

**PROPOSAL NO. 2007-47 - RECRUITING - RECRUITING MATERIALS
ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS**

After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.

Intent: To specify that after the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI), there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed; further, to specify that for an institution not using the NLI, or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign the NLI, there shall be no limit after the calendar day on which the prospective student-athlete signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

TIMING ACTIVITIES AT INSTITUTIONAL FOOTBALL CAMPS (I)

NCAA Division I institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 13.12.1.1.1, an institution's football camp or clinic must be one that;

- a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition;
- b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or
- c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

An institution may not engage in activities devoted to measuring agility, flexibility, speed or strength for the purpose of evaluating prospective student-athletes during the institutional camp or clinic. An institution's coaching staff member may; however, engage (at an institutional camp or clinic) in activities devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests (e.g., timing of the 40- yard dash), provided the timing activity is performed in an instructional context. For example, at the start of a camp, an institution's coach would like to measure the distance each camper can throw a football in order to determine the prospect's arm strength prior to receiving instruction from the camp coaching staff. Throughout the week, each camper would then learn activities and drills that help increase arm strength and improve their throwing motion of the football. An institution's coach would then like to again measure the distance of passes at the conclusion of the camp to determine how much each camper improved over the course of the camp. This would be permissible because the testing activities being performed are instructional in nature.

It is not permissible for an institution's coach to engage in activities devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests that go beyond the appropriate instructional context. Further, an institution may not engage in such testing that will then be used or recorded for purposes of evaluating the abilities of prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes. For example, an institution's football coach records times for all campers for the purpose of documenting the campers' performance. The coach would then like to identify the top performers in specified categories and send recruiting correspondence to these prospects. This would not be permissible because the purpose of the testing activities was not instructional in nature.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR
EVALUATIONS DURING THE APRIL CONTACT PERIOD**

Interpretation:

Institutions should note that Bylaw 13.1.8.8 (Evaluation Days - Basketball) describes the permissible evaluation activities during the April contact period. During its May 26, 2004, teleconference, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Legislative Review/Interpretations Subcommittee confirmed the application of the legislation to nonscholastic events held at any location and other activities at a prospect's educational institution. The resulting May 26, 2004 official interpretation (ref: Item No. 1) has been incorporated into the Division I manual. Please refer to the Legislative Services Database (LSDBi) on the NCAA Web site for the current version of the bylaw. The following information summarizes the legislation and its application.

Evaluations at Nonscholastic Events - Evaluations at nonscholastic events during the April contact period are limited to events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high-school, preparatory school or two-year college association, National Federation of High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association. Coaching staff members may only attend such an event on Saturdays and/or Sundays, and not on any weekend during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered, regardless of where the event occurs. Therefore, even if an approved event occurs at a high school, preparatory school or two-year college and over a three-day period including Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it is not permissible for coaches to attend the event on Friday. However, as long as the approved event does not occur on a national standardized test weekend, it would be permissible for coaches to attend on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, in order to evaluate prospects at an approved nonscholastic event that occurs during a permissible weekend at a high school, preparatory school or two-year college, it is not necessary to also have a contact with a prospect who attends the educational institution. Such evaluations are not included in the limit of 40 evaluation days for the academic year.

Evaluations at a Prospect's Educational Institution (Other Than Nonscholastic Events) - It is permissible to evaluate prospects at practices, open gyms and pick-up games conducted under the supervision of the high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach only in conjunction with a contact with a prospect who attends the educational institution where the activity occurs. Further, these evaluations may take place during any day of the week or weekend and may occur on a Saturday or Sunday during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered. Such evaluations are not included in the limit of 40 evaluation days for the academic year.

**PERMISSIBLE EVALUATION ACTIVITIES DURING MARCH CONTACT PERIOD
MEN'S BASKETBALL (I)**

Interpretation:

The committee confirmed that, in men's basketball during the March contact period, evaluations shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during this time period are prohibited.

NCAA DIVISION I BYLAW 13.1.8.8 - EVALUATION DAYS - BASKETBALL - ATTENDANCE AT SCHOLASTIC AND NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR (I)

Interpretation:

NCAA Division I institutions should note the following restrictions apply to evaluations in men's and women's basketball during the academic year:

General

For purposes of applying the legislation, a regular scholastic activity is any activity involving only students enrolled at a particular high school, preparatory school or two-year college that has been approved by the appropriate authority at the scholastic institution. An activity that is organized for the purpose of allowing a college coach or coaches to observe prospects demonstrating his or her athletics skills is not considered a regular scholastic activity, but would constitute an impermissible tryout.

Men's Basketball

1. All evaluations during the academic year evaluation periods (refer to recruiting calendars) are limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution.
2. During the April contact period, evaluations at nonscholastic events are limited to events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable high school, preparatory school or two-year college association, National Federation of High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association. In addition, coaches may only attend such an event on Saturday and/or Sunday and not on any weekend during which a national standardized test (e.g., SAT, ACT) is administered.
3. Please note that the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2006-52 established a contact period March 16 through 22. During this contact period, evaluations shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices and regular scholastic activities involving student-athletes enrolled only at that institution. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during this time period are prohibited.

Women's Basketball

1. During the academic year, evaluations may occur at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices, pick-up games and open gyms.
2. Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall occur only during the last full weekend of the fall contact period and the weekend of the spring evaluation period. Nonscholastic events are limited to those that are certified per Bylaw 30.17 and events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state (e.g., state high school federation, national (e.g., National Junior College Athletic Association) or international governing body (e.g., USA Basketball, United States Olympic Committee or international equivalent).

TELEPHONE CALLS TO PROSPECTS - FOOTBALL

In football, one telephone call to a prospect (or a prospect's relatives) is now permitted from April 15 through May 31 of the prospect's junior year of high school. Previously, this initial call was limited to the month of May only. This legislation does not increase the number of permissible calls; additional calls may not be placed until September 1 of the beginning of the prospect's senior year in high school.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Complimentary Admissions

- Student-athletes on teams participating in NCAA or Conference Championships may receive six complimentary admissions.
- Prospective student-athletes (and their relatives and coaches) may not receive complimentary admissions for postseason NCAA or conference championships, even if they are on an official visit. Prospects must purchase their tickets in the same manner as the general public.

Promotional Materials

The NCAA, conference, or the host institution may produce/provide promotional materials to any individual or group if such materials:

- Are only for the purpose of promoting the event and not the host institution.
- Use factual information (e.g., date, time, and location, etc.).
- Are not sent exclusively to prospects.
- Are available to the general public.
- Do not promote the institution's athletic program.
- Student-athletes may appear in such promotional items.

Providing Posters to High Schools

Purdue University may produce a poster promoting an NCAA or Big Ten championship and send it to a high school coach and/or his/her educational institution. It is not permissible to send such a poster directly to a prospect.

GAMBLING ACTIVITIES - BYLAW 10.3

With the approach of the NCAA Basketball tournament, please be sure you are educated on NCAA gambling policies.

Staff members of the athletics department and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- provide information concerning any type of intercollegiate athletics competition to individuals involved or linked to gambling activities;
- solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team including NCAA basketball playoff bracket "pools" **(NO OFFICE POOLS)**;
- place/accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item that has tangible value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) or;
- participate in any gambling activity that involved intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS AND COACHING LIMITATIONS

Student-Managers & Non-Coaching Staff Members. Institutional staff members involved in non-coaching activities do not count in the institution's coaching limitations, **provided** such individuals are not identified as coaches, do not engage in any on- or off-field coaching activities (e.g., attending meetings involving coaching activities, analyzing videotape or film involving the institution's or an opponent's team), and are not involved in any off-campus recruitment of prospects or scouting of opponents.

ATHLETICS AID RENEWALS

We will begin athletics aid renewals next month. The compliance office will send you a list of current student-athletes on 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 year. The head coach, sport administrator, and student-athlete are required to sign the renewal request form. All tender renewal requests must be submitted to Michele Brost no later than April 7, 2008 so that we may comply with the deadline for the financial aid office. In addition, any grant-in-aid student-athlete planning or needing to attend a 2008 summer module must submit a summer session aid approval form. All forms may be obtained from the website http://www.purdue.edu/athletics/compliance/pages/coaches/coaches_forms.html.

ACADEMIC FRAUD

What is it?

- Acquiring Information (e.g., copying from other students during an exam);
- Providing Information (e.g., giving answers to another student for an assignment or exam);
- Plagiarism (e.g., having someone complete assigned work and then claim it as one's own);
- Conspiracy (e.g., agreeing with other students to commit academic dishonesty);
- Fabrication of Information (e.g., falsification of results from research);
- Violation of Policies (e.g., violation of departmental or college academic integrity policy).

Why is it an NCAA violation? The reason is that Bylaw 10.1-(b.), Unethical Conduct, prohibits the "Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete."

When does it become an NCAA violation? It does any time:

- An institutional staff member (e.g., coach, professor, tutor, teaching assistant) knowingly is involved in arranging fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or enrolled student-athlete, regardless of whether the institutional staff member acted alone or in concert with the prospective or enrolled student-athlete;
- A student-athlete, acting alone or in concert with others, knowingly becomes involved in arranging fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts, regardless of whether such conduct results in an erroneous declaration of eligibility.

What is the penalty from the NCAA? Typically, one year of ineligibility.

APPLICATION OF "LEGAL RESIDENT" - INVOLVEMENT WITH A LOCAL SPORTS CLUB (I)

Interpretation:

The NCAA Division I Management Council determined that for purposes of the application of the local sports clubs legislation, 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) is not a "legal resident of the area" of the institution regardless of whether the prospect meets a legal standard of state or local residency for governmental purposes. Therefore, an institution's coach may not be involved with a local sports club team in the coach's sport that includes such a prospect.

COMPLIANCE QUIZ

Answers to compliance quiz on last page of newsletter.

1. Institution's bookstore contacts the athletic department to sell bobble head dolls depicting the all American shortstop. Is this permissible?
 - a) Yes, as long as they are only sold on campus.
 - b) Yes, as long as the athletic department receives some of the profits.
 - c) No, the bookstore cannot sell any items that include an individual student-athlete's name, picture or likeness.
 - d) No, the bookstore cannot sell items relating to athletics.

2. What is the maximum value of an award that student-athletes may receive for winning a conference championship?
 - a) \$325.
 - b) \$415.
 - c) \$175.

3. Which of the following is a permissible time for a student-athlete to use tobacco products?
 - a) During practice.
 - b) During competition.
 - c) None of the above.

TWENTY OLE MISS PLAYERS GET PROBATION FOR STEALING

JACKSON, Miss. -- Mississippi put 20 players on probation Sunday after they twice stole items from hotels. November 18, 2007, 6:53 PM ET

A news release said the players have paid for the items, which included radios and pillows. Ole Miss coach Ed Orgeron said in the release that the players will be on probation indefinitely.

Officials said the items stolen cost between \$15 and \$40.

"Any actions similar to this will result in more severe penalties which may include dismissal from the team," Orgeron said in the release.

The action comes a day after the Rebels lost 41-24 to No. 1 LSU in Oxford. It appears the players will be allowed to play Friday at Mississippi State in the final game of the season.

A spokesman said a list of disciplined players was not available. Neither Orgeron nor athletic director Pete Boone immediately returned messages Sunday. Boone is scheduled to attend Orgeron's weekly news conference Monday to answer questions about the disciplinary action.

It was not clear from the release when or where the items were stolen. Ole Miss stays in hotels for home and away games. When they play in Oxford, they stay at a hotel in nearby Tupelo on Friday nights to get away from distractions.

This is at least the fourth disciplinary action Orgeron has taken this season. He reinstated Greg Hardy last week after suspending the defensive end for two games. Offensive linemen Corey Actis and John Jerry were docked starts. Orgeron has said in those cases team rules were broken, not the law.

Orgeron also suspended four players and dismissed another last season after police caught them smoking marijuana. Only one of the four suspended returned to the team this season.

Ole Miss' NCAA compliance officer said in the statement that the players disciplined Sunday do not face sanctions.

"Since the student-athletes have made restitution, there are no NCAA rules violations," said David Wells, senior associate athletics director for compliance.

PURDUE INTERPRETATIONS

- Q. Is it permissible for student-athletes to answer questions from the media or the public about recruits who have verbally committed to Purdue but who have not yet signed an NLI or a written offer of admission?
- A. No, it is not permissible for student-athletes to discuss a prospect's ability, OR the likelihood that he/she will sign an NLI with the university.
- Q. Is it permissible for a coach, athletics staff member and/or booster to provide a student-athlete's parents with a ride from the team's hotel to the site of the team's competition?
- A. No. Providing a student-athlete's parents and/or relatives with a ride to the site of a competition would be considered an extra benefit.
- Q. Is it permissible for a student-athlete to be involved in a fundraiser (e.g., carwash, 5k run) for his/her team?
- A. Yes. However, it is important that funds raised by student-athletes to supplement team costs be provided to the team or institution as a general donation, rather than as a credit toward a specific student-athlete's expenses. All donations should clearly indicate that they are made directly to the institution (e.g., check may not be made out directly to the student athlete).

RECRUITING CALENDAR		
Men's Basketball	Evaluation Period	January 1 – March 28, 2008
	Contact Period	March 16-22, 2008
Football	Dead Period	February 4-7, 2008
	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	Quiet Period	January 9 – February 29, 2008
	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	Contact Period	February 8 - July 31, 2008
	Dead Period	February 4-7, 2008

Answers to compliance quiz: 1. c (12.5.1.1 h) 2. a (16.1.4.2) 3. c (17.1.7)