



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, April 4, 2007 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Katie Willett, *America East*; Eric Wood, Lindsey Babcock, *ACC*; Steve Sturek, *Atlantic Sun*; Nicole Undercuffler, Jackie Campbell, *Atlantic 10*; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Jason DeAngelis, Wanda Factor, *Big East*; Jaynee Nadolski, *Big Sky*; Lori Ebihara, Mary Ellen Enigk, *Big 12*; Chad Hawley, Carol Iwaoka, Greg Walter, *Big Ten*; Erica Satterfield, *Big West*; Shequra Dickerson, *Colonial*; Charolette Hunt, Robert Philippi, *Conference USA*; Stephanie Jarvis, *Horizon*; Megan McHugo, *Ivy*; Trevor Doll, *Metro Atlantic*; Dell Robinson, *Mid-American*; Myndee Larsen, *Mid-Con*; Sonja Stills, Raynoid Dedeaux, *Mid-Eastern*; Mary Mulvenna, *Missouri Valley*; Carolayne Henry, Lisa Danner, *Mountain West*; Rachelle Held, *Northeast*; Erik Price, Mike Matthews, *Pac-10*; Joanna Kreps, Kaitlyn Cerco, *Patriot League*; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, *Southeastern*; Cindy Johnson, *Southland*; Kathy Keene, *Sun Belt*; Anthony Archbald, Brandy Ingles, *WAC*.

1. Review of Agenda.

Any additions, deletions or changes of order?

Joanna Kreps, Patriot League, would like to talk about CCACA advisory group.

2. Approval of January In-Person Meeting Minutes [Supplement No. 1]

ACTION: The minutes were approved.

3. Contact with High School Coaches at a Competition Site

Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, raised the issue regarding contacts that occur between Division I coaches and high school coaches at a prospect's competition site, and whether such contact may occur on the sidelines. Enigk noted that there is no direct authority precluding "sideline" contact between a Division I coach and a high school coach at a prospect's competition site. Enigk informed the group that bylaw 13.02.3 would prohibit such "sideline" contacts to occur due the prearranged presence of the Division I coach and the increased likelihood of an impermissible contact with a prospect at the competition site. The group agreed with this analysis.

4. Permission for the One-Time Exception - Hearing Opportunities

Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, inquired about the necessity of providing a Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 (d) hearing to a student-athlete requesting the one-time transfer exception that failed to qualify for the exception based on academic grounds. Enigk received confirmation from the NCAA that institutions should provide a 14.5.5.2.10 (d) hearing opportunity, since the institution is essentially denying the student-athlete's request. The group consensus was that a 14.5.5.2.10 (d) hearing opportunity is not necessary when the requesting student-athlete is not eligible to utilize the one-time

transfer exception per the requirements of the bylaw. *Carolayne Henry, MWC*, requested that Enigk forward her the NCAA staff rationale for this interpretation so that the CCACA Advisory Group can readdress this matter with the NCAA staff.

5. Bylaw 13.11.1.2: Competition Against Prospects

Joseph D'Antonio, Big East, raised the issue of collegiate student-athletes competing against prospects in the sport of swimming and the application of the March 29, 2007 Educational Column. D'Antonio presented three hypothetical scenarios to group for feedback.

- 1) Does the bylaw apply to student-athletes competing unattached against prospects at any time? [Group consensus was that the Bylaw did not apply.]
- 2) Does the bylaw apply to student-athletes competing as members of club teams during the summer and other vacation periods against prospects? [Group consensus was that the Bylaw not apply.]
- 3) Does bylaw apply to student-athletes competing in established national events (Olympic, Pan American, etc) against prospects? [Group consensus was that the Bylaw not apply.]

Carolayne Henry, MWC, informed the group that this issue also arises in the sport of water polo where it is common to for an entire institutional team to also compete on the same club team during the summer against prospects. *Greg Sankey, SEC*, noted that the intent of the proposals was to target situations when prospects and student-athletes competed against each other, due to the competition events becoming a substantial recruiting opportunity. Numerous group members took issue with the Ed. Column's requirement that prospects and student-athletes could not compete in the same heat. *Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten*, inquired as to whether the Academic/ Eligibility/ Compliance recruiting subcommittee supports the March 29, 2007 Educational Column regarding separate heat competition and suggested that the Management Council representatives on the call raise this issue at the April Management Council meeting.

[FOLLOW-UP NOTE: The above referenced March 29, 2007 Educational Column has been archived due to April 17, 2007 Official Interpretation, Item No. 15-b.]

6. Institutional Coaches contacting High School/ Club coaches about Prospects

Joseph D'Antonio, Big East, raised the issue that collegiate coaches were circumventing Bylaw 13.4.1 by sending written correspondence to a high school coach about their interest in a pre-junior year prospect on the high school team and enclosing a copy of institution's media guide to give to prospect prior to September 1 of the prospect's junior year. D'Antonio has informed the Big East institutions that said practice is not permissible and offered to share his email copy to the Big East institutions with the group. *Mike Matthews, Pac-10*, noted that there is a May 24, 1991 Staff Interpretation that confirms the impermissibility of this practice.

7. Prospects Attending Pro Timing Days / 2006-48 (D'Antonio)

Joseph D'Antonio, Big East, requested feedback from the group as to how conferences are addressing the issue of prospects attending an institution's professional timing day/ on-campus evaluation event that is open to general public. D'Antonio stated that if there was no organization or involvement by institution's coaching staff in the securing the prospect's attendance at this event open to public, then it would be permissible for prospects to attend these events. *Mike Matthews, Pac-10*, informed the group that Pac-10 institutions have been advised that prospects cannot attend these events, regardless of the open to public nature of the event, due to the prospect's attendance at the event equating to an unofficial visit which is contrary to the intent of the Proposal. Matthews stated that if an institution became aware of a prospect being in attendance during a professional timing event, an institution must take steps to ask the prospect to leave the event. The group inquired as to the consequences of discovering after the fact that a prospect was in attendance at an open "timing" event without any knowledge on the part of the institution during the event. D'Antonio will seek clarification from his conference contact.

8. Regional Seminar Hardship Waiver presentation

Mike Matthews, Pac-10, informed the group that the *Jennifer Strawley, NCAA Membership Services*, and other NCAA staff are willing to do a lunchtime session on processing hardship waivers with the CCACA at both the sessions of the Denver and Miami Regional Rules Presentations. Strawley sought input from the group on the willingness to attend these proposed sessions

9. Testing activities at institutional camps

Mike Matthews, Pac-10, informed the group that with the adoption of Proposal 2005-115, the NCAA Enforcement Staff has stated that institutions may not conduct any testing activities at their camps (e.g., 40-yard dash, vertical jump) unless it is directly related to instruction. The NCAA confirms that a rule forbidding college coaches from attending outside camps where testing activities occur, but allowing institutional camps to conduct these activities, is a legal liability.

10. Other Business

Joanna Kreps, Patriot League, requested clarification on the CCACA Advisory Group's process for requesting and receiving responses to interpretative issues. *Carolayne Henry, MWC*, stated that group will meet on a quarterly basis per year via conference call/ in-person and review issues for national significance. These issues will be forwarded to the NCAA for clarification. Issues that arise in between these meetings will be also discussed via email or conference call on a timely basis for national significance and forwarded to the NCAA. The Advisory Group will inform the CCACA of the NCAA response upon their receipt. The Advisory Group has also been extended to include one of the current co-chairs of the CCACA group.

Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten, inquired about discussion at the CCA level on unifying the SAOF reporting process via a electronic program. *Greg Sankey, SEC*, informed the group that the CCA has discussed this issue, but no formal action has been taken with regard to its implementation.

Dell Robinson, MAC, raised the issue regarding Bylaw 17.17.1.1 women's rowing team's winter training trips occurring on campus or within the local of the campus. Robinson's understanding was that these training trips should occur off-campus. *Eric Wood, ACC*, received an interpretation from *Leeland Zeller, NCAA Membership Services*, stating that these trips could occur on campus or within the local of the campus. Wood will forward this interpretation to the group via the listserv.

11. Future CCACA Conference Calls.
Wednesday, May 2 at 12:00 p.m. (ET)

12. Adjournment. *Call adjourned at 1:15 p.m. ET.*