



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, October 5, 2005 ~ 10:00 a.m. (MT)

Participants: Shane Lyons, Lindsey Babcock and Eric Wood, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Jackie Campbell and Jamie Braunwarth, Atlantic 10; Dawn Turner, Big South; Greg Walter, Big Ten; Mary Ellen Enigk, Lori Ebihara, Big 12; Charolette Hunt and Judy MacLeod, Conference USA; Stephanie Jarvis and Amy Wisser, Horizon; Barbara Church, Metro Atlantic Athletic; Dell Robinson and Shonna Brown, Mid-American; Patty Viverito and Mary Mulvenna, Missouri Valley; Lisa Danner and Carolayne Henry, MWC; Rachelle Held, Northeast; Mike Matthews, Ron Barker and Erik Price, Pac-10; Joanna Kreps and Kaitlyn Cerco, Patriot; Gil Grimes and Torie Johnson, SEC; Jennifer Henderson, Sun Belt; Cory Lima and Jennifer Huggins, SWAC; Anthony Archbald, WAC; Gloria Nevarez, WCC

1. Approval of Minutes from the September 7, 2005 CCACA Minutes.

► **ACTION:** The minutes were approved.

2. Bylaw 13.4.1 Issues.

Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10, informed the group that she had followed up with the NCAA staff regarding Bylaw 13.4.1 and the issues that were discussed during the September CCACA conference call. Ms. Campbell stated that institution's were receiving complaints from coaches regarding not being allowed to print information posted on their institution's web site and give it to prospective student-athletes. Schedules were receiving the most complaints. Ms. Campbell noted that the schedules could be cut and pasted into general correspondence. Ms. Campbell noted that she raised the question of taking a laptop into a prospect's home to show a power point presentation if the information was included on the institution's web site. The NCAA staff indicated that this was permissible provided the presentation was not a recruiting presentation. Ms. Campbell noted that in the case of a coach taking a laptop into a prospect's home, she will continue to inform her institutions that if the information is available on their institution's web site and it is not a recruiting presentation, then it is permissible for the coach to show a power point presentation of the information to a prospect in his/her home. Ms. Campbell informed the group that Bylaw 13.4.1.3 also is applicable to high school coaches, similar to Bylaw 13.4.1.1. Lindsey Babcock, ACC, asked if it was permissible for information from the website to be sent to a prospective student-athlete as an email attachment. Ms. Campbell noted that per Bylaw 13.4.1.3, it would not be permissible to send as an email attachment. Shane Lyons, ACC, is on the recruiting subcommittee and indicated he would raise the issue during its next meeting.

3. Video Games in Team Locker Rooms/Student-Athlete Facilities.

Erik Price, Pac-10, discussed the issue of athletics departments providing game systems (i.e. playstation, x-box) in team locker rooms or student-athlete facilities. Mr. Price noted that a compliance coordinator from one of his institutions brought this issue to his attention and informed him that the coaches were told that it was impermissible because it was excessive entertainment. However, the institution was aware that other schools in the conference were placing game systems in locker rooms and student-athlete facilities. Mr. Price discussed this issue with the NCAA staff and concluded that an athletics department may purchase the following amenities for team locker rooms or student-athlete facilities: 1)TV monitors in locker rooms and lounges, 2) Internet plug-in capability within the TV system. Also, student-athlete's bringing their own game systems to use in the locker room or lounge during free time would be permissible. Mr. Price noted that it would be impermissible for institutions to purchase items that would make a locker room or student-athlete

facility an arcade. Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, asked if it would be permissible for an institution to purchase such game systems for locker rooms and student-athlete facilities if the institution provided them for all student lounges campus wide. Mr. Price replied that if an institution could show that they provided such items for use by all students in lounges throughout campus, then it would be permissible for the athletics department to provide the same items in locker rooms and athletics facilities. Shane Lyons, ACC, inquired about pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball, etc. being provided in team locker rooms and whether there is a line between electronic and non-electronic games. Mr. Price stated that in his opinion there is no line and all games would be impermissible.

4. SAOF Reporting Process.

Joanna Kreps, Patriot League, sought feedback from the group regarding the SAOF reporting process and whether there was any interest in making the process simpler by having one report instead of cutting and pasting and if so, how could it be done. Greg Sankey, SEC, will compile feedback and concerns from the CCACA and will present the results to the CCA. If the CCA accepts the changes, Mr. Sankey will request that the group present the idea to the NCAA.

5. SAR Calendar.

Carolayne Henry, MWC, informed the group that the Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) staff was attempting to put together educational information with the goal of helping institutions avoid violations that result in the reinstatement of a student-athlete's eligibility. Ms. Henry requested any questions or comments regarding the draft of the SAR calendar be forwarded to her within the next week so that she could forward the information to the SAR staff. Ms. Henry noted that once the information is finalized, the SAR staff hopes to post the calendar on the NCAA web site.

6. Bylaw 20.9.3.3.1.

Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon League, noted that she received an interpretation from the NCAA staff regarding NCAA Bylaw 20.9.3.3.1 (completion of contest). Ms. Jarvis noted that the staff indicated that in order for a contest to count toward sports sponsorship requirements, the institution's team must start and finish the contest with the required minimum number of participants. She informed the group that in the sport of cross country, since the minimum number of participants is five, if five student-athletes begin the race then all five must finish in order for the race to count. Ms. Jarvis stated that in this case, if the individuals that do not complete the race have legitimate reasons for not doing so, a waiver can be filed with the NCAA staff in order for the race to count as a completed contest for the institution. Ms. Jarvis noted that the staff has indicated a legislative change would be needed in order to change the application of the bylaw. However, the staff preferred that institutions continue filing waivers in such cases.

7. National Letter of Intent.

Torie Johnson clarified the updated procedures regarding the National Letter of Intent (NLI) for the 2006-07 signing period. Ms. Johnson informed the group that only two copies of the NLI are required to be sent to prospects instead of the three that were required in years prior. She noted that mid-year junior college signees must graduate from the two-year college in December of the year they signed or the NLI would be considered null and void and the prospective student-athlete would not be permitted to sign an NLI during the February signing period. Ms. Johnson informed the group that the admissions office at each institution must notify prospective student-athletes, who signed an NLI, about the status of their admissions application no later than July 1. Ms. Johnson also noted that

if a prospective student-athlete's NLI is determined to be null and void for any reason, the signing institution is required to notify the prospective student-athlete in writing within five business days from the time the institution is made aware of the status of the NLI. Lastly, Ms. Johnson reminded the group that institutions must return the National Letter of Intent Institutional Commitment form to their conference office no later than November 9, 2005.

9. Future Conference Calls.

November 2, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. MT.

10. Adjournment.

The conference call was adjourned at 10:45 A.M. MT.

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