

CCA Compliance Administrators
Teleconference
April 10, 2002

Those participating: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Jill Deese, Atlantic Coast; Liz Kane, Atlantic Ten; Lindsey Babcock, Jerome Rodgers, Stan Wilcox, Big East; Ellen Ferris, Big Sky; Amy Haworth, Big South; Jennifer Heppel, Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Big Twelve; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Noreen Morris, Conference USA; Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon; Dell Robinson, Tracy Scott, Mid-American; Chad Hawley, Mid-Continent; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Lee Moses, Ohio Valley; Eugene Byrd, Southeastern; Gil Grimes, Southern; Helen Grant, Sun Belt; Gloria Nevarez, West Coast; Pat Hairston, Western Athletic.

1. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2002 conference call.
2. National Letter of Intent Validation. The CCACA revisited the validation of the National Letter of Intent in order to bring consistency to this process among all the conferences. Eugene Byrd, director of the NLI program, helped facilitate the discussion, so that the CCACA could reach an agreement as the spring signing period begins. The group agreed that in the event a mistake is made by the signing parties in the placement of the date on the NLI document, the Letter would still be valid, if a statement in writing is provided by the parent and the prospect indicating that a mistake was made and that it was the parties' intent to state that the NLI was signed on the correct date. All signing parties must agree as to the validity of the letter if a mistake is made. The statement from the parties should be obtained as soon as possible, but must be received by the conference office within a reasonable time period. Other institutions should cease recruitment of the prospect during this period of time. It was also agreed that if the athletics director does not date the NLI, then the date of issuance shall revert back to the first day of the signing period.
Eugene also gave an update on some changes that the NLI steering committee has made in regards to the release process. The Qualified Release Agreement will be replaced by a document called the Release Request Letter. This document can be downloaded from the web, and will provide three options: a complete release, a partial release, or no release. The last two options can be appealed to the steering committee. It is the belief of the steering committee that this new document will provide a more streamlined process for all of the parties involved.
3. Student-Athlete Reinstatement – Request for CCACA Feedback. The NCAA reinstatement staff has asked the CCACA for volunteers to give feedback on some issues of concern. First, the staff would like to discuss the reinstatement conditions in cases where an institution receives a recruiting advantage. The staff also needs input into contests that can be used to satisfy a reinstatement condition,

and the point at which a student-athlete would lose an entire season as a result of ineligible competition. Another issue for discussion will be repayment plans,

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and the ramifications if a student-athlete does not complete the terms of an agreed upon plan.

A summary of these issues will be placed on the listserv, with a request for volunteers. The names of the volunteers will be forwarded to Jennifer Strawley at the NCAA office.

Stan Wilcox gave the group an update on the international student reinstatement directive, which at present provides for a maximum eight game suspension. The Management Council deferred the directive for further conversation at the July meeting. As a result, those prospects that will be entering institutions in the fall of 2002 will still be able to make use of the reinstatement directive. The Management Council will decide in July on the future of the directive, and in particular if a date in the future will be chosen as a “sunset” date, in which the directive would no longer be applicable.

4. Other Business.

a. Financial Disclosure Forms. The NCAA staff has indicated that new men’s basketball financial disclosure forms will be sent to the membership in the near future. So, conferences should inform institutions that the forms previously received can be discarded. The new forms will be copied to conference offices.

b. Recruiting Calendars. Input was sought from the group regarding the two football quiet dates in December. Specifically, in Bylaw 30.11, the legislation does not necessarily provide for two quiet period dates surrounding the mid-year junior college transfer signing period. However, the calendar for 2002 does reflect the quiet period dates in December because the NCAA staff believes that this has been the traditional practice. The CCACA did not have a preference on this issue.

c. B,S,&K Compliance Toolbox. The CCACA continued to support the purchase of the compliance toolbox software by the NCAA for use by the membership. It was agreed that this support should be documented to the commissioners for their meetings both next week and in the summer.

5. Next call. The next conference call was set for May 8, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. central time.

