



MINUTES
CCACA IN-PERSON MEETING
January 21-22 2016

Participants:

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1. INAAC

2. Review of Agenda

3. December 2015 Conference Call Minutes

The minutes of the December 16 conference call were unanimously approved.

4. Use of Student Assistance Fund to Provide Competition Travel Expenses to Transfer Student-Athlete Serving a Year in Residence

The group continued its discussion from the December conference call regarding the use of SAF to provide transportation expenses for transfers serving a year in residence. Group members discussed whether conferences were distinguishing between student-athletes who were ineligible due to transfer requirements versus academic requirements. Members also mentioned other benefits being provided to ineligible student-athletes using SAF.

D'Antonio reminded the group of a recent group discussion that resulted in recommended revisions to the SAF bylaws and suggestions for the annual reporting process. A committee comprised of Archbald, Hegmann, Morrison, and Walter was appointed to update the previous recommendations and also prepare a recommendation for the commissioners regarding transfer travel. D'Antonio and Burgemeister agreed to discuss with Brad Hostetter next steps to elevate the issue to CCA.

5. Issuance and Retrieval of Institutional Apparel to Prospective Student-Athletes on Campus Visits

Merino continued the discussion from the December conference call regarding the use of institutional apparel by prospects during a campus visit. Group members reported providing flexibility in the event of inclement weather and lost luggage. Some members expressed support for allowing the use of apparel on an issue and retrieval basis

throughout the visit. Richardson confirmed the intent of existing interpretations was to accommodate extenuating circumstances, not as a standing ability to provide apparel for visiting prospects. He noted that the staff will review the issue and provide updated guidance.

6. Outside Consultants in Golf

Merino updated the group on guidance from the AMA staff that the prohibition on contact between outside consultants and student-athletes applies to off-course and classroom activities, including discussions about strategy and tactics.

7. Contact with Football Prospect Participating in All-Star Contest

Merino notified the group of a determination from the AMA staff that the prohibition on contact with prospects participating in an all-star contests includes participants in local and regional all-star contests, even if the participants return home between practice sessions (i.e., prohibition applies from the time the player reports for the first practice until the conclusion of the game).

8. Committee on Legislative Relief Update

The group engaged in a general discussion of the Committee on Legislative Relief, noting that more discussion would occur with the NCAA staff. It was reported that the Council approved a one-year extension of the Temporary Review Process in order to review additional cases prior to adding the analysis to the permanent waiver policies.

In later discussion, Richardson noted the increase in volume and complexity of appeals, which has also resulted in additional time devoted to discussion and development of policies and guidelines. The group also discussed the implementation of the new 4-4 transfer directive.

9. Coaches Recruiting Exam

Burgemeister asked for volunteers to assist in reviewing the 2016-17 coaches recruiting exam. Donovan, Campbell, Grams, and Hamm agreed to be on the subcommittee.

D'Antonio also asked the group whether the exam should be continued in its present format. A majority of the group supported encouraging the NCAA staff to evaluate alternate educational initiatives. For example, an educational video to be viewed by coaches, or that the exam be retained only for newer coaches.

10. Correspondence Accompanying Questionnaires and Camp Brochures

Morrison lead a discussion on the interpretation that addresses correspondence accompanying questionnaires and camp brochures, specifically regarding what constitutes recruiting language and what language conferences have determined is permissible.

11. Basketball Managers

Williams reiterated her previous email clarifying the permissible duties for managers and practice players. Group members noted the challenge in addressing all potential

scenarios and activities, and requested that the AMA staff look at opportunities for enhancing the guidance and educational materials available.

12. Basketball & Football Recruiting Services – End-of-year, Unpublished Discounts

Donovan notified the group that some institutions have received offers of unpublished, end-of-year and introductory-rate discounts from recruiting services that are otherwise approved through the NCAA process. The group agreed that such discounts would be impermissible.

13. Track & Field Strength & Conditioning Specialist Certification

Archbald notified the group of a new accredited strength and conditioning specialist certification that is offered by the track and field coaches association.

14. NAAC Update

Archbald provided an update on the NAAC Board of Directors meeting at the NCAA Convention. She also reported on the NAAC Policy Summit that was conducted and noted that a white paper will be developed to guide future policy discussion. The mentor/mentee program will begin a second cycle at the NAAC Convention; an application process will be announced in the spring. The NAAC Community platform will be launched in February or March. Finally, information regarding the convention stipend program and NAAC awards will be released in the next month.

15. NCAA Enforcement Advisory Board

D’Antonio reported that the NCAA Enforcement staff is creating a group of membership representatives, including a CCACA member, to provide feedback and oversight. D’Antonio will solicit interest and conduct a vote via email after the meeting.

16. CCACA Survey

Everhart provided an update on the survey that was originally discussed at last year’s meeting. She noted that a google document will be circulated following the meeting to collect data on several areas of each conference’s policies and operations. The results will then be available for any group member to review. Suggestions for additional data to collect may be sent to Everhart. The group agreed that information will be reviewed and updated at the end of each calendar year to allow for discussion during the annual in-person meeting.

17. CCACA Operations

D’Antonio solicited feedback on the general operation of the group. Members expressed support for the new conference call schedule. The group also agreed on the proposed dates and location for the 2017 meeting, and discussed alternate options for the social activity.

18. Autonomy Legislative Proposals

The group discussed separately and with Zeller several proposals in the Autonomy process that were adopted at the NCAA Convention, including:

- 2015-18 (baseball agents) – The group asked whether amateurism certification will be based on the more flexible rule. The amateurism certification staff will be

asked to provide guidance, but certification will presumably be based on the more flexible rule and conferences or institutions will be responsible for implementing a more restrictive policy.

- 2015-20 (preenrollment fees) – It was confirmed that payment of a fee does not change the classification of a particular expense as an element of financial aid or a permissible benefit, but does allow the expense to be paid earlier in the process.
- 2015-21 (student-athlete self-employment) – The proposal was withdrawn due to questions about potential complexity of implementation and waiver precedent as the appropriate mechanism to handle these scenarios.
- Resolution 2016-1 (time demands) – The group discussed the timeline for action, with proposals to be considered no later than the January 2017 NCAA Convention.

19. Council Legislative Proposals

Zeller noted that Proposal 2015-81 was adopted with less than 85% majority and therefore is subject to rescission requests for 60 days. He also solicited feedback on ways to indicate to the membership which Council proposals are subject to vote in January. Group members suggested a specific email providing this information.

The group also discussed separately and with Zeller several proposals in the Council Governance process, including:

- 2015-36 (commitment before NLI signing period) – the proposal would not be moot if one of the proposals permitted unlimited communication is adopted.
- 2015-42 (contact during the school day with basketball prospects enrolled at a two-year college) – it was noted that the proposal is intended to codify the existing legislative relief waiver, and that on-campus contact would become impermissible during the school day if the proposal is not adopted.
- 2015-61 (volleyball camp employment) – conferences reported that many coaches are opposed to the proposal due to the reduced opportunity for additional earned income.
- 2015-71/72 (skill instruction during out-of-season period) – group members discussed whether the proposals should be deferred and considered as part of the time demands review.
- 2015-73/74 (enrollment to participate in summer access) – the group requested clarification in the Q&A document about providing expenses to student-athletes who are not enrolled for the full duration of the eight-week period.

Zeller reminded the group that the Legislative Committee will review all proposals during its February meeting and will identify any additional questions as well as establish a consent package for the Council to consider in April. An initial draft of the Q&A document is expected after the February meeting once it is reviewed by the Interpretations Committee.

20. Requesting NCAA Staff Attendance at Conference Meetings

Fraser reviewed the new process to request attendance by NCAA staff members at conference meetings. The intent is to streamline the process and provide the most appropriate speakers at each conference's meetings. Group members will receive an

email solicitation following the meeting that will also include potential topics to be addressed.

21. Financial Aid Issues Ad Hoc Working Group

Hataway reported that the working group has started to review results of the survey conducted last November. While additional discussion will occur before a recommendation is made, preliminary results indicate divided feedback on Proposal 2015-67. In addition, the membership appears prepared for a comprehensive review of the financial aid legislation. Information on the working group is available on the NCAA website. The group is expected to provide its final recommendations to the Council in April.

22. Time Demands

Hataway provided an overview of the time demands review that will be undertaken by the governance structure in conjunction with the Autonomy conferences. She noted that a process and timeline are being developed for how all involved entities will collaborate to complete the work.

23. Application of IAWP Rules

Boyer and Lawler presented a scenario of an IAWP who has other legitimate business and nonprofit ventures (e.g., leadership book/video) that coaches are involved with. They noted that the original legislation may be capturing more nonprofit organizations than intended or is necessary to promote recruiting integrity. Richardson requested feedback on the group's preferred approach to this type of question, including whether to maintain a broad prohibition or to develop a more nuanced approach that might consider the nature of the nonprofit, the involved coach's sport, and the nature of the coach's involvement. Richardson noted that the staff will collect feedback from a variety of groups and then develop guidance for the membership.

24. Official Visit Activities that Combine Meals and Entertainment

Dahly noted that activities during an official visit that include both food and entertainment in a single cost or ticket must be counted against the entertainment allowance. Richardson later confirmed the guidance provided by the AMA staff.

25. Academic and Membership Affairs Updates

Richardson and Hataway provided several updates on AMA initiatives. They confirmed that the monthly CCACA Update will be distributed through the group's list serv rather than directly to each member. They discussed the bylaw team structure and process for staff transition, and also noted that the NCAA Regulatory Affairs directory is updated constantly. Richardson also solicited any feedback or suggested enhancements for RSRO.

26. Conference Contact Program

Archbald lead a discussion on the role of conference contacts in relation to RSRO. Richardson clarified that the conference contact can assist with answers to timely issues (whether or not in one of their assigned bylaw areas) and assist with issues that do not have definitive or settled answers.

27. Academic Misconduct – Proposal 2015-66

Davey and Cardamone reviewed the collaborative process undertaken by the Committee on Academics to develop the proposal. They highlighted the concept of impermissible academic assistance and noted the reduced scope of cases that NCAA staff would be involved in compared to current legislation. Multiple group members relayed feedback from their members that the potential for “double jeopardy” is a sticking point for some institutions who are opposed to the proposal. Cardamone also reviewed the most recent version of the Q&A document, highlighting the changes from previous versions, including the length of time that a student-athlete for a potential violation.

28. Division I Governance

Fraser provided an update on the Values-Based Revenue Distribution Working Group and Sport Organization Structure Working Group. Each group had its first in-person meeting at the NCAA Convention. She noted these groups were formed after Division I Strategic Summit in August 2015. Both groups are taking a deliberate approach and do not have any preliminary concepts or predetermined outcomes. It is anticipated that the Values-Based Revenue Distribution group will provide a report to the Board of Directors in October 2016, and that the Sport Organization Structure group will report to the Board in April 2017.

Fraser reviewed other areas of focus for 2016 identified by the Board of Directors, Presidential Forum, and Council including the two-year governance structure review, Competition Oversight Committee Finance Subcommittee, time demands, preenrollment amateurism regulations, and postbaccalaureate transfers.

D’Antonio noted that distribution of governance information through the CCACA list serv is working well and will be continued.

29. National Letter of Intent

Peal provided several updates regarding the February signing period and other announcements related to the NLI program. Among the topics addressed included co-signer requests, midyear signees and enrollees, academic redshirts, signing and submission deadlines, electronic signatures and null/void reports. Peal also requested feedback from the group regarding NLI technology dates, future signing dates, and Proposal 2015-54.

30. Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Henderson reviewed case statistics for the current academic year compared to previous years. She also noted that the Council took action to codify the consideration of extenuating circumstances in the Temporary Review Process as part of the committee’s policies and procedures. The Committee will continue to review cases decided by the staff under these guidelines. Henderson also discussed the use of community service in lieu of repayment to restore eligibility.

31. Adjournment