

APRIL SIGNING DATES AND DEAD PERIODS

This year's late signing period begins on Wednesday, April 9th (Men's Basketball April 16th to May 21st) and a corresponding dead period for all sports other than football and soccer runs from April 7th-10th. Please refer to your individual sport recruiting calendar in this newsletter.

During dead periods, no in-person on- or off-campus contacts may occur between coaches and/or staff with prospects or their families. Even an unarranged drop-in visit by a prospect to your office during a dead period is a violation that is required to be self-reported to the NCAA. Below is a quick checklist of "dos and don'ts" during the signing period.

Do's:

- You MAY express mail, courier, or fax the NLI and tender to a prospect.
- You MAY make phone calls to a prospect during the dead period.
- Make sure the NLI is issued and returned with an academic year-long financial tender.
- Make sure the NLIs and tenders are signed by the prospect AND a parent within 14 days of being issued.
- Make sure walk-ons have agreed to acceptance of either financial aid or housing agreement.

Don'ts:

- You MAY NOT hand deliver the NLI and tender to a prospect off-campus.
- You MAY NOT be present when the prospect signs the NLI off-campus.
- You MAY NOT announce the signing of a prospect to the media until both the NLI and tender are approved by the compliance office.
- You MAY NOT announce the signing of a walk-on until the compliance office approves it.

ATHLETICS AID RENEWALS

The compliance office has sent all head coaches a list of current student-athletes on athletics grant-in-aid. As in the past, it is necessary that the head coach advise a continuing student-athlete of his or her aid for the coming academic year. Again, the sport administrator, in addition to the head coach and student-athlete must sign the renewal forms.

All Tender Renewal Request forms must be submitted to Michele Brost no later than **April 7, 2008** so that we may comply with deadlines for the Financial Aid Office. In addition, any grant-in-aid student-athlete planning or needing to attend the 2008 summer modules is required to submit a Summer Session Aid Approval form.

FIFTH-YEAR AID POLICY

Coaches are reminded of the department's Graduation Enhancement Policy. You can find the details of the policy in the *Student-Athlete Planner* on pages 11-12.

Fifth-year aid (aid to student-athletes whose eligibility has been exhausted) is awarded by semester. Head coaches must still submit a tender renewal request form for aid to be awarded in the fall and again in November for spring aid.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTS

An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director, regardless of who makes the initial contact.

If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and, in Division I and II, shall not provide financial assistance to the student-athlete until he or she has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply.

RULES YOU SHOULD "NO"

- **NO** comment may be made publicly by the institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's ability to contribute or likelihood of the prospect signing with the institution until after the prospect has signed an NLI and financial aid tender (or acceptance of institutional financial aid or housing) and has been approved by the compliance office.
- **NO** media releases shall be made public by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to the university until after the prospect has signed a NLI and financial aid tender (or acceptance of institutional financial aid or housing) and has been approved by the compliance office.

AGENTS

An individual shall be ineligible for participation in a sport if he or she has ever agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an AGENT for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to ALL sports, and thus the individual shall be ineligible in all sports.

NCAA DIVISION I – RECRUITING – GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND ATTACHMENTS (I)

Interpretation:

NCAA Division I institutions are reminded that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1, in sports other than men's basketball, a member institution may not provide recruiting materials to a prospect until September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school. In men's basketball only, an institution may not provide recruiting materials to a prospect until June 15 at the conclusion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY INTERPRETATIONS

- Q. If a four-year college student-athlete sends an email explaining he/she is leaving his/her school and is interested in coming to Purdue, may the coach send a reply or must he/she wait until permission is received to contact the student-athlete?
- A. A reply may be sent to the student-athlete; however the reply must be limited to informing the student-athlete that his/her school must grant Purdue permission to contact and would be happy to talk with him/her when a release is granted. Special information relating to Purdue athletics programs or anything else that would constitute recruitment of the student-athlete MAY NOT be sent.
- Q. May a high school prospect or incoming transfer student-athlete work at a Purdue camp?
- A. No. High school or junior college prospects or individuals being recruited MAY NOT be employed or gain free/reduced admission privileges.

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING

Interpretation:

NCAA Division I institutions should note that effective May 1, 2007, in all sports, prospective student-athletes and student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to initial participation in any practice or competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, returning student-athletes are required to have an updated medical history completed each year. In football and basketball, all prospective student-athletes who will be first-time participants are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to participation in voluntary summer weight training or conditioning activities. Further, in sports in which the safety exception is applicable, prospective student-athletes who will be first-time participants are required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to participation in any voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception. In all cases, the medical examination/evaluation or updated medical history must be administered within six months prior to the individual's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. For example, in swimming, if an incoming transfer student-athlete wants to participate in a voluntary individual workout pursuant to the safety exception May 10, 2007, the prospective student-athlete is required to have had a medical examination/evaluation administered or supervised by a physician on or after November 10, 2006. Similarly, if a returning student-athlete in women's soccer reports for preseason practice August 10, 2007, the student-athlete is required to have had an updated medical history administered on or after February 10.

BYLAW 12.4.2.1 FEE-FOR-LESSON INSTRUCTION

A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided:

- a) institutional facilities are not used;
- b) playing lessons shall not be permitted;
- c) the institution obtains and keeps on file, documentation of the recipient of the lesson(s) and the fee for the lesson(s) provided during any time of the year; and
- d) the compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient's family) and not another individual or entity.

Please send all student-athletes interested in providing fee-for-lesson instructions to the compliance office prior to beginning the lessons.

When our student-athletes are providing fee for lessons during the summer (i.e., individual golf, swim, tennis, etc.) they must then submit copies of all canceled checks or receipts from the lessons to the compliance office.

BYLAW 16.12.2.5 ATHLETICS EQUIPMENT

A student-athlete may not accept athletics equipment, supplies or clothing, (e.g., tennis racquets, golf clubs, hockey sticks, balls, shirts) from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise. Such items may be provided to the student-athlete's institution, to be utilized by the institution's team in accordance with accepted practices for issuance and retrieval of athletics equipment.

2007-32 RECRUITING - PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS AND EVALUATIONS - HEAD COACH RESTRICTIONS - SPRING EVALUATION PERIOD - FOOTBALL

Status: Defeated - Final Process Diagram

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to specify that the head coach shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period.

Rationale: It has become increasingly difficult for head football coaches to avoid contact with prospective student-athletes during the spring evaluation period. When head football coaches visit a high school while school is in session, they are in close proximity to students. In addition, the visibility of many high-profile coaches results in frequent unavoidable contact with any number of students. This proposal is intended to eliminate contact between a prospective student-athlete and head football coach during the spring evaluation period by prohibiting the head football coach from engaging in off-campus recruiting during the spring evaluation period. This proposal will also decrease the number of needless secondary violations and a significant amount of distrust that has occurred among coaches because of the difficulty in avoiding contact with prospective student-athletes during the spring evaluation period.

2007-18 PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING - LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES - RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS - EXCEPTION - NONCOACHING STAFF MEMBER - AFTER NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING OR OTHER WRITTEN COMMITMENT

Status: Adopted, 60-Day Override Period Process Diagram

Intent: To permit a noncoaching staff member to make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) and prepare general recruiting correspondence (including electronic correspondence) to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or, for those institutions not using the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport or for a prospective-student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

Rationale: As a general rule, an individual is considered to be a prospective student-athlete until he or she enrolls full time or participates in regular practice sessions. However, once a National Letter of Intent has been signed or, for those not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year transfer, institution does not subscribe), an offer of admission and/or financial aid has been accepted, an individual has

committed to an institution and the recruitment process is, for all practical purposes, completed. Exceptions for communication with a prospective student-athlete after the signing of a National Letter of Intent (or acceptance of written offer of financial aid or admission) currently exist, but these exceptions are limited in scope. Any telephone calls or written correspondence with a prospective student-athlete concerning his or her recruitment after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent (or an offer of admission and/or financial aid) would be minimal. Further, this proposal would allow an institution's chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative or director of athletics to send a congratulatory note to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent (or an offer of admission and/or financial aid).

ON-CAMPUS EVALUATIONS

- Coaching staff members may evaluate prospects participating in on-campus events (e.g., high school, AAU) in any sport during a contact or evaluation period, but not during a quiet or dead period.
- Prior to and during any athletics competition in which the prospect is a participant, recruiting contact may not be made by a coaching staff member until after the prospect's final contest and after the prospect is released by the appropriate authority (e.g., prospect's coach).
- Contact shall not be made with the prospect from the time he/she reports on call and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition, even if such competition-related activities are initiated prior to the day or days of competition (e.g., practice days).
- Noncoaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities (e.g., director of ops) may attend on-campus competitions provided the staff member does not have direct contact with the prospect and does not report back to the coaching staff.

PURDUE INTERPRETATIONS

- Q. Is it permissible for a Purdue University booster club member to introduce themselves to a prospect while visiting the Purdue campus?
- A. No. A booster is prohibited from making in-person, on- or off-campus contact, written or phone communication with a prospect or the prospect's parents and/or relatives.
- Q. Is it permissible for an academic advisor to make phone calls to a prospect?
- A. Yes. Academic advisors may make or receive calls from prospects, providing the call is regarding admissions or academic issues. Phone calls made shall count towards the limitations on the number of phone calls the institution may place to the prospect.
- Q. Is it permissible for a non-coaching athletics department staff member with sport-specific responsibilities to watch a local tournament involving prospects?
- A. Yes. Staff members may watch local competitions as long as they do not have contact with any prospects, do not act as a Purdue recruiter, and do not report back to any of our coaches regarding any prospect they observe.

COMPLIANCE QUIZ

The answers to the quiz can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.

1. May a travel day, provided no countable athletically related activities occurred, count as a day off in a sport's countable hours?
 - a. Yes.
 - b. No.
2. Which of the following items are athletic department staff members not allowed to make copies of for a student-athlete?
 - a. A paper for class.
 - b. A class syllabus.
 - c. A really neat picture.
3. What is the required shape and size of a laundry label on an institution's uniform that includes the manufacturer's logo or trademark?
 - a. Square; 2.25 square inches.
 - b. Pentagon; 6 square inches.
 - c. Rectangle; 4.5 square centimeters.

NCAA HOT TOPICS

Educational Column -- Volunteer Coach Involvement with Local Sports Clubs and Provision of Private Lessons (I)

Interpretation:

NCAA Division I member institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.3, it is permissible for a volunteer coach in a sport other than basketball to be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport with a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all participating prospective student-athletes are legal residents of an area within a 50-mile radius of the institution and there is no institutional sponsorship of the club. A prospective student-athlete who resides outside the 50-mile radius of the institution may be a member of the local sports club without impacting the involvement of the institution's volunteer coach, provided the institution documents that the local sports club is the closest opportunity for the prospective student-athlete to participate in the sport. Further, it is important to note that a prospective student-athlete who relocates to within a 50-mile radius of an institution on a temporary basis (e.g., to participate on a club team or attend an institution while maintaining a permanent residence outside of the 50-mile radius) would not be considered a legal resident of the area of the institution for purposes of the local sports club legislation.

However, it is not permissible for a volunteer coach to conduct any physical activity at which one or more prospective student-athletes reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics ability except as provided for in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. Therefore, a volunteer coach is prohibited from teaching private lessons to any prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport, except women's golf and equestrian. A volunteer coach in women's golf or equestrian may teach private lessons to a prospective student-athlete in the respective sports, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. The prospective student-athlete resides within a 50-mile radius of the institution's main campus;
- b. The coach makes lessons available to the general public;
- c. In women's golf, lessons are only provided to female prospective student-athletes and the coach is a teaching professional certified pursuant to the Ladies Golf Professional Association and/or Professional Golf Association certification program;

- d. Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals;
- e. Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete or his/her parent or legal guardian; and
- f. The institution keeps on file in the office of the director of athletics documentation of the fee charged for the lessons and the name of any individual receiving any portion of the fee.

SIGNING DATES FOR THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR

Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the following dates or after the final signing date listed for each sport.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Initial Signing Date</u>	<u>Final Signing Date</u>
Basketball (Late Period)	April 16, 2008	May 21, 2008
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 19, 2007	January 15, 2008
Football (Regular Period)	February 6, 2008	April 1, 2008
Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country	February 6, 2008	August 1, 2008
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 14, 2007	August 1, 2008
All Other Sports (Late Period)	April 9, 2008	August 1, 2008

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Football	Quiet Period	February 8 - April 14, 2008
Women's Basketball	Evaluation Period	January 1 – April 22, 2008
	Contact Period	March 1 - April 3, 2008
Baseball	Contact Period	March 1 - July 31, 2008
Volleyball	Contact Period	January 1 – July 31, 2008
Softball	Contact Period	January 2 - July 31, 2008
Track and Field/ Cross Country	Contact Period	January 3 - July 31, 2008
	Dead Period	March 14 (12:01 a.m.) - March 16 (12:01 a.m.) June 11 (12:01 a.m.) - June 15 (12:01 a.m.)

Answers to compliance quiz (on page 6):

1. a (17.1.5.4.1) 2. c (16.3.1.1.1b) 3. a (12.5.4.1)