Greetings from the NSIC!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. The 2009-10 Academic Year is off and running and I look forward to working with everyone again this year. Reminder: the monthly newsletter will come out as close to the end of the month as possible. The NSIC Compliance Newsletter can be used as you see what fits best on your campus. If you would like to see anything published in the newsletter please feel free to let me know.

Thank you! Go NSIC,
Melissa Sewick, NSIC Assistant Commissioner for Compliance

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**NCAA Violation Reporting Process**

1. All violations should be sent to the NSIC Conference Office immediately.

2. Level I violations will be sent to Chris Strobel, NCAA enforcements immediately by the NSIC Conference Office.

3. Level II violations will be sent to Chris Strobel, NCAA enforcements quarterly by the NSIC Conference Office.

4. Once a letter is received by the conference office along with the institution I will then contact the compliance administrator to begin follow up.

Quarters:
- January - March
- April - June
- July - September
- October - December

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**Eligibility Center**

Please note that request for certifications (expediting) Student-Athletes must come through the conference office. Right now they are ONLY taking request for competition.

Information Needed for request:
1. S.A. Name
2. S.A. NCAA ID number
3. S.A. sport
4. Date of travel
5. Next competition date
6. Compliance officer contact information

**I am aware of the frustrations everyone is having with the E.C. The E.C. is working to satisfy DII and working along side a committee of DII Conference Compliance officers. I apologies the headache they have caused for everyone. We are NOT the only conference that is having issues.**

**The Eligibility center is having a webinar October 7, 2009. For more information please see LSDBI, eligibility center website, or previous email that was sent out.**
NSIC Rules Education:

(Q) The head football coach would like to pay the entry fee for a football student-athlete, associated with participation in a bowl game. There was a $400.00 entry fee that was never paid. Can the head football coach pay for the fee out of the program’s football account?

(A) With information that was presented, Bylaw 16.8.1.2, Bylaw 18.7, and Bylaw 30.9. needed to be reviewed to see if the bowl game met the standards. Also, further investigation needed to be taken to see if it was an approved NCAA bowl game. Not enough information was provided to give a permissible or not permissible interpretation.

(Q) Parents would like to ride on Team bus with S.A. to an away from home game that requires an overnight stay. Parents would reimburse the institution the relevant cost. Same offer would be open to all the institution’s students and parents who would like to ride on the team bus. Is this permissible?

(A) Previous Cite: 16.02.2 Excessive Expense.
An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation, if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution’s students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. (Revised: 1/10/91)
Per looking at the above bylaw, it would be permissible as long it is available to EVERYONE and everyone is charged the same amount.

(Q) Our athletic department would like to issue two complimentary passes to area schools (100 mile radius) for only coaches to use at all athletic events. Is this permissible?

(A) Per NCAA Bylaw 13.8.1- it is NOT permissible to issue two complimentary passes to area schools (100 mile radius) for only Coaches to use at all athletic events. NCAA Bylaw states that you can only provide a max. of two complimentary admissions to each coach and must be issued on an individual-game basis.

Title: 13.8.1 - Entertainment Restrictions.
Entertainment of a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions which must be issued on an individual-game basis, to home athletics contests at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team regularly practices or competes. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. For violations in which the value of the benefit is $100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete (or preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's (or the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved) repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (Revised: 1/10/05, 1/9/06, 4/11/06)
(Q) The head cross country/track and field coach is going to be working at a race held on July 5th. This race is open to the general public and is located in the town of where the University is at. There will be prizes distributed to the winners of the race- the prizes come in form of gift certificates. Would an enrolled Student-Athlete be allowed to participate in this event?

(A) Per discussion with the NCAA, participation in this event by an enrolled student-athlete would NOT be permissible. It is not permissible due to Bylaw 12.1.2.1, bylaw 12.1.2.3 and bylaw 12.1.2.1.5.

(Q) When students fill out their NCAA compliance forms at the beginning of the year and they are doing the Student-Athlete statement packet and they are supposed to mark whether they have either: NEVER tested positive for a drug test or they HAVE tested positive for a drug test before. If a student-athlete marked they have tested positive for a drug test before, what do I do?

(A) Upon further investigation into the case, the S.A. was not at a NCAA member institution and there for no further action needed to be taken. The drug test was an institutional drug test and does not affect the S.A. because it was not given at a NCAA member institution.

(Q) The head volleyball coach would like to pay for travel expenses for one of the volunteer assistant coaches. This volunteer coach is also an undergraduate male student. Is this permissible?

(A) This is permissible; per talking with the NCAA the volunteer assistant coach would be considered a manager. As long as this student coach has coaching responsibilities and does not participate in practice with them.

2009 September Division II Commissioners Announcements

***Please read- important information in the DII Commissioners Announcements***

??Conference Calls??
Do you think we should start having compliance calls?
- Call for agenda items would be taken and an agenda would be sent out and then we could have a conference call monthly.

**Let me know your thoughts!!**

* Please send any newsletter suggestions to me. And any thoughts or concerns *