

CCA Compliance Administrators
Teleconference
March 13, 2001

Those participating: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Jill Deese, Atlantic Coast; Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10; Jerome Rogers, Heena Shah, Big East; Ellen Ferris, Big Sky; Jennifer Heppel, Carol Iwaoka, Karen Toole, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Big Twelve; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Noreen Morris, Tony Moses, Conference USA; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy; Dell Robinson, Mid-American; Rod Wyatt, Mid-Eastern Athletic; Stephanie Jarvis, Midwestern Collegiate; Keith Grant, Northeast; Ron English, Ohio Valley; Mike Matthews, Pacific-10; Beth DeBauche, Southeastern; Gil Grimes, Southern; Donita Brooks, Sun Belt; Steve Sturek, Trans America; Pat Hairston, Western Athletic.

1. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the February 12, 2001 meeting.
2. Soccer Players Practicing with Professional Teams During the Summer. The CCACA group agreed that Bylaw 12.2.2.1 allows institutional coaches in all sports except football and basketball to arrange for student-athlete participation in professional teams' practice sessions during the summer.
3. Incoming Freshmen Participating in Voluntary Conditioning Activities with Strength Coaches During the Summer. The CCACA agreed to request that the NCAA staff place a Legislative Assistance Column in the NCAA News to remind Division I institutions that prospective student-athletes cannot be involved during the summer in the strength and conditioning programs for student-athletes permissible under 17.02.1-(1). A prospective student-athlete who has signed a NLI may be present in the weight room during these workouts (in accordance with a May 27, 1988 staff and an April 2, 1987 official interpretation), but cannot participate in a program designed or conducted by the strength and conditioning coach.
4. Interpretative Issues Related to Upcoming Proposals. Carol Iwaoka led a discussion that dealt with interpretative issues related to proposals that will be voted on at the next Management Council meeting. The following proposals were discussed:
 - a) Proposal 99-31. The CCACA group agreed that the current application of Bylaw 16.5.1 permits an institution to provide either a pre-game or post-game meal or snack as incidental to participation. Bylaw 16.5.1 (d) does not stipulate that there are times when an institution is prohibited from providing a meal and must instead provide a snack, or must provide a meal instead of a snack. Therefore, it is within an institution's discretion as to whether or not the benefit permitted under 16.5.1 (d) is a meal or a snack. Further, there is an 8/27/98 official interpretation that allows an institution to provide cash in an amount equal to the cost of a pre-game or post-game meal or snack. Proposal 99-31 would limit the cash value of a snack to \$6. It is the CCACA's understanding that 99-31 does not attempt to limit the cash value of a meal. So, if an institution chooses to provide cash for a pre or post-game meal, as opposed to a pre or post-game snack, it could potentially provide cash in excess of \$6.

The CCACA has requested the NCAA staff to confirm the above application of Bylaw 16.5.1 and proposal 99-31. In addition, the group has asked the NCAA staff for guidance in determining the figure that institutions should be using to determine the cash value of a pre or post-game meal. For example, should the figure be determined by the value of a meal as determined by the board plan at the institution, or by the per diem rate given by the institution?

b) Proposal 2000-90. The CCACA discussed several applications of this proposal, which included:

- 1) Fall sports eligibility will be determined based on the preceding spring semester;
- 2) If a student-athlete is eligible at the beginning of a championship, then that student-athlete will remain eligible until the end of that particular championship;
- 3) The proposal is sports specific;
- 4) The proposal as it is written does not refer to specific degree credits, so the hours could be counted towards any degree program;
- 5) The proposal does give the AEC cabinet (or designated subcommittee) the authority to waive the legislation;
- 6) Incompletes made up prior to postseason competition can be counted in the six-hour requirement.

c) Proposal 2000-76. The application of this proposal specifies that a student-athlete's eligibility for a medical hardship waiver is determined by the number of contests scheduled prior to the first contest date. The CCACA was in favor of an amendment that would specify that the "first scheduled contest or date of competition" pertains to the championships competition segment in each particular sport.

d) Proposal 121-1-A. It was noted that the exception to the transfer rule in calculating graduation rates only applies to those student-athletes who transfer to another Division I institution. Therefore, if a student-athlete transfers from a DI school to a Division II or III institution, then the Division I institution would be held accountable for the graduation rate under this proposal.

5. LRIS Interpretations. Noreen Morris related to the group that LRIS has gone through a process of incorporating interpretations into the manual.

- a) The following interpretation will not be incorporated into the manual, but LRIS wanted to bring it to the attention of the CCACA:

Noncoaching Athletics Department Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities (I)

Date Issued: Oct 11, 2000
Type: Official
Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

A noncoaching athletics department staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., basketball administrative assistant, director of football operations) may not attend any on- or off-campus athletics event (e.g., high-school contest, evaluation camp) in that sport in which prospective student-athletes are participating unless:

- a. The staff member is an immediate family member (or legal guardian) of a prospect involved in the activity; or
- b. The activity is a competition (as opposed to a camp) conducted in the locale of the institution.

In the case of (a) and (b) above, the staff member's attendance shall not be for evaluation purposes, the staff member shall not have direct contact with any prospect participating in the activity and the staff member shall not act as an institutional recruiter (e.g., by reporting back to the institution's coaching staff about the performance of a prospect, by speaking to a prospect's parents or coach). [References: NCAA Bylaws 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities), 11.7.4.3 (off-campus contact and evaluation of prospects), 13.1.2.1 (general rule), 13.1.2.1.1 (off-campus recruiters) and 13.1.2.2 (general exceptions)].

b) In addition, Noreen Morris related that the LRIS will combine the following two interpretations into one official interpretation:

1. Academic Fraud (I)

Date Issued: Sep 06, 2000

Type: Official

Item Ref: 3

Interpretation:

The subcommittee reviewed the application of Bylaw 10.1-(b) as it relates to academic fraud and agreed that the following guidelines generally should be used in determining whether an incident of academic fraud should be reported to the NCAA as a violation of Bylaw 10.1-(b) or should be handled exclusively at the institutional level in accordance with its policies applicable to all students.

- a. The subcommittee confirmed that an institution is required to report a violation of Bylaw 10.1-(b) any time a student-athlete, acting alone or in concert with others, knowingly becomes involved in arranging fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts, regardless of whether such conduct results in an erroneous declaration of eligibility.
- b. If a student-athlete commits an academic offense (e.g., cheating on a test, plagiarism on a term paper) with no involvement of an institutional staff member, the institution is not required to report a violation of Bylaw 10.1-(b), unless the academic offense results in an erroneous declaration of eligibility and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution.

Finally, the subcommittee noted that in all cases in which a student-athlete knowingly engages in conduct that violates institutional policies, the institution is required to handle a student-athlete's academic offense in accordance with its established academic policies applicable to all students, regardless of whether the violation is reportable under Bylaw 10.1-(b) or whether the student-athlete was acting along or in concert with others. [Reference: Bylaw 10.1-(b)]

2. Definition of Institutional Staff Member (I)

Date Issued: Dec 13, 2000

Type: Official

Item Ref: 3

Interpretation:

The unethical-conduct provisions set forth in Bylaw 10.1 applicable to institutional staff members include any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, even if the individual is a student at the institution (e.g., student manager, student trainer) and/or does not receive compensation from the institution for performing such services (e.g., volunteer coaches, undergraduate assistant coaches and graduate assistant coaches). [References: Bylaws 10.1 and 10.1-(b) (unethical conduct), and official interpretation 09/06/00, Item No. 1]

6. NAACC/CCACA Roundtables. At the regional seminars there will be two one-hour roundtable sessions where participants choose between five topics. The last hour of the roundtable will be divided into two thirty-minute sessions. Volunteers are needed to serve as moderators. Volunteers should contact Noreen Morris for the Washington seminar, Tracy Shoemake for the New Orleans seminar, and Carolayne Henry for the La Jolla seminar.
7. Next Meeting. The next conference call was set for Wednesday April 4 at 11:00 a.m. central time.

