



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, October 4 2006 ~ 12:00– 1:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Katie Willett, America East; Eric Wood & Lindsey Babcock, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Nicole Undercuffer & Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, & Jason DeAngelis, Big East; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Mary Ellen Enigk & Jason Berney, Big 12; Kathleen Batterson & Shequra Dickerson, Colonial; Charolette Hunt & Robert Philippi, Conference USA; Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon; Megan McHugo & Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy; Barbara Church & Trevor Doll, Metro Atlantic; Brad Wachler, Mid-American; Nick Grom, Mid-Con; Sonja Stills & Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern; Mary Mulvenna & Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Lisa Danner, Mountain West; Rachelle Held, Northeast; Erik Price, Mike Matthews, & Rob Barker, Pac-10; Joanna Kreps & Kaitlyn Cerco, Patriot League; Greg Sankey & Torie Johnson, Southeastern; Corey Lima & Jennifer Huggins, SWAC; Kathy Keene, Sun Belt; Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference; Anthony Archbald & Brandy Ingles, WAC

1. Review of Agenda.

2. Approval of September 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes & [Supplement No. 1]

ACTION: The minutes were modified to include Raynoid Dedeaux as a participant, and to correct the spelling of Charolette Hunt's name. The minutes were then approved as amended.

3. 2007-2008 National Letter of Intent Review

Torie Johnson, SEC, addressed and reviewed issues regarding the September 22, 2006 Clarification and Modifications of National Letter of Intent Policies and Provisions memo. To clarify, a NLI becomes null and void if a student-athlete has served in the military or on a church mission for a period of twelve (12) months after the original document signing (Provision 7-D). Secondly, if a violation involving recruiting occurs and it requires reinstatement of the SA, the NLI is null and void (7F). It is the status of the student-athlete which renders the NLI null and void rather than the timing of the violation. Ms. Johnson also qualified that the financial aid agreement that accompanies the NLI must also be signed within 14 days from the date of issuance of the NLI in order for the NLI to be valid. It is also important to note that only sports falling within Bylaws 17 and/or 20 require the institution to issue an NLI. This does NOT include, for example, the sports of men's rowing and rugby. Finally, Ms. Johnson asked that all institutions be reminded to send the Conference Responsibility Statement form into the conference office prior to November 8, 2006.

Joseph D'Antonio, Big East, asked for clarification regarding the specific NLI signing scenarios listed below. Ms. Johnson's responses are also indicated below.

[JD] (1) Provision 7F applies to any violation impacting the eligibility of a student-athlete?

[TJ] The NLI provision only deals with recruiting violations.

[JD] (2) If a coach impermissibly calls a PSA as a junior and the violation has been self-reported and eligibility has been reinstated by the time the NLI is signed, the NLI is still valid.

[TJ] Yes because the student is eligible at the time of signing.

[JD] (3) What if the violation occurs before the PSA signs the NLI and is reported prior to signing, but eligibility has not yet been reinstated?

[TJ] The PSA should not sign an NLI because he/she is not eligible at the time of signing. Any NLI signed would be null and void.

[JD] (4) What if the violation occurs before the PSA signs the NLI and is reported after the signing, but eligibility has not yet been reinstated?

[TJ] The NLI signed by the PSA is null and void when the violation is discovered.

[JD] (5) What if the violation occurs after the NLI has been signed?

[TJ] The NLI signed by the PSA is null and void.

4. **Bylaw 16.5.2(g)—Permissible Supplements**

Lisa Danner, Mountain West, wanted to clarify for the group a recent interpretation she received from the ILT regarding what constitutes a permissible food supplement that can be given by the institution to the student-athletes. According to the interpretation Ms. Danner received, it would be permissible for an institution to make a smoothie containing impermissible snack items, such as bananas, strawberries, etc, for its student-athletes, so long as its protein content does not exceed 30% of the calorie intake. Ms. Danner further explained that it is impermissible for an institution to provide the student-athletes with post-workout bananas, but that the institution could blend the banana into a smoothie and provide the smoothie to the student-athletes. *Lindsey Babcock, ACC*, informed the group that the interpretation that the ACC received states that the smoothie must contain an artificial supplement ingredient to be permissible. Ms. Danner will attempt to get a clarification from the national office on this issue.

5. **CCACA ad hoc group for athletics certification**

Anthony Archbald, WAC, on behalf of Amy Huchthausen at the NCAA, asked for volunteers to take part in an ad hoc group to evaluate the certification process. Thus far, the group includes Shane Lyons, ACC, and Lori Ebihara, Big 12. Rob Philippi, CUSA, and Jackie Campbell, Atlantic-10, volunteered to join the group.

6. Other Business

Rachelle Held, Northeast Conference, asked for clarification regarding legislative proposal 2006-110, and inquired regarding how the \$1.25 million figure was decided. *Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10*, suggested that it represented a minimum of 50 grants at \$25,000 each.

Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy League, inquired about the Sunkist Wrestling Tournament, and whether our student-athletes can compete independent of their institutions, according to Bylaw 16.8.1.3, and have their expenses paid for by the institution. There was discussion regarding whether the Sunkist Wrestling Tournament, and other similar competitions, must qualify under both 16.8.1.3(a) and (b) to allow the institution to pay for the student-athlete's expenses. Generally, it was noted that under a "but-for" analysis, such a tournament would not be permissible, unless, for example, it was the only way to qualify for the national team. Until further notification from the NCAA staff, the "but for" analysis remains the determining standard in regards to institutions paying a student-athlete's expenses to compete in these tournaments.

Greg Sankey, SEC, addressed the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund, and clarified that there is now a 5th category of prohibited uses of the fund, namely any "athletic development expenses." This category prohibits SAOF use for athletic development experiences. Camps, private sports-related instruction, fees for athletic development experiences, and expenses associated with a foreign tour are not permissible. If you have any concerns regarding this compilation of "athletic development uses," please contact Greg Sankey.

Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern, posed a question to the group on permissible countable athletically related activities during "skill instruction" for the sport of basketball. There was group consensus that practice activities, namely, in-season practice activities, can take place during skill instruction.

7. Future Conference Calls.

November 1, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. (ET).

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. EDT.