this year would be to assist students who are graduating from high school without foundational academic skills to succeed academically at 4-year institutions. The proposal would give those students time for unprepared student-athletes to gain the academic fundamentals necessary to ultimately succeed at a 4-year college.

In order for this first year of school to count as a year of academic readiness there are several requirements that a student must meet:

- They must be declared a non-qualifier by the NCAA Eligibility Center;
- Their year of academic readiness must be used during their initial year of enrollment at the 2-year college;
- The student and the 2-year college must confirm the student's enrollment in the year of academic readiness with the NCAA Eligibility Center;
- The student must complete 2 semesters of consecutive full-time enrollment at the 2-year college;
- And, the student does not engage in outside competition during their academic year of readiness.

A student who uses this year of academic readiness to delay the start of their clock will also face additional conditions upon their transfer to a 4-year institution. In order to delay their clock they must not only complete the academic year of readiness requirements but also must have spent at least 5 full-time semesters at the 2-year college and they are not allowed to compete in more than 2 seasons of competition in any one sport at the 4-year institution.

The year of readiness would be geared towards allowing students who need to take remedial courses to do so during that first year in order to give them the academic foundation they need in order to be successful as students. The proposal is in response to the current educational shift towards remediation/foundational learning skill development occurring at the 2-year level, since many NCAA institutions do not offer remedial courses.

ANSWERS TO COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Answer 1:

No. Because the student has not yet enrolled full-time, but only in summer school, they are still considered a prospective student-athlete for the purposes of NCAA bylaw 13.6, Official Visits.

Per NCAA bylaw 13.6.7.5 a student host must be a current student-athlete. A violation of this bylaw will result in the host, not only being declared ineligible, but having to repay any benefits that they received (i.e. host money and meals) to a charity.

Answer 2:

A) No, the 48 hour period does not begin with Bill's receipt of the to-go meal as this meal is considered to be received while in transit.

B) Yes, but the provision of a "to-go" meal to Bill's father would start the 48-hour official visit period. Therefore, the coach should not purchase a "to-go" meal for Bill's father if they do not want the 48-hour period to start.



LSU's Russell Shepard to miss Oregon opener due to NCAA violations

By: Glenn Guilbeau
usatoday.com

BATON ROUGE -- LSU junior wide receiver Russell Shepard, expected to be a major weapon for the Tigers this season, will not play in the Tigers' season opener on Sept. 3 against No. 3 Oregon and will miss more games, LSU announced Thursday afternoon.

Shepard has been declared ineligible for violating NCAA rules because he discussed an upcoming NCAA inquiry with a teammate who was scheduled to be interviewed by an NCAA official, LSU associate athletic director Herb Vincent said.

The NCAA inquiry Vincent mentioned may refer to the NCAA official visiting the LSU campus in July to interview LSU coach Les Miles and members of his staff about their contacts with Houston-based high school football scout and recruiting service owner Willie Lyles, who has been the subject of NCAA investigations concerning Oregon and LSU.

Shepard has also been under NCAA scrutiny for his off-campus living arrangement over the summer. His appearance at Southeastern Conference Media Days in July was nixed because of that issue. "His actions were deemed to have violated NCAA protocol," Vincent said.

LSU plans to seek reinstatement for Shepard, who was one of the top prospects in the nation as a quarterback in 2008-09 out of Cypress Ridge High in Houston.

He is expected to miss a number of games until the reinstatement can be considered by the NCAA," Vincent said. "He can continue to practice with the team."

COMPLIANCE WORD SEARCH

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Word List

- Books
- Certification
- Compliance
- Comp Tickets
- Forms
- Ineligible
- Meetings
- Official Visit
- Outside Income
- Phone Logs
- Playing Season
- Practice
- Proposals
- Recruiting
- Redshirt
- Scholarship
- Squad List
- Violation
- Waiver
- Walkons

RECRUITING CALENDAR 2011-2012

Sport	Contact/ Evaluation Period	Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Quiet Period	Dead Period
Men's Basketball		Sept 9-Oct 5; Mar 16-22; April 5(noon)-18	Oct 6-Mar 28; July 6-15	Aug 1-Sept 8; Apr 19-July 5	Nov 7-10; Dec 24-26; Mar 29-Apr 5(noon); Apr 9-12; May 17-26
Women's Basketball		Sept 16-Oct 6; Mar 1-29	Oct 7-Feb 29; Apr 20-24; July 6-15; July 22-31	Aug 1-Sept 15; Apr 6-8; Apr 13-19; Apr 25-July 5	Nov 7-10; Dec 24-26; Mar 30-Apr 12; July 16-21
Football		Nov 27-Jan 28	42 Eval days in Sept, Oct, Nov; Apr 15-May 31 (168 days)	Aug 1-Nov 26; Dec 18; Jan 4-8 (JC); Jan 8; Jan 29; Feb 3-Apr 14; Apr 15-May 31; June 1-July 31	Dec 19-22 (JC); Dec 19-Jan 3; Jan 9-12; Jan 30-Feb 2
Men's Golf	Aug. 1-July 31				Nov 7-10; Apr 9-12
Women's Golf	Aug. 1-July 31				Nov 7-10; Apr 9-12
Women's Soccer	Aug. 1-July 31				Jan 30-Feb 2
Women's Tennis	Aug. 1-July 31				Nov 7-10; Apr 9-12
Swimming & Diving	Aug. 1-July 31				Nov 7-10; Apr 9-12
Track & Field/Cross Country		Aug. 14-Dec 11; Jan 3-July 31		Dec 12-Jan 2	Nov. 21-22; Dec 12-16; Jan 30-Feb 2; Mar 9-11; June 6-10
Volleyball		Aug 1-Dec 4; Jan 1-July 31		Dec 5-13; Jan 1-13; May 1-25	Nov 7-10; Dec 14-31; Apr 9-12
Wrestling	Aug. 1-July 31				Nov 7-10; Apr 9-12

Recruiting Period Definitions

Contact Period: Permissible to make in-person, off-campus, recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period: Permissible to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. NO in-person, off-campus contacts may be made during evaluation periods.

Quiet Period: Permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts ONLY on the UW campus.

Dead Period: NOT permissible to make in-person contacts or evaluations on- or off-campus or to permit official or unofficial visits.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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