

CCA Compliance Administrators  
Teleconference  
August 1, 2001

Those participating: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Jill Deese, Atlantic Coast; Sherri Booker, Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Jackie Campbell, Atlantic Ten; Jerome Rodgers, Big East; Ellen Ferris, Big Sky; Jennifer Heppel, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Big Twelve; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Noreen Morris, Conference USA; Alfreeda Goff, Horizon; Barbara Church, Metro Atlantic Athletic; Amy Huchthausen, Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Dan Coonan, Mike Matthews, Pacific Ten; Gil Grimes, Southern; Wright Waters, Sun Belt; Don Ott, West Coast; Pat Hairston, Western Athletic.

1. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the June 6, 2001 meeting.
2. Student-Athlete Health Insurance. The issue of student-athlete health insurance was brought forward to the CCACA group, and specifically whether a 6/6/00 official interpretation precludes institutions from providing health insurance to student-athletes (including required insurance for foreign student-athletes). The group agreed that providing health insurance to student-athletes would be impermissible unless such fees are provided to the general student body on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. It was noted that the payment of these fees are permissible through the special assistance fund.
3. International Student-Athlete Amateurism Issues. Noreen Morris informed the group that a CCACA contingent will be traveling to the national office this month to meet with representatives from the NCAA staff to address issues related to the amateurism status of international student-athletes. These discussions will specifically address men's basketball foreign student-athletes identified in letters sent to institutions by the enforcement staff on July 3, 2001. Results of those meetings will be relayed to the CCACA.
4. Update on Special Assistance Fund Guidelines. The Management Council approved the CCACA recommendations for administering the special assistance fund, with the exception of the accommodation recommended for institutions that do not offer academic aid. The recommendations as accepted are:
  - a. Non-scholarship/Non-Pell Grant recipient eligibility for the fund. Non-scholarship domestic or foreign student-athletes who do not receive countable athletically related aid (i.e., aid that counts against team limits) or Pell Grant but who have demonstrated need are not eligible for any categories of the NCAA Special Assistance Fund.

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- b. \$500 clothing allowance. All student-athletes who qualify for the fund should have access to all categories of the fund, including the clothing allowance.
- c. Revision and simplification to the guidelines.
  - (1) Separate the categories of student-athletes that are eligible for the fund and the student-athletes not eligible for the fund. Also illustrate this using a chart.
  - (2) Include the definition of initial financial need, as noted in the Joseph Camille article in the NCAA News.
  - (3) Include language that specifies that a student-athlete must qualify for the fund on an annual basis.
- d. Eligibility exhausted. For simplicity and ease of administration, it is the group's opinion and the current practice of a number of conferences to permit all student-athletes that receive countable athletically related aid (i.e., aid that counts against team limits), who have exhausted their eligibility, not just Pell-eligible student-athletes who have exhausted their athletics eligibility or no longer are able to participate because of medical reasons, to have access to the fund. This may help clarify some of the confusion regarding the financial recommendations to expand eligibility in this area.
- e. Needs analysis for domestic students. The needs analysis for domestic students must be certified by the institution's financial aid department. This information had been included in earlier copies of the fund guidelines but has been excluded from the guidelines in the past few years.

In addition, it was agreed that the \$500 allowance could also be used for student-athletes expenses to travel home. It was agreed that the definition of home should be left to the discretion of each conference. It was also agreed that expenses referred only to transportation expenses, not room and board while on the trip.

- 5. CCACA/NCAA 2002 Forum. Mira Colman from the NCAA staff will be on the September call to finalize dates for this year's meeting between the CCACA and the NCAA staff. The CCACA group agreed to hold the 2001-02 meeting again in February, but then change the meeting to early November for the 2002-03 academic year.

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6. Other Business. Mike Matthews introduced an item related to proposal 2000-61, which permits an institution to provide institutional financial aid to a professional athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility, provided the student-athlete receives no more than five years of such aid within the six years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution. Specifically, Mike was seeking clarification on how this proposal applies to multi-sport athletes. It was suggested that the NCAA should consult the Big East conference, the sponsor of 2000-61, on the intent of this proposal as it applies to student-athletes who participate in more than one sport.
  
7. Next conference call. The next conference call was set for September 12 at 11:00 a.m., central time.