



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 ~ 12:00 p.m. ET

Participants:

Brian Barrio, America East; Ed Pasque, Kelly Webb, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, BIG EAST; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Alex Masse, Big South; Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten; Keri Boyce, Big 12; Chuck Robinson, Colonial; Callie Hubbell, Conference USA; Mike Sharpe, Great West; Brandy Ingles, Horizon; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Megan McHugo, Ivy; Joyce Bell, Northeast; Ron Barker, Mike Matthews, Erik Price, Pac-10; Patrick Muffley, Patriot League; Gil Grimes, SEC; Stephanie McDonald, Southland; Greg Walters, Summit; Ashley Robinson, SWAC; Kathy Keene, Sun Belt; Anthony Archbald, WAC;

1. INAAC.

D'Antonio provided the group with today's INAAC.

2. Review of Agenda

McHugo, Ivy, requested a discussion on only having to fulfill the amateurism requirement with the Eligibility Center

3. Approval of the March 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. NLI Update

Susan Peal, NCAA, provided an update on some potential policy changes and requested feedback from the group. Peal informed the group that the following changes would be discussed at the next CCA meeting (June 10th).

A. Eligibility Center (EC) Web Status Report- currently the web status report only shows that a PSA signed an NLI and the date it was signed. It does not provide the name of the institution with which the PSA signed. Peal asked the group for feedback on whether the web status report should include the name of the institution. It was the consensus of the group that such information should be included on the web status report. The group agreed that the responsibility of providing accurate information would rest with the conference offices. Peal indicated that if approved, the change would be made in time for the November 2009 signing period.

Peal also indicated that the IT staff is currently working to allow institutions to see more information pertaining to the NLI (e.g., complete release). The group agreed that it was a good idea to make more information available on the web status report.

- B. Null and Void status– Currently it is the institution’s responsibility to notify its conference office if one of their NLIs becomes null and void. The conference office in turn records that information in the NLI database. Peal asked the group if it made more sense to allow the computer system to automatically make that change in situations where the null and void status occurred as a result of the PSA becoming a non–qualifier. Additionally, Peal reported that they have received a large number of reports where a PSA does not complete the registration process with the EC and enrolls in a prep school. In many cases, the institution is directing the PSA not to finish the registration process with the EC because it is pretty clear the PSA will be certified as a non–qualifier. If the PSA is not deemed a non–qualifier, the NLI remains valid for the time being. Peal asked the group if these situations should be given a deadline where if the PSA does not enroll does not complete the registration process with the EC by a certain date, the system will automatically declare this NLI null and void. Peal presented the designated date for both scenarios as December 31st. Peal indicated that this should be ample time for most, if not all, scenarios to run their course (e.g., enroll at an institution, file a waiver). Peal also indicated that the December 31st date was decided on by the NLI Advisory Team. It was the consensus of the group to impose the December 31st deadline. A few questions were raised about whether this information would be posted on the actual NLI. Peal indicated that the null and void information she discussed would become part of provision 6 on the NLI.
- C. Best Practices– Peal asked the group for their thoughts on creating a cover sheet for the NLI document for institutional use only that would include a checklist of requirements that must be met in order for the NLI to be valid. The group was in favor of this idea.
- D. Addendums– Peal addressed the recent issue of institutions adding addendums to NLIs for situations where a coaching change takes place. Peal informed the group that this matter would be discussed at the June CCA meeting.

Peal asked the group to please email or call her with any questions or concerns prior to the June 10th meeting, so that she can properly convey that information to the CCA.

5. Recruiting Cabinet Priority Issues / CCACA and NAAC working together

D’Antonio, BIG EAST, informed the group that he was approached by Lori Smith, NAAC chair for the legislative subcommittee that reports to the governance committee about assisting NAAC with a survey. D’Antonio indicated that NAAC is reaching out the CCACA group as a follow up to the document that was distributed by Amy Huchthausen, NCAA, to conference offices regarding coaching limitations / personnel issues that were discussed at a recent NCAA recruiting cabinet meeting. NAAC

would like the CCACA to distribute a similar survey to member institution compliance offices that would also include questions related to recruiting materials. NAAC's goal is to receive as many responses as possible. The survey would include a voting scale and could be completed by any staff member within the athletic department.

The group had a mixed reaction about the survey. Specifically, several members of the group were opposed to another survey being sent out as well as the fact that staff members outside the compliance office could be completing the survey. The members of the group that were in opposition felt that it was inappropriate for anyone other than compliance staff members to complete the survey for NAAC.

As a result of the differing opinions, D'Antonio suggested that a vote be taken on whether the CCACA was in support of the survey. D'Antonio informed the group that the survey would be sent via the list serve later on that day.

6. Compliance Reviews / NCAA Guidelines

Condaras, BIG EAST, asked the group for feedback on the compliance review materials that were distributed to the group. There were no objections of forwarding the materials as is to the NCAA. Condaras indicated that she would keep the group informed as they look at other documents, etc.

7. CCACA List Serve

D'Antonio, asked the group to check the CCACA web page on the Pac 10 website before sending surveys on the list serve. D'Antonio reminded everyone that previously sent surveys are posted on the web page. D'Antonio thanked Mike Matthews, Pac 10, and Carol Iwaoka, Big 10, for their assistance in making the information readily available to the group. Matthews indicated that he was in the process of sending out an email with the website address [email sent on 5/6/09 at 12:49pm EST]

8. CCACA 2010 In-Person Meeting

D'Antonio informed the group that the CCACA in-person meeting will be discussed at the June CCA meeting. D'Antonio also indicated that he would continue to keep everyone informed of the status of next year's meeting. Barbara Church, MAAC, indicated that her commissioner would like to know if there will be a request for the CCA to fund the meeting. D'Antonio responded that there would not be a need for such a request for the actual meeting, and that the only need for funding for this past year's meeting was for the social event. The social event was paid for by four different sources [CCA, Ice Miller, BIG EAST Conference, Each individual attending the function].

9. Additional Items

Megan McHugo asked the group if they were aware of the following scenario:

Student initially enrolls at an institution fall 2007, but does not participate in athletics. In 2008, the student tries out for a team and makes it and is now required to register with the NCAA Eligibility to complete the amateurism piece. Students who competed without receiving an amateur certification had to be reinstated and the institution was required to pay the associated fine.

No one indicated that any of their schools were having this issue. D'Antonio commented that the BIG EAST probably has not had an issue because of its non qualifier policy. Boyce, Big 12, agreed with D'Antonio. The group agreed that D'Antonio should speak with Greg Dana, NCAA, to request for announcement be posted so institutional compliance folks will have it on their radar.

10. Next Conference Call

D'Antonio, BIG EAST, reminded the group that the next conference call will take place on Wednesday, 6/10/09 at Noon EST.

11. CCACA Conference Call Trivia

D'Antonio reviewed the rules and regulations of "conference call trivia" and asked the question of the day.

12. Adjournment.