May NCAA Compliance Calendar Reminders

1. Review and confirm student-athlete academic eligibility and notify if summer school is necessary for the following academic year.
2. Collect roster changes and update squad lists.
   3. Monitor full-time enrollment
   4. Monitor unofficial and official visits.
   5. Monitor contacts and evaluations.
   6. Monitor countable athletically related activities.
   7. Retrieve uniforms/equipment and complete inventory.

Monthly Rules Education Session:

Camps and Clinics
Video of Nonscholastic Activities through a Subscription to a Recruiting or Scouting Service (II)

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Item Ref: 2

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that it is not permissible for an institution to obtain video (e.g., live streaming video, recorded video) of any nonscholastic activities, including regular game and all-star competition, or any summer camp or clinic competition, through a subscription to a recruiting or scouting service. [references: Bylaws 12.3.3 (athletics scholarship agent) and 13.14.3.2 (video services), official interpretation (4/2/87, item no. 6) and staff interpretation (4/25/88, item d), which has been archived.]

Compliance Issues

Division II Full-Time Enrollment Waiver Application

The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee recently created an application to assist member institutions with full-time enrollment waiver requests. An updated version of the application is attached. The application can also be found on the NCAA Web site by selecting Division II Governance in the Legislation & Governance tab. Once on the Division II Governance page, click the link for Committees and Project Teams, then click the link for the Academic Requirements Committee. The waiver application is in the Forms section.

Coach Employed at Camp/Clinic -- Recruiting Activities (II)

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Type: Official Interpretation
Item Ref: 1

The Division II Legislation Committee determined that it is permissible for a coach employed at a sports camp or clinic to recruit a prospective student-athlete attending such camp or clinic. [references: NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.12.1.3 (recruiting calendar exceptions) and a staff interpretation (7/17/1992, item b), which has been archived]
Completed waiver requests should be faxed to the attention of “Division II ARC Waivers” at 317/917-6875. Please call the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff at 317/917-6003 if you have questions regarding a potential full-time enrollment waiver request.

Non commercial Patches on Game Uniforms

At its January 14, 2009, meeting, the NCAA Division II Playing Rules Oversight Panel reviewed a request for clarification regarding the use of non profit organizations’ logos (e.g., special recognition patches) on the game uniform. Various NCAA playing rules committees were not consistent in their positions on this issue, which created confusion for the membership.

The panel has determined that the game uniform is not the place to have them displayed and logos of this type shall be treated like commercial logos for the purposes of use on the game uniform and, therefore, are not allowed. Institutional and conference logos or memorial patches remain legal, subject to placement according to the appropriate sport’s rules code.

This ruling is effective immediately for all sports in which the NCAA administers playing rules and will be included in future editions of the playing rules books, as well as on the NCAA Web site. If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Ty Halpin (thalpin@ncaa.org or 317/917-6136) at the NCAA national office.

Compliance Forms Project Update at Regional Rules Seminar

Jen Daniels will be presenting an update regarding the compliance forms project at both Regional Rules Seminars. These sessions will be held on Monday and Thursday from 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. in the Grand ABC Room in Atlanta and the Pacific Room in Anaheim.

2009 NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility is Available Online

The 2009 NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility for students entering an institution fall 2009 is now available online. The guide is posted on the NCAA Web site and can be accessed at www.ncaa.org. The NCAA Foreign Student Records Committee has also changed its name to the NCAA International Student Records Committee, effective immediately.

Please contact Frank Arredondo at farredondo@ncaa.org or Jobrina Perez jperez@ncaa.org with any questions.
2009 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars

1. **Registration has now closed for the Atlanta Regional Rules Seminar.** You are permitted to register onsite; however, you must make your own hotel arrangements. The registration for the Anaheim Regional Rules Seminar will close May 1. Register now! [https://www.planningpoint.net/V2/Registrations/index.cfm?EventID=975](https://www.planningpoint.net/V2/Registrations/index.cfm?EventID=975)

2. **REMINDER: No Binders!!!** Presentation materials will be available in early May on ncaa.org. Download or print presentation materials before the seminar. **Bring your laptop (and your power cord)!**

3. **Future sites.**

   2010: May 17-21 in Indianapolis and June 14-18 in Dallas.
   2011: May 16-20 in Tucson and June 6-10 in Tampa.
   2012: May 14-18 in Anaheim and June 4-8 in Atlanta.

Watch the NCAA Regional Rules Web page for additional information coming soon.

**Student-Athlete Reinstatement**

**Update from the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement’s December 2008 Meeting**

**Competition and Practice Prior to Certification of Amateur Status.** The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement was provided with an update regarding cases where a student-athlete has been permitted to participate in practice and/or competition prior to receiving final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center (Bylaw 12.1.1.1.3). The committee reviewed the guidelines originally approved at the December 2007 meeting and reaffirmed their position that relief from a withholding condition for a violation of this bylaw should no longer be provided beginning with the 2009-10 academic year. The committee provided relief during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years with the understanding that the amateurism certification process was new, and many Division II member institutions were not familiar with the process and were inadvertently allowing student-athletes to participate prior to receiving their certification decisions. However, in reaffirming their guidelines effective for the 2009-10 academic year, the committee believes the membership has had ample time to become familiar with the new amateurism certification process.
Use of a Semester within 10-Semester Period of Eligibility as it Relates to Misadvisement. The committee reviewed and reaffirmed the current guideline for instances when a student-athlete has not been denied two participation opportunities but was misadvised by an appropriate institutional authority regarding the use of a semester of full-time enrollment. The committee noted that generally coaches should not be deemed an appropriate institutional authority unless the coaching member has academic responsibilities as demonstrated through documentation such as an organizational chart or departmental policies and procedures.

NCAA Agent, Gambling and Amateurism Newsletter.

Attached is a copy of the most recent NCAA agent, gambling and amateurism newsletter.

As the 2008-09 academic year quickly comes to a close, it will soon be time to turn your focus to the 2009-10 academic year. The NCAA Eligibility Center wants to help you make it as smooth a transition as possible.

Outreach Initiatives

The Eligibility Center sent an e-mail April 1 to more than 130,000 prospective student-athletes who indicated they would be enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution in fall 2009. This e-mail was sent to remind them to complete the online request for final amateurism certification. An e-mail was also recently sent to high school contacts on file with the Eligibility Center for them to remind prospective student-athletes to complete the request for final amateurism certification. Please help by advising your prospective student-athletes to log back into the Eligibility Center Web site and request a final amateurism certification.
**Institution Request List (IRL) Maintenance**

The Eligibility Center continues to see more prospective student-athletes being added to IRLs earlier than in the past. This will help us determine how we prioritize cases this summer. It is equally important that you remove prospective student-athletes as soon as your coaches have stopped recruiting them. This is a critical step that will save the Eligibility Center from working on cases you no longer need.

**Final High School Transcript**

The high school graduation season will be here within a month. Please remind your incoming prospective student-athletes to have a certified final transcript with proof of graduation mailed to the Eligibility Center by their high school guidance counselors as soon as possible. As a reminder, faxed transcripts cannot be used by the Eligibility Center.

Also, it has come to the attention of the Eligibility Center that some college coaches have communicated to their prospective student-athletes that they need to know their academic certification status (i.e., qualifier, nonqualifier) now. Please remind your coaches that a final academic certification cannot be completed until a final transcript with proof of graduation has been received and reviewed by the Eligibility Center. Also, if your coaches are communicating with prospective student-athletes, please make sure the messages will be correctly interpreted by all recipients.

**Spring Meetings and Regional Rules Seminars**

As we all work hard to find financially conscious ways to meet educational needs, the Eligibility Center would like to support your conference or institution. If we can be of any assistance on your conference calls or videoconferences, please let us know. Additionally, many conferences have chosen to meet at the upcoming Regional Rules Seminars. The Eligibility Center will have staff on site who can participate in your meeting(s) as needed if initial-eligibility topics are on the agenda. If you would like an Eligibility Center representative to participate in a meeting or conference call, please e-mail ecinfo@ncaa.org.

**Reminders for April**

1. The Eligibility Center is still processing preliminary certifications for prospective student-athletes enrolling fall 2009. If you need a preliminary certification for a prospective student-athlete, please call the member institution phone line at 877/544-2950. In order for a preliminary certification to be performed, the Eligibility Center needs to have a transcript(s) with six semesters of completed coursework as well as a test score on file. Additionally, the prospective student-athlete must be on your IRL.
2. The 2009-10 recruiting cycle (those enrolling for the 2010-11 academic year) is now available on your drop-down menu with the Eligibility Center. Please be careful to select the correct recruiting cycle when adding prospective student-athletes to your IRL. Prospective student-athletes added to the wrong recruiting cycle will not be selected for processing.

Hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. Our summer compliance meeting will be July 30-August 1. This meeting is very important and I highly suggest that everyone is in attendance. I look forward to seeing everyone at Regional Rules!

Have a great day,
Melissa