

The Interpreter

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New Legislation

The following are new legislative proposals that were adopted by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors at their April 2003 meeting:

Recruiting Materials: To specify that camp brochures are not restricted in content or design, but are restricted to a single two-sided sheet, not to exceed 17" x 22" when opened in full. (Effective August 1, 2003)

Recruiting—Contacts—WBB: In women's basketball, to prohibit institutional staff members in attendance at nonscholastic certified events from having any communication with a prospect's coach or any other individual associated with the prospect as a result of the prospect's participation in basketball during the time period in which the prospect is participating in the certified event. (Effective immediately)

Amateurism—Professional Draft—Two-Year College Prospects: In basketball, to permit an enrolled student-athlete attending a two-year collegiate institution to enter a professional league's draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares his or her intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 30 days after the draft. (Effective August 1, 2003)

Permissible Benefits—Miscellaneous Benefits: To permit a student-athlete to retain frequent flyer points and/or miles earned during team travel. (Effective August 1, 2003)

Amateurism—Professional Team—

Definition: To specify that a professional team is one that provides any of its players more than the value of actual and necessary expenses, including other reasonable expenses incidental to participation. (Effective immediately)

Permissible Benefits—Preseason

Meals: To permit an institution to provide an additional meal or snack to student-athletes during the preseason practice period prior to the start of the academic year. (Effective immediately)

Awards & Benefits—Team

Entertainment—Vacation Periods: To permit an institution to pay reasonable entertainment costs associated with required practice during vacation periods provided such entertainment occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus or practice site and classes are not in session. (Effective August 1, 2003)

Recruiting—Complimentary Admissions—Official & Unofficial

Visits: To permit an institution to conduct an official visit at an off-campus location within a 30-mile radius of the campus; further, for official and unofficial visits, to permit an institution to provide three complimentary admissions to a prospect for any regular-season home contest that has been scheduled at an off-campus facility, provided the facility is located within a 30-mile radius of the institution. (Effective immediately)

Recruiting—Unofficial Visits—Complimentary Admissions:

To permit an institution to provide any prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit three complimentary admissions to any regular-season home contest at an off-campus facility. (Effective immediately)

Administration—Student-Athlete HIPAA Authorization:

To add the Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form to the list of forms or statements to be administered to student-athletes annually by an institution. (Effective August 1, 2003)

Financial Aid—Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund:

To permit a student-athlete to receive monies from the NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund and exempt such funds from the individual or team grant-in-aid limitations; further, to prohibit conferences and institutions from using the fund for salaries, grants-in-aid (other than summer school), capitol improvements and stipends. (Effective immediately)

Legislative Cycle

The Division I Management Council finalized details of the new single legislative cycle during its April meeting. July 15 will be the deadline for conferences to submit proposals. The Management Council will review these proposals in October. The Board of Directors will vote on the approved proposals in April.

Currently, legislation can be approved in either October or April. The single cycle is meant to simplify the legislative process by only creating new legislation once a year.



Scholarship Renewals & Non-Renewals

There are specific rules addressing the reasons you can and cannot renew a student-athlete's financial aid package.

NCAA Bylaw 15.3.5.1 states that the renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which it is to be effective. Further, the institution must promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which the financial aid was awarded whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year. If a student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is NOT renewed, the institution has the responsibility of informing the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon request, shall be provided a hearing before the institutional agency making the award.

Financial aid may be reduced or cancelled during the academic year **only** if one of the following occurs:

- a. The student-athlete renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition; or
- b. Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement; or
- c. Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial discipline; or
- d. Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons.

A student-athlete's scholarship may not be reduced or cancelled based on athletic ability, performance, contribution to a team's success or because of any injury or other



Certified Summer Leagues



The NCAA has some specific rules for baseball and basketball student-athletes who wish to participate in summer leagues.

In baseball, a maximum of four student-athletes from the same Division I institution may participate on the same summer baseball league team.

In basketball, two players from the same Division I institution may participate on the same summer basketball league. All Division I players must limit their competition to one team in one league. The summer league must be within 100 miles of the city limits of the student-athlete's official residence.

In both baseball and basketball summer leagues, in order for a student-athlete to participate, he or she must receive written permission from the institution's director of athletics.



From the Interpretation File



Academic Support Services/Use of Training Room Facilities

A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent and is enrolled in the institution's summer term before the student's initial full-time collegiate enrollment may use academic support services provided by the institution and the institution's training room facilities..

A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent and is enrolled in a member institution as a part-time student during the regular academic year may not be provided academic support services or use the institution's training room facilities.

It is permissible for an institution to provide academic support services and the use of training room facilities to a four-

year college prospect, provided he or she has signed a written offer of financial aid, admission, or both, and is enrolled at the institution during the summer before initial, full-time enrollment. It was noted that four-year college transfers are not permitted to sign a National Letter of Intent.

Midyear Replacement

If a counter in football or basketball graduates midyear, the institution may replace the counter without exceeding the total number of permissible overall counters, provided the institution has reached its overall counter limitations for the academic year. If the institution has not reached its overall limit, it is required to count the financial aid toward the overall grant limitation for the academic year in which the student-athlete receives the initial award.

Nutritional Supplements

It is not permissible for an institution to provide any nutritional supplement/ingredients to its student-athletes, unless the supplement/ingredient is a nonmuscle-building supplement and is included in one of the four classes identified in Bylaw 16.5.2.2 (carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, and vitamins and minerals).

A supplement that contains protein may be classified as a nonmuscle-building supplement provided it is included in one of the four permissible categories, does not contain more than 30 percent of its calories from protein and does not contain additional ingredients that are designed to assist in the muscle-building process.



In the News....



More Trouble at Miss State

Brandon High School football star Ken Griffith told an NCAA investigator he was funneled \$800 by Mississippi State assistant coach Glenn Davis to pay for two classes at a private school in Jackson last summer.

Griffith, an All-State linebacker committed to the Tigers last June but changed his mind and signed with Southern Miss in February.

Giving money or other gifts to prospects is forbidden in nearly all cases by NCAA rules. If the allegation is proven true, it might constitute a serious rules violation for a program that has been under the NCAA microscope since last summer and received official notification in March that it is being investigated by the NCAA.

NCAA Inquiry for Fresno State

Fresno State received the NCAA's supplemental letter of inquiry during the first week of May. This letter is the NCAA's formal response to violations and is presented only when the NCAA determines that a major violation occurred.

In February, The Fresno Bee reported a former basketball team statistician said he was enlisted in a scheme to write term papers for cash for three players during the 1999-2000 season. If true, this would be a case of academic fraud.

In July 2002, the NCAA sent a letter of official inquiry to Fresno State concerning basketball players accepting free food from a restaurant and a basketball player accepting cash from a Las Vegas sports agent.

Fresno State will formally respond to

ISU Coach Suspended, Resigns

Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy was suspended by the NCAA for one game for a secondary rules violation. Eustachy twice paid players for making free throws during the 2002-03 season.

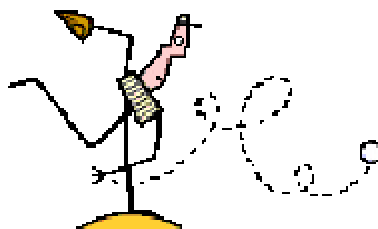
Eustachy resigned from Iowa State for other reasons.



3-Point Line May Move

The NCAA rules committee recommended the 3point line in men's college basketball be moved back 9 inches to 20 feet, 6 inches. The current distance of 19 feet, 9 inches has been in place since 1986.

The NCAA women's basketball rules committee recommended that the international 3point line be used in the women's game.



LSU Baseball Coach Suspended

LSU baseball coach Smoke Laval will serve a one-game suspension because he allowed two ineligible players to compete in a game early last season.

LSU described the violation as the result of a clerical error. The players had not been certified by the university and therefore should not have played under NCAA regulations. The ruling has nothing to do with the players' academic standing.

NCAA Expands Michigan's Penalties

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions banned the Wolverines from next year's postseason because of rules violations in the 1990's revolving around a now-deceased booster.

The case involved more than \$600,000 in illicit loans to Chris Webber and three other players while they were in high school and college.

Michigan imposed its own postseason ban last November, forfeiting 114 wins from five seasons in the '90's, removed Final Four and other commemorative banners from Crisler Arena and returned nearly \$450,000 in NCAA Tournament revenues.

Besides the postseason ban, the NCAA stripped Michigan of one of its 13 basketball scholarships for four seasons starting in 2004-05.

The school has also been requested to have no association with Chris Webber, Maurice Taylor, Robert Traylor and Louis Bullock for 10 years. They are the former players who allegedly accepted loans totaling \$616,000 from Ed Martin, a former Detroit autoworker. Martin pleaded guilty to federal money-laundering charges last May, and he died in February.

The Wolverines will not be eligible for any postseason competition in the 2003-04 season. It will be up to the Big Ten to determine whether Michigan can play in its tournament.

The school will appeal the added postseason ban, citing what it says is an injustice to current players and coaches who had nothing to



June Recruiting Calendar

Football	June 1-30	Quiet
Men's Basketball	June 1-30	Quiet
Women's Basketball	June 1-30	Quiet
Softball	June 1-2 June 3-30	Quiet Cont/Eval
Volleyball	June 1-30	Cont/Eval



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