OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

- Discuss newly adopted legislation and interpret frequently asked questions.
- Explain legislation related to foreign tours and use case studies to illustrate likely scenarios.
- Demonstrate the functionality of NCAA Compliance Assistant for playing and practice seasons.
SUMMER WORKOUT PROGRAMS – FOOTBALL


• June 1 through the conclusion of an institution’s summer vacation period, strength and conditioning personnel may design and conduct workout programs for SAs, as specified.

• Voluntary and at the request of the SAs.

• Provides safe and controlled environment for conditioning programs to occur.

NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.2.6.1

SUMMER WORKOUT PROGRAMS – FOOTBALL

Strength and conditioning coach conducting workouts must:

• Perform strength and conditioning duties for at least one other intercollegiate team during the academic year.

• Maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

• Certified through a national strength and conditioning program.

Bylaw 17.1.6.2.6.1

APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATIONS

• Accredited by an oversight organization (e.g., National Commission for Certifying Agencies);

• Requires strength and conditioning coaches to have an undergraduate college degree;

• Requires a continuing education component; and

• Requires strength and conditioning coaches to have current first aid, CPR and AED use certification.

1/15/14 Educational Column
SUMMER WORKOUT PROGRAMS – FOOTBALL

• Conducting workout versus monitoring workout.

  • “Monitor” – observing and demonstrating to ensure a safe and controlled environment.
  
  • “Conduct” – active involvement including instruction, encouragement and direction.

CASE STUDY NO. 1

• Junior football SA approaches the strength and conditioning coach about meeting him at the local gym for a workout June 6th.

• Final exams begin June 10th and end June 13th.

• Institutions academic year concludes June 13th.

• Can the strength and conditioning coach conduct the workout?
CASE STUDY NO. 1
• Yes, it is permissible.
  • Rule applies to workouts from June 1 through institutions official summer vacation period.
  • The voluntary workouts are still permissible even if the institution has not concluded its academic year by June 1.
  • Voluntary workouts are not required to occur at institutional facilities.

CASE STUDY NO. 2
• Football PSA contacts institution’s strength and conditioning coach about designing and conducting a summer workout.
  • Strength and conditioning coach provides the PSA with a workout May 22nd.
  • The PSA participates in a summer workout with the strength and conditioning coach.
  • The facility that was used is on campus and was reserved by the strength and conditioning coach.

CASE STUDY NO. 2
• Is it permissible for the strength and conditioning coach to provide the PSA with a workout prior to June 1?
  • Yes.
• Is it permissible for the strength and conditioning coach to conduct a workout with the PSA on campus at a facility they reserved?
  • It depends...
SUMMER WORKOUT PROGRAMS – FOOTBALL

- Workouts may not include football-specific plays.
- SAs from other sports are not permitted to participate.
- Incoming SAs (freshman and transfers) may participate provided they have signed an NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

1/15/14 Educational Column

SUMMER WORKOUT PROGRAMS – FOOTBALL

- Coaching staff not conducting the workout may not be present.
- Only applies in the summer.
- Does not apply to voluntary workouts during the academic year.
- Workouts do not have to be conducted at an institutional facility and it is permissible for the strength and conditioning coach to reserve the facility.

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CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENTS

- Applies only to basketball, not more than two contests played as part of a conference challenge event may be exempted annually from the maximum number of contest limitations.
- No changes to the application of the legislation other than making it annual exception.

Bylaw 17.3.6.5
CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENT

• Requirements for a conference challenge event:
  • Two or more conferences from the same region (or institutions from two or more conferences in the same region);
  • Contests organized at one or more sites; and
  • Begin on first permissible date and conclude on the Sunday immediately following.

Bylaw 17.3.6.5.1

CASE STUDY NO. 1

• Three institutions from different conferences in the East region organize a basketball event for Saturday, November 15, 2014.
• An Atlantic region institution that is in a contiguous state and considered in region is invited to participate.
• The Atlantic region institution is not going to exempt the contests.
• Does this event meet the exception for a conference challenge event?
CASE STUDY NO. 1
• No.
  • Even though the institution in the Atlantic region is going to count the contest....
  • The contiguous state principle does not apply to conference challenge events.
• What if the institution from the Atlantic region is replaced by an independent institution?
  • Contests must occur between institutions that are members of a conference.

CASE STUDY NO. 2
• The East region conferences organize a basketball event for eight institutions starting Friday, November 14, 2014.
  • The games will take place at two different locations.
  • One location is outside of the East region.
  • Institutions may participate in three games.
• Would institutions be able to exempt the contests?
  • It depends...
    • It is permissible for the games to take place at different locations and outside the region.
    • Institutions would only be permitted to exempt up to two contests.
• What if an institution does not want to exempt the contests?
  • Institutions have the discretion to count or exempt the contests.
CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENT

• The conference challenge legislation excludes:
  • Contiguous states.
  • Independent institutions.

• The conference challenge legislation includes:
  • Institutions in the membership process once criteria is considered for Division II opponents for championship selection purposes.

CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENT

• Each institution has the discretion to exempt or count the contests.
  • Institutions can play more than two contests, but only exempt two.
  • The conference challenge event can be conducted at more than one site.
  • The conference challenge event does not have to take place in the region in which the conferences are located.

SCRIMMAGES – OFFICIAL SCORING

Discretionary exemptions:
• Official scoring is no longer considered to have occurred if the score is released to the media or other entity.
  • Pause for applause.

Proposal No. NC-2015-9
FOREIGN TOURS
• General regulations.
• Timing of tour.
• Eligibility of student-athletes.
• Practice and contest limitations.
• Permissible benefits.
• Promotional activities vs. community engagement.
• Case studies.

GENERAL REGULATIONS
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- A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours.

- Institution must certify in writing that the conditions in the legislation are met and maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.

  Bylaw 17.28.1

TIMING OF TOUR

- Must be scheduled during a vacation period published in the institution’s official catalog.

- All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during a vacation period.

  Bylaw 17.28.1.3
TIMING OF TOUR (CONTINUED)

Departure prior to an official vacation period:

- Permissible to depart for a foreign tour prior to the official beginning of the vacation period, provided all participating SAs have completed their classes or exams and no special arrangements are made to rearrange classes or exams.

12/2/08 Staff Interpretation

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

If the tour takes place during the summer:

- Eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year; or
- Been enrolled full time during the previous academic year and established by the beginning of the tour eligibility for competition the academic year immediately following the tour.
ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES (CONTINUED)

If the tour takes place after the academic year has started:

- Be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition.

Bylaw 17.28.1.5

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES (CONTINUED)

Incoming SAs (freshman or transfer):

- Eligible to represent the institution only on a foreign tour that:
  - Begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved; or
  - After the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution.

Bylaw 17.28.1.5.1

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES (CONTINUED)

Incoming SAs (freshman or transfer):

- May participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur during permissible period.

7/28/04 Staff Interpretation
PRACTICE LIMITATIONS

• Not more than 10 days of practice permitted before departure.

• Prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the final exam period of the regular academic term through the conclusion of the final exam period.

Bylaw 17.28.1.6

PRACTICE LIMITATIONS (CONTINUED)

• There is no required day off during the 10-day practice period or during a foreign tour.

Bylaw 17.28.1.6.1
CONTEST LIMITATIONS

Maximum number of contests/competition dates:

- A team is limited to a maximum of:
  - Football – three contests.
  - All other sports – 10 contests or dates of competition.

Bylaw 17.28.1.7

CONTEST LIMITATIONS (CONTINUED)

Opponents:

- Not permissible to compete against other member institutions or American teams other than U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries.

Bylaw 17.28.1.8
PASSPORTS AND VISAS

• Institution may purchase passports and visas.

• SAs may retain ownership.

• Institution may provide reasonable local transportation to obtain.

Bylaw 17.28.1.11

PASSPORTS AND VISAS (CONTINUED)

• May pay expenses to acquire copies of birth certificates and obtain travel visas.

  • Provided birth certificates and visas are credentials required for travel in connection with a foreign tour.

2/17/95 Staff Interpretation

HOUSING AND MEALS

• May provide cost of room and board during official vacation period for SAs required to be on campus for organized practice during official vacation period.

• May not be provided if SA lives at home, except for team meals incidental to practice.

• Cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed amount provided to staff members on away-from-campus trips.

Bylaw 16.5.1-(f)/(1)
FOREIGN TOUR EXPENSES

While on the tour:

• Institution may provide expenses for participation in a foreign tour.

• Institution may provide $20 per diem to cover unitemized incidental expenses for each day of the tour, to a maximum of 21 days.

Bylaws 16.8.1.8 and 17.28.1.9

TEAM ENTERTAINMENT

• May pay actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment provided:
  • Takes place within 100-mile radius of where team plays or practices in connection with an away-from-home contest; or
  • Takes place en route to or from away-from-home contest.

Bylaw 16.7.1
12/30/87 Staff Interpretation

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES VS.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Community engagement activity:

• Activity where primary purpose is to enhance the community, rather than benefiting or promoting the institution.
• May only occur in any area of the country where the institution is located.
  • United States for U.S. institutions.
  • Canada for Canadian institutions.

INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

• Actual and necessary expenses for an international promotional activity are permissible, provided:
  • Parameters under Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (promotional activities) are satisfied.
  • Activity may occur in a country other than the country where the institution is located.
  • Provision of expenses is limited to time while SAs are participating in the promotional activity.
  • If entire team participates, can be in conjunction with competition if team meets conditions of foreign tour.

CASE STUDIES
CASE STUDY NO. 1

• City University women’s volleyball is scheduled to depart for a foreign tour May 10.

• The final examination period is May 3-7.

• All volleyball SAs will have completed their final exams by May 5.

CASE STUDY NO. 1 (CONTINUED)

• Coach would like the team to practice the last two days of the final exam period, so the team can have at least four days prior to departure to prepare for the tour.

• Is this permissible?

CASE STUDY NO. 1 (CONTINUED)

• No. Schools are prohibited from practicing during the week prior to, and during, the final examination period.

• What options does coach have to be able to practice the desired days?

  • Submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO.
CASE STUDY NO. 1 (CONTINUED)

• What if coach wanted to depart for the foreign tour May 6?

• Because the team will have completed their final exams by May 5, it would be permissible to depart for the foreign tour prior to the end of the final exam period.

CASE STUDY NO. 2

• Champ is a men’s basketball SA at Bailey College.

• He was eligible for competition during the 2013 fall term; however, during the fall term, he did not pass six hours.

• As a result, he was declared ineligible for the 2014 spring term.

CASE STUDY NO. 2 (CONTINUED)

• Bailey College is planning on participating in a foreign tour during summer 2014 and the men’s basketball coach wants to take all SAs on the tour.

• Is Champ eligible to participate in the tour?
CASE STUDY NO. 2 (CONTINUED)

- Remember, SAs shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year.
  - Yes, although Champ was ineligible for the 2014 spring term, he would be eligible to participate in the tour during summer 2014.
  - Per the 4/2/08 staff interpretation:
    A SA who is eligible for any term during the previous academic year would be eligible to compete in a foreign tour the summer immediately following that same academic year.