

CCA Compliance Administrators
Teleconference
August 8, 2000

Those participating: Tracy Shoemake, America East; David Thompson, Linda Wechner, Atlantic Coast; Jackie Campbell, Atlantic Ten; Jerome Rodgers, Heena Shaw, Stan Wilcox, Big East; Ellen Ferris, Big Sky; Jill Deese, Big South; Jennifer Heppel, Carol Iwaoka, Karen Toole, Big Ten; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Noreen Morris, Tony Moses, Conference USA; Dell Robinson, Mid-American; Rod Wyatt, Mid-Eastern Athletic; Stephanie Jarvis, Midwestern Collegiate; Amy Huchthausen, Missouri Valley; Ron English, Ohio Valley; Dan Coonan, Mike Matthews, Tammy Newman, Pacific-10; Beth Debauche, Southeastern; Gil Grimes, Southern; Beth Chapman, Southland; Sherri Booker, Trans-America; Don Ott, West Coast; Pat Hairston, WAC.

1. Governance Subcommittee Recommendation Regarding the Interpretive Process. In conjunction with a recommendation by the Governance Subcommittee, Carol Iwaoka discussed the CCACA's involvement in the interpretative process for legislative proposals prior to adoption. David Thompson noted the LRIS already is scheduled for weekly conference calls and, therefore, would be able to address any questions raised by the CCACA in a timely manner. The CCACA expressed support for such involvement and agreed to begin reviewing proposals during its September call.
2. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the June 14, 2000 meeting.
3. NCAA/CCACA Forum. On behalf of Mira Colman, membership services representative, appropriate dates were requested for the annual NCAA/CCACA Forum. The group agreed on February 12 through 13. These dates will be forwarded to the NCAA for approval.
4. LRIS Distribution. Membership services has received requests for a more timely distribution of LRIS interpretations. Currently this distribution is being faxed to conference commissioners and appears to filter down somewhat slowly to conference compliance directors. The group agreed to send John Morris a CCACA email address list so that these decisions can be distributed directly to conference compliance administrators.

NOTE: Upon subsequent discussions with John Morris, it was agreed that he would forward the minutes to a CCACA member who would then place them on the CCACA list serve.

5. Gifts at SAAC meetings. Mike Matthews surveyed the call participants to determine the number of conferences that give gifts to conference student-athlete advisory committee participants. It was determined that some conferences have sought waivers in the past in providing gifts to participants, while others have

provided nominal gifts without a waiver. The consensus seemed to be that such gifts were really a benefit incidental to participation. The CCACA agreed that this benefit should be included on the NCAA incidental expense list that can be approved by conference offices, with an emphasis on “nominal” gifts (e.g.: clothing). It was agreed that this request would be forwarded to membership services.

6. Special Assistance Fund – Optional Medical Coverage. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the parameters in which the special assistance fund could be used to pay for student-athlete medical insurance. Specifically, the group debated whether the special assistance fund could be used for insurance that an athletics department could finance under Bylaw 16.4.1, or if the fund could only be used for impermissible optional insurance in Bylaw 16.4.2. No consensus was reached on this issue, except that it was agreed that the use of the fund for medical insurance should be interpreted by each conference on a case by case basis.
7. Men’s Basketball Recruiting Calendar – 13.02.7 Correction. Jackie Campbell pointed out a mistake in Bylaw 13.02.7 of the 2000-01 manual. The shaded area is correct, however the non-shaded area does not document the increase in evaluation days from 40 to 50 in the sport of men’s basketball. David Thompson and Linda Wechner reminded the group that the 18 days during the 30-day contact period in the men’s basketball recruiting calendar refers to 18 institutional days as opposed to 18 person days (e.g., two coaches contacting prospects off-campus on the same day only use one of the 18 days).
8. Other Issues.
 - a. Monitoring high school expenses. As a result of the NCAA reinstatement policy regarding expenses received by prospects to attend private high schools, Stan Wilcox asked if there were any conferences that planned to monitor the payment of these expenses – especially since a proposal exists that would make these expenses permissible. The consensus was that this is an institutional issue, although a couple of conferences have student-athlete forms that assist institutions in monitoring these payments.
 - b. Limit on Basketball Initial Counters. Dan Coonan brought forth a concern about Bylaw 15.5.4.1, which limits men’s basketball initial counters to a maximum of five per year and eight over two years. Specifically, some institutions have already received more than five verbal commitments from prospective student-athletes for the 2001-02 year in which Bylaw 15.5.4.1 will go into effect. It did not appear that coaches in other conferences had expressed the same concern.
 - c. Appeal of Hardship Waivers. Beth Debauche asked whether the hardship waiver appeal issue talked about on the June 14, 2000, call was discussed at the July Management Council meeting. Stan Wilcox confirmed that this

issue did not receive consideration by the Management Council. Some of the participants on the call related that institutions are having appeals reviewed by the Administrative Review Subcommittee when the injury occurred prior to February 1, 2000. The CCACA believes that an ARS review of an appeal of the hardship waiver legislation is appropriate especially when the conditions of the bylaw are not met as a result of extenuating circumstances. As a result, the CCACA will communicate with NCAA staff and recommend that ARS reverse its current policy of refusing to review appeals of Bylaw 14.2.4.

9. Future Calls. Set the next teleconference for 11:00 a.m. (CST) on Wednesday, September 6.