



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Brad Hostetter, Shamaree Brown, *Atlantic Coast*; Mike Hagen, *Atlantic Sun*; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, Roberto Sasso, *BIG EAST*; Jaynee Nadolski, *Big Sky*; Sherika Montgomery, *Big South*; Chad Hawley, Kerry Kenny, *Big Ten*; Keri Boyce, David Flores, *Big 12*; Melissa Swaffer, *Big West*; Kathleen Batterson, Vince Pierson, *Colonial*; Rob Philippi, *Conference USA*; Christine Halstead, *Horizon League*; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Megan McHugo, Matt Swinger, *Ivy League*; Barbara Church, MAAC: Jackie Mynarski, Korinth Patterson, *MAC*; Quintin Wright, *Mid-Eastern*; Greg Walter, *Missouri Valley*; Marlon Edge, *Mountain West*; Kelly Webb, *Northeast*; Mike Matthews, *Pac-12*; Ginger Fulton, *Patriot League*; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, *SEC*; Doug King, *Southern*; Stephanie McDonald, Henry Archuleta, *Southland*; Matt Boyer, *Summit League*; Edgar Gantt, Kentrell Kearney, *SWAC*; Scott Connors, *Sun Belt*; Sarah Wilhelmi, *West Coast*; Matt Burgemeister, *WAC*

1. **INAAC**
2. **Review of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the May 2, 2012 Conference Call Minutes**
The minutes of the May 2012 call were unanimously approved.
4. **2012-13 Conference Call Schedule**
D'Antonio reviewed the conference call schedule for the 2012-13 academic year.
5. **2013 In-Person Meeting**
The 2013 in-person meeting will be held the week of January 21-25. D'Antonio will provide an update regarding dates and location before or during the September conference call.
6. **August 2012 NCAA Board of Directors Meeting**
D'Antonio noted that the meeting mostly included updates regarding the working groups and other on-going initiatives. Discussion of the miscellaneous expense allowance continued, and the Board asked the Student-Athlete Well-Being Working Group to continue reviewing ways to increase the value of a grant-in-aid. The Board approved a procedure to identify football teams to play in bowl games if there are not enough bowl-eligible teams and adopted an exception to the playing season limitation for the new FBS postseason structure. The Board also approved several recommendations from the Committee on Academic Performance and the Academic Cabinet.
7. **NCAA Rules Working Group**
D'Antonio noted that the Rules Working Group provided a progress report to the Board of Directors, and will present its first set of legislative recommendations in October for action in January 2013 at the NCAA Convention.

8. NCAA Enforcement Working Group

D'Antonio reported that the Board received the final report and expressed support for the recommendations of the Enforcement Working Group. The Board is expected to take formal action at its October meeting, with an effective date of August 1, 2013. Therefore, institutions and conferences have one final opportunity to provide feedback on the concepts prior to the October meeting. The group briefly discussed the expectations of conference offices related to reporting possible Level I or II violations to the NCAA Enforcement staff.

9. Scouting Service Decertification

Hostetter reported on a situation where an institution noticed that a women's basketball recruiting service had been removed from the list of approved services. The NCAA staff indicated it does not plan to provide notification of de-certified services, and that an institution is responsible for verifying the status of the services to which it subscribes. The group expressed unanimous support for requesting that the NCAA staff provide notification when a scouting service is removed from the list of approved services.

10. Institution Reserving Rooms for Prospective Student-Athlete on Unofficial Visits

Batterson and Pierson reported on a question they received from an institution asking whether it could reserve hotel rooms for prospects who make unofficial visits to the institution during a home football weekend (prospects would be responsible to pay the going rate), noting that the small town in which the institution is located often does not have hotel rooms available the weekend of home football games. The NCAA staff indicated that this would be a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 as the institution would be considered to be arranging a benefit for the prospects. No one in the group disagreed with the analysis or indicated that they had received different guidance.

11. IAWP / Assistant Coach Becoming Non-Coaching Staff Member

Conderas noted that several institutions have encountered an issue when an assistant men's basketball coach wants to transition into a non-coaching staff role. The June 14, 2012, educational column indicates that such former coaches must be considered an IAWP based on their previous recruiting activities, which can render many current student-athletes and prospects ineligible and require reinstatement. The AMA staff is currently reviewing the issue on a case-by-case basis and recommending the SLR waiver process since there is no avenue to appeal the interpretation. While noting the potential for some abuses, the group generally expressed unease with the current application of the legislation. D'Antonio and Hostetter agreed to follow-up with the NCAA staff and with the Legislative Council in November as part of a broader conversation also including non-scholastic events.

12. Publicizing Summer Basketball Activities

Burgemeister reviewed the group's conversations in May 2012 regarding publicity of summer required athletic activities men's basketball and asked if any conferences had received updated information or had pursued relief from the application of Bylaw 17.1.6.2.2. He noted that the NAAC Legislation & Governance Committee has also discussed the issue and several institutions were interested in requesting that LRIC review the issue. No conference reported further action since May, but Hawley noted that publicity and promotional issues in general were on the agenda for the Rules Working Group to review in its next round of recommendations.

13. NCAA Administration Cabinet Clarification of Counting Quadrangular Track Meet for Sport Sponsorship Purposes

Wilhelmi updated the group on the Administration Cabinet discussion regarding the use of quadrangular track and field meets for purposes of meeting sport-sponsorship requirements (bylaw 20.9.4.3.3). Specifically, a meet that is conducted with no team scoring or with teams earning a single score against all other teams cannot be retroactively scored as multiple team versus team meets. To count as multiple contests, a meet must be structured as team versus team prior to the meet and scored as such, rather than re-scored after the completion of the meet. Wilhelmi noted that the NCAA staff is expected to issue guidance to the membership via an educational column.

14. Club Coaching and Recruiting Expenses

Wilhelmi noted that many compliance administrators and coaches have expressed concern regarding the inability of coaches who are also employed by local sports clubs to evaluate prospective student-athletes when they are attending an event in their capacity with the club team, and the prohibition against the institution and club team each paying some of the coach's expenses (Bylaws 13.11.2.4.3 and 13.14.1 and 2/13/1992 official interpretation). There appears to be some support nationally for flexibility and deregulation in this area. The group discussed several questions about whether specific activities should be permissible for a coach to perform in the context of coaching a local sports club without triggering NCAA recruiting regulations. It is anticipated that LRIC will discuss this issue on a future conference call and that the Legislative Council could review it at its next meeting in November.

15. Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches – Limit of Five [FBS]

D'Antonio noted that there are on-going conversations with strength and conditioning coaches to clarify what activities would cause someone to be considered a strength and conditioning coach for purposes of working with a FBS football team (e.g., spotting, set up/clean up, emergency response). He also noted that the Big East, as the sponsor of the proposal that created the limit (Bylaw 11.7.2.1.1), will be working with AMA to address the interpretive issues.

[Note: Subsequent to the call, D'Antonio distributed an update on the CCACA list serv indicating that the AMA staff has confirmed that "spotting" activities is considered a safety monitoring activity and an individual performing spotting activities would not be considered a strength and conditioning coach, but that each institution must monitor such individuals to ensure they are not providing direction, instruction or coaching to a football student-athlete.]

16. Adjournment