



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, October 6, 2010 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Ed Pasque, Jill Redmond, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, BIG EAST; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Kerry Kenny, Lindsay Schrader, Big Ten; Keri Boyce, Big 12; Erica Monteabaro, Big West; Kathleen Batteron, M.L. Morgan, Colonial; Rob Philippi, Callie Hubbell, Conference USA; Mike Sharpe, Great West; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy League; Barbara Church, Ariel Pesante, MAAC; Jackie Mynarski, Korinth Patterson, MAC; Quintin Wright, Mid-Eastern; Mary Mulvenna, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Marlon Edge, Mountain West; Joyce Bell, Northeast; Erik Price, Pac-10; Patrick Muffley, Quinton Smith, Patriot League; Gil Grimes, SEC; Stephanie McDonald, Southland; Greg Walter, Matt Boyer, Summit League; Edgar Gantt, Monique Carol, SWAC; Dominick Giambrone, Sun Belt; Sarah Wilhelmi, West Coast; Matt Burgemeister, Ben Butler, WAC; Susan Peal, NCAA.

1. INAAC.

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

2. Review of Agenda

Additional items: 1. Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky- Collegiate Sports Prep; 2. Joe D'Antonio (Erik Price) California Assembly Bill; 3. D'Antonio- 2010-11 Legislative Cycle.

3. Approval of the September 1, 2010 Conference Call Minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. NLI Reminders and Update

Susan Peal, NCAA, indicated there were not a lot of policy changes this year so she wanted to provide some reminders to the group pertaining to the four supplements that were included on today's call.

Updates and Reminders for the 2010-11 Signing Year

1. The Commissioners adopted a policy last year to address situations where a PSA fails to complete either the admissions requirements or NCAA Eligibility Center process. If the PSA does not complete either process, the NLI becomes null and void. If an institution has reason to believe that the PSA was instructed not to/intentionally did not complete the process, the institution or conference office can contact Peal and let her know. Based on the facts of the situation, the NLI could remain binding. This clause is now in the NLI Administrative Guidelines and Interpretations document.
2. The last sentence under Midyear junior college football transfers is new. Previously if the student-athlete left the institution after the spring term he was penalized, but the institution was not. Now if the

institution does not renew the student-athlete's financial aid for the following academic year, the student-athlete will be released from the NLI agreement.

3. All NLIs, including junior college PSAs, must include the PSA's NCAA ID number.
4. PSAs must complete the amateurism questionnaire prior to signing an NLI. This process has now been incorporated into the Eligibility Center registration process. Any junior college PSA that registered prior to this year will have to go back and complete the amateurism questionnaire.

Administrative Guidelines and Interpretations

A lot of questions can be answered using this document. Peal strongly encourages all institutions and conference offices to reference this document when questions arise.

Validation

The NLI Advisory Group assisted with this document, and it should be very helpful for conference offices. The document provides conferences with some flexibility before having to declare an NLI invalid. As indicated on the document, the NLI must include an issuance date. The NLI database is now programmed to post an error message to an institution that tries to print an NLI without completing the issuance date box.

Status Report 2009-10 Academic Year

The Commissioners felt it was appropriate for the CCACA to receive this document. It is a comprehensive resource and is used to help Commissioners make educated decisions based on the data.

1. Approximately 37,000 NLIs signed last year
2. Top men's sports- football, baseball and basketball
3. Top women's sports- soccer, basketball and softball
4. Football and basketball have highest percentage of PSAs signing on first day of signing period
5. 696 release requests- less than 1%
6. 424 releases were division 1- down 10%
7. Decrease in the number of appeals

Signing Document*

Institutions will not be able to print blank NLIs this year. The document has been integrated into the membership portal. Institutions must enter the information on the form in order to send out the NLI.

Peal indicated that she will be sending out more reminders before the signing period. Peal discussed the new tab "NLI Reports" on the database. Institutions will now be able to print reports of their signees. The reports can include the signee's name, date he/she signed, valid status and release (if applicable). The reports can be printed as excel or PDF documents. The reports will include signees that have been entered into the database by conference offices.

Lastly, Peal requested that conference offices be diligent in entering signees into the database.

*(not included in the materials- Peal will email to the group but the document should not be forwarded to member institutions) [emailed 10/7/10]

5. 2011 CCACA In-Person Meeting

D'Antonio alerted the group to the email he sent on Monday that included details and logistical information for the upcoming in-person meeting taking place in Dallas, TX on January 24 and 25, 2011. D'Antonio also sent out the RSVP form for the meeting and requested that everyone complete the form and submit it to Kenny Schank, BIG EAST by the designated date. D'Antonio reminded everyone that the form should still be submitted even if you do not need a hotel room. D'Antonio will need a final head count of attendees. D'Antonio discussed the reception that will follow the meeting on the 24th. A few questions were raised as to whether a dinner would be better than a reception. After a brief discussion, the group agreed to keep the informal setting and that the reception would serve as dinner.

6. Missed Class Time / Practice Activities / Home Competition

D'Antonio presented the following hypothetical situation:

Facts- Football- institution has a home game Thursday night
Wednesday- practice from 3pm to 5pm and then board bus to hotel;

at the hotel, student-athletes participate in mandatory position meetings

Thursday- student-athletes have breakfast and begin pre-game preparations

10 student-athletes have a class at 6pm on Wednesday
90 student-athletes have a class at 8am on Thursday

Analysis- student-athletes cannot miss class on Wednesday. Those individuals could go to hotel after class

Student-Athletes would be permitted to miss class on Thursday- unless an institutional policy exists that states otherwise

Any CARA that occurs on Wednesday night must be counted within the daily and weekly limits. Any CARA that occurs on Thursday counts as three hours (competition day).

The following pieces of legislation were used to arrive at the above analysis:

Official Interpretation

Missed Class Time for Practice Activities (I)

Date Published: June 11, 2010

The committee determined that a student-athlete may not miss class at any time (e.g., regular academic term, mini term, summer term) for practice activities, except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest.

[References: NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.6.1 (no class time missed for practice activities) and a staff interpretation (8/20/97, Item No. a), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation

Class time missed for home contest

Date Published: May 22, 1991

a. Class Time Missed for Home Contest: Reviewed NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.5.1 (no class time missed for practice activities) and determined that no class time shall be missed for practice activities on the day of a home contest unless the student-athlete has reported for the home contest, including associated pregame activities necessary for that day's home contest.

Everyone agreed with D'Antonio's analysis.

7.NAAC Reasonable Standards

D'Antonio informed the group that Kate Hickey, Rutgers University, would be participating on next month's call to review the reasonable standards and address any questions or comments. D'Antonio also indicated that Hickey received a letter from Julie Roe, NCAA, confirming the enforcement staff's endorsement of the reasonable standards. D'Antonio will email the letter to everyone after the call [email was sent 10/6/10]

8. I-A Athletic Directors Association Compliance and Enforcement Task Force

D'Antonio informed the group that he participated in a compliance task force meeting that took place at the recent I-A FARs meeting in Dallas. The meeting summary was included as an attachment in the meeting materials. At the request of the Athletic Directors, this task force will be reviewing the current model of legislation and enforcement. The Athletic Directors want to get away from business as usual. No concrete ideas

have been presented at this time. It will be up to each conference office to decide how/if to proceed in getting the information to member institutions. If interested, institutions can provide feedback to Dutch Baughman. D'Antonio also indicated that this matter is not limited to just IA institutions. It is a Division I matter. D'Antonio informed the group that he sat in on a conference call with the I-A Athletic Directors and Mark Emmert, NCAA. The Athletic Directors requested that Emmert review the current structure of the legislative and enforcement processes. Emmert was in full agreement with the request. A question was raised as to whether individuals from Division I FCS and Subdivision institutions could be added to the task force. D'Antonio responded that he would review that matter and follow up with the group.

A few questions were raised about whether the task force would be concentrating on the current recruiting model or would other issues be discussed. D'Antonio responded that other global issues would also be addressed. D'Antonio provided the example of NCAA enforcement investigators not having enough experience or knowledge of the rules to conduct an investigation on an institution's campus. That kind of scenario can be very detrimental to an institution as it goes through the enforcement process. D'Antonio also indicated that the task force would be reviewing the make up of the Committee on Infractions (COI). Currently, there is very little representation from campuses. A majority of the individuals on the COI are attorneys and other individuals not employed in college athletics. D'Antonio indicated that he would continue to update the group on the task force's progress.

9. NCAA Coaches' Recruiting Exam

Lindsey Babcock, ACC, was not able to join the call. This agenda item will be placed on next month's call.

10. Friends on Facebook

Babcock will address this agenda item on next month's call.

11. Additional Items

A. Collegiate Sports Data- Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky

Nadolski updated the group that she (and Dawn Turner, Big South) has been speaking with the NCAA to work through the issue of publicly identifying rates. Nadolski stated that Collegiate Sports Data has offered discounts to new FBS (20%) and FCS (40%) schools. These discounts are phased out over a three year period. There are about 250 schools (approximately 80%) that have current subscriptions with this entity. D'Antonio will follow up with the NCAA to determine how these institutions should proceed with regard to the secondary violation of subscribing to this entity. Nadolski informed the group that Collegiate Sports Data has made the necessary changes for the upcoming year.

B. California Assembly Bill– Erik Price, Pac 10

Price informed the group that schools that reside outside the state of California do not need to do anything with regard to this bill. The assembly bill only affects California institutions. If an institution on the east coast is recruiting a PSA that lives in California, that institution is not subject to the assembly bill. Price also stated that regulatory requirements have been extremely diluted. Student–Athletes are upset with this and are voicing their concerns.

C. 2010–11 Legislative Cycle– D’Antonio

D’Antonio asked if anyone wanted to discuss specific proposals that are in the current cycle.

1. 2010–100– Mike Sharpe– Great West– expressed concern with this proposal and asked if anyone had any sentiments of delaying the effective date. D’Antonio responded that this proposal has received a lot of attention by the Leadership Council. The Leadership Council is discussing the issue of 6 vs. 7 and is waiting to hear back from the individuals that drafted the document. A question was raised as to whether there is a waiver process. D’Antonio responded that he was not aware of a restriction against a waiver process.

2. 2010–72– Batterson indicated that she has reached out to Peal to determine what impact, if any, this will have on the NLI program. Batterson will forward Peal’s response to the group. D’Antonio suggested that she also forward Peal’s response to Lynn Holzman, NCAA, in order to get that information included in the legislative question and answer document.

3. 2010–59– D’Antonio– informed the group that the BIG EAST is submitting an alternative proposal that would reduce the penalty from four games to zero as long as the parameters set forth in the proposal are met. A few individuals commented that the Board of Directors supports a stricter penalty.

12. Next CCAACA Conference Call

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

13. Adjournment.