

CCA Compliance Administrators  
Teleconference  
September 12, 2001

Those participating: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Shane Lyons, Atlantic Coast; Lindsey Van Houten, Jerome Rodgers, Big East; Jennifer Heppel, Karen Toole, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Big Twelve; Kosha Irby, Noreen Morris, Brenda Weare, Conference USA; Barbara Church, Metro Atlantic Athletic; Dell Robinson, Tracy Scott, Mid-American; Amy Huchthausen, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West, Diane Vaughn, Ohio Valley, Mike Matthews, Pacific-10; Beth DeBauche, Jamey Vincent, Southeastern, Gil Grimes, Southern; Beth Chapman, Southland; Pat Hairston, Western Athletic.

1. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the August 1, 2001 meeting.
2. Student-Athlete Health Insurance. Noreen Morris reported that she had argued on the latest LRIS call for the reversal of the 6/6/2000 interpretation dealing with student health insurance, but without much success. Noreen did report however that the committee agreed that the interpretation should be reworded, but the committee is waiting on the outcome of two proposals that will be introduced at the October Management Council meeting, either of which could change the legislation as it now stands.
3. Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Update. The CCACA representatives who are also members of AEC cabinet subcommittees gave updates on the recently concluded meetings.
  - a) Carolayne Henry gave an update on the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Subcommittee. Carolayne stated that the subcommittee recommended a change in the definition of a "professional team": (1) any team that paid its participants more than actual and necessary expenses would be considered professional. The subcommittee then listed a number of items which were considered actual and necessary; (2) if a team held itself out to be professional even if that team did not pay more than actual and necessary expenses to the student-athletes who were involved, then the committee determined that this situation was one in which the case could be forwarded to the subcommittee for a possible determination on whether a lesser penalty was warranted; (3) at this point, bylaw reads 12.3.2 reads "an individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if the individual ever participated on a team and knew (or had reason to know) that the team was a professional team." The committee proposed to change the bylaw so the word "participated" would be substituted with "competed," because the committee believed that the word "participated" could imply that if a student-athlete practiced on the team then the individual would be ineligible.

b) Beth DeBauche gave an update on the Legislative Review/Interpretations Subcommittee. Beth stated that the committee decided not to support a recommendation dealing with proposal 2001-17, which would allow a student-athlete's representative to be present on an LRIS calls. The subcommittee believed that it would set a difficult precedent for other NCAA committees. However, if the proposal were to be adopted, then the subcommittee recommended that access on the call would be limited to institutional staff members only as opposed to student-athletes or outside counsel, and that the institution would be allowed to participate if the actual activity had occurred already resulting in ineligibility for the student-athlete (as opposed to a preliminary interpretation). In such a case participation on the call would be limited to five minutes.

The subcommittee also dealt with the issue of representation for student-athletes who are going through inquiries in regards to international competition. The subcommittee did not support an interpretation that would allow an institution to pay for legal expenses for student-athletes involved in that process, because the institution would in effect be paying to sue an organization (the NCAA) in which the institution was a member.

The subcommittee reviewed a number of staff interpretations and confirmations, and decided to make one confirmation an official interpretation. The interpretation provides that it is not permissible for an institutional coaching member to have a toll free telephone line established at his or her residence for the purpose of receiving phone calls initiated by a prospect.

c) Tracy Shoemake gave an update on the Agents/Amateurism Subcommittee. Tracy stated that the subcommittee supported the amendment to proposal 2001-31 (2001-31-1), which would allow for the institution to pay expenses for a student-athlete's spouse and/or children to be present when an immediate family member suffers a life-threatening injury or illness. The subcommittee also supported proposal 2001-87, which would permit a basketball student-athlete to enter a professional league's draft without jeopardizing his or her eligibility in that sport, even if the student-athlete is drafted by a team in that league, provided the student-athlete declares his or her intention to resume intercollegiate basketball participation within 30 days after the draft. The cabinet supported the proposals as well.

Tracy also reported that the Board of Directors had asked the subcommittee to package the amateur deregulation proposals that have been suggested by various groups. The subcommittee did put together two alternatives, which will be placed in the next legislative cycle.

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4. Men's Basketball Events – Fall Contact Period. Shane Lyons spoke with the National High School Federation and at this time they are not certifying men's basketball events. The Federation is leaving it up to the individual states to certify these events, and it is their understanding that only two states have approved high school basketball events in September and October - the states of North Carolina and Texas.
5. September 17 NCAA/CCACA Meeting. The group received an agenda for the meeting on September 17. The group was asked to forward any suggestions that they may have for topics that were not included on the agenda.
6. CCACA/NCAA 2002 Forum – Selection of Dates. The CCACA agreed on the dates of February 11-12, 2002 for the forum this year. It was also the understanding of the group that the dates would then switch to a November cycle every year (with the next date after the February meeting set for early November, 2002).
7. Next Conference Call. The next conference call was set for October 3, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. central.