Welcome Back Ragin' Cajuns Coaches and Staff

This month’s topic is NCAA Recruiting. Recruiting is an integral part of working in intercollegiate athletics. As such, it comes with a large set of rules and best practices. Included in this newsletter are many rules concerning the PSA recruitment process. We have included the recruiting calendar, signing dates and testing dates for this academic year to better help you plan for your sport.

The UL Compliance Office is here to ensure that all NCAA, Sun Belt Conference and University rules are followed. Never hesitate to call us or drop by if you have any questions at any time about a situation, rule or procedure.

Be sure to check out the LSDBi Hot Topics and “Around the NCAA.” We share these articles with you in an effort to increase everyone’s knowledge of the rules as they are added, changed or get broken.

— The Compliance Office

ACS Athletics Reminder
All recruiting activity (e.g., contacts, evaluations, phone calls) must be entered into ACS Athletics. Also, remember to continue entering countable athletically-related activities (CARA logs) into ACS Athletics.

Team Roster Management
If a student-athlete (scholarship or walk-on) quits the team or is going to be added to the team, the compliance office must be notified immediately in order to make sure everything is documented accordingly. The coach must complete and return either a “Student-Athlete Update Form” or a “Voluntary Withdrawal Form” to the compliance office.

Meal Plans Covered by Athletic Scholarship
Please be reminded that the athletic department will only cover the cost of the Blanc Meal Plan for those student-athletes receiving a full athletic scholarship. Any student-athletes that choose the Vermillion Plan for their meal plan will be responsible for the additional $130 charge. Student-athletes will be able to update/change their meal plan during the first week of class for the Spring 2014 semester.

Mid-Year Enrollees (Eligibility and Amateurism Certification)
The Spring 2014 semester is rapidly approaching, and many new student-athletes will be added mid-year. Please make sure that the compliance office and Student-Athlete Academic Center are aware of any new student-athletes, and that all incoming student-athletes are cleared academically and have their amateurism status “final certified.”
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Application of 30 Days of Countable Activities within 42 Days Prior to First Contest -- Men’s Basketball (I)
Date Published: September 27, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that, in men’s basketball, any countable athletically related activities that occur within the 42-day period before an institution’s first regular-season contest shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities permitted before its first regular-season contest.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities), 17.3.2 (preseason practice -- on-court practice), 17.3.2.1 (men’s basketball), 17.3.2.3 (permissible conditioning activities) and 17.3.2.4 (prohibited activities); and an official interpretation (3/4/11, Item No. 6)]

Institution’s Team Observing Opponent’s Competition (I)
Date Published: September 27, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed it is not permissible for an institution to pay expenses for the institution’s team to scout a future opponent as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.6.1 (off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition); 16.7 (entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition); and a staff interpretation (12/16/98, Item No. c, which has been archived)]

Contact with a Prospective Student-Athlete who Repeats Junior Year (I)
Date Published: September 27, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that, in sports other than basketball, off-campus, in-person contact may be made with a prospective student-athlete beginning July 1 (subject to recruiting calendar restrictions) following completion of his or her junior year (or the applicable date within the sport) even if he or she will repeat the junior year; however, once the prospective student-athlete begins classes as a junior for the follow-

ing academic year, no further contact may occur until July 1 following the academic year (or the applicable date within the sport) or the first day of classes of his or her senior year, whichever is earlier.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.1 (time period for off-campus contacts -- general rule; and staff interpretations (4/24/91, Item No. b and 6/3/2011, Item No. a), which have been archived)]

Coaching Staff Member who is Parent, Sibling or Spouse of Participant in Contest Involving Future Opponent (I)
Date Published: September 27, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that the prohibition against off-campus scouting of opponents does not preclude a coaching staff member from attending a contest that involves a future opponent if the coaching staff member is the parent or legal guardian, sibling or spouse, of a participant (e.g., player, coach) in the competition.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.6.1 (off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition); and official interpretation (11/10/94, Item No. 4) which has been archived; and staff interpretation (8/22/97, Item No. c) which has been archived]

Expenses on Foreign Tour (I)
Date Published: September 27, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a permissible outside sponsor may purchase passports and assist with obtaining visas for individuals participating on a foreign tour. Further, the staff confirmed such individuals may retain the documents after conclusion of the foreign tour.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 12.02.2 (actual and necessary expenses); 12.1.2.1.4.4 (expenses from an outside sponsor); 16.10.1.3 (outside sports teams); and a staff interpretation (04/10/87, Item No. 3-d-(2), which has been archived)]

Prospective Student-Athletes Participating in Voluntary Summer Workouts Conducted by Strength and Conditioning Coaches -- Four-Year College Transfers and Institutions That Do Not Use the National Letter of Intent Program -- Football (I)
Date Published: October 4, 2013

Interpretation: The committee determined that, in football, for those institutions not using the National Letter of Intent program or in the case of a four-year college transfer prospective student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution’s strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties (or, in championship subdivision football, a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach) and may receive workout apparel on an issuance and retrieval basis, provided the institution has received the prospective student-athlete’s financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.11.3.7 (voluntary summer conditioning -- football) and a staff interpretation (7/13/09, Item No. a), which has been archived]

Prospective Student-Athletes Participating in Voluntary Summer Workouts Conducted by Strength and Conditioning Coaches -- Four-Year College Transfers and Institutions That Do Not Use the National Letter of Intent Program -- Basketball (I)
Date Published: October 4, 2013

Interpretation: The committee determined that, in basketball, for those institutions not using the National Letter of Intent program or in the case of a four-year college transfer prospective student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution’s strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel on an issuance and retrieval basis, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed the
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institutions’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.11.3.8 (voluntary summer conditioning -- basketball) and a staff interpretation (7/13/09, Item No. a), which has been archived

Expenses for a Student Athlete’s Parents to Attend A Media Activity
Date Published: October 8, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that it is not permissible for a conference to provide actual and necessary expenses to the parents of student-athletes to attend a media activity (e.g., conference "media day").

References: NCAA Bylaws 12.5.3 (media activities), 16.02.3 (extra benefits) and 16.1.7 (expenses to receive noninstitutional awards); and staff interpretation (7/26/90, Item No. a), which has been archived

Student-Athlete Complimentary Admissions to Coaches or Others Involved with Prospective Student-Athletes (I)
Date Published: October 10, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete may provide home or away complimentary admissions to a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved as long as the complimentary admissions are not provided to the coach or other individual at the direction of an institutional staff member.

Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.8.1 (entertainment restrictions), 16.2.1.1 (institutional events in the student-athlete’s sport) and 16.2.1.1.1 (exception -- post season events)

Recording Prospective Student-Athletes During Camp or Clinic Participation (I)
Date Published: October 10, 2013

Educational Column: NCAA Division I institutions should note that an institutional staff member who is employed in a camp or clinic may not record prospective student-athletes’ participation in the camp or clinic for recruiting purposes. It is permissible to record prospective student-athletes’ participation in a camp or clinic for instructional purposes and to make the video available to the prospective student-athletes, provided the cost of producing and distributing the video is included in the cost to attend the camp or clinic or the prospective student-athlete is charged an additional fee to cover the cost of producing and providing the video. Coaching staff members who are observing a camp or clinic that includes prospective student-athletes, but are not employed by the camp or clinic, may record prospective student-athletes’ participation only if the camp or clinic occurs during a permissible recruiting period.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.2.1 (general rule), 13.1.2.1.1 (off-campus recruiters), 13.1.2.5 (off-campus contacts or evaluations), and 13.12.1.5 (recruiting calendar exceptions), 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services) and 13.14.3.1.1 (video-only services), official interpretation (4/19/13, Item No. 1) and staff interpretation (2/18/94, Item No. a)

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Contact with a Prospective Student-Athlete During Practice Associated with Competition (I)
Date Published: October 10, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed contact shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete who is participating in a competition (e.g., golf tournament) from the time the prospective student-athlete has reported on call at the direction of a coach or has officially checked in for the event with the event operations staff, regardless of whether the event has officially commenced (e.g., before or after a practice round).

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.6.2 (practice or competition site) and 17.10 (golf); and a staff interpretation (6/2/1989, Item No. a), which has been archived

NLI Signing Dates for Prospective Student-Athletes Enrolling 2014-2015

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QUESTION:
May an institutional coach evaluate a prospective student-athlete for media, recruiting services, or other third parties?

ANSWER:
No, athletics staff members (includes coaches) may not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services, or recruiting services.
RECRUITING CALENDAR

Baseball
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-10 — Contact Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-30 — Quiet Period

Men’s Basketball
October 1-31 — Recruiting Period
November 1-10 — Recruiting Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-30 — Recruiting Period

Women’s Basketball
October 1-31 — Evaluation Period
November 1-10 — Evaluation Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-30 — Evaluation Period

Football
October 1-31 — Evaluation Period
November 1-30 — Evaluation Period

Women’s Soccer
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-30 — Contact Period

Softball
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-10 — Contact Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-27 — Contact Period
November 28-30 — Quiet Period

Track/Cross Country
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-22 — Contact Period
November 23-24 — Dead Period
November 25-30 — Contact Period

Volleyball
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-10 — Contact Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-30 — Contact Period

Other Sports (Golf & Tennis)
October 1-31 — Contact Period
November 1-10 — Contact Period
November 11-14 — Dead Period
November 15-30 — Contact Period

Sponsor a Family for Christmas

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is sponsoring a family of 5 (single mom and 4 children) for Christmas. They will be buying gifts listed on the family’s wish list and delivering the wrapped gifts to the family before Christmas. Feel free to donate any amount to your SAAC representative or the compliance office before Monday, November 18th. The “Wish List” is available in the compliance office in case an individual wants to purchase a gift in lieu of donating money.
Rules Working Group recruiting proposals move forward

Coaches could send unlimited text messages and other forms of electronic communications if a recruiting rule proposed by the Rules Working Group is approved in January by the members who serve on the Division I Legislative Council.

The membership will consider three new recruiting proposals the Rules Working Group constructed during its September meeting from similar measures that were adopted and later suspended by the Board of Directors earlier this year.

The proposals would:
- Lift restrictions in all sports on the frequency and modes of communication (e.g. text messaging). The proposal would also allow men's ice hockey coaches to begin off-campus recruiting and have off-campus contact on June 15 following the completion of a recruit's sophomore year.
- Limit recruiting materials to general and electronic correspondence (such as brochures or e-mails with attachments), but lift many of the restrictions on printed and electronic general correspondence (such as ink color). Personalized recruiting materials and those created specifically for recruiting purposes are still prohibited.
- Allow recruiting communication to start Sept. 1 of a recruit's junior year, except in basketball, football, men's ice hockey, swimming and diving, cross country and track and field. The recruiting communication date would not change for basketball, football and men's ice hockey because they already have set or are considering earlier start dates in separate legislation or proposed legislation. Swimming and diving, cross country and track and field coaches did not support the earlier date. Currently, recruiting communication begins July 1 following the junior year. Off-campus recruiting dates would not change for any sport.

Feedback from men's ice hockey coaches indicated strong support for both a consistent recruiting start date and deregulation of the restrictions on modes and frequency of communication. Traditionally, men's ice hockey coaches have favored an earlier recruiting start date because they compete for student-athletes against various junior leagues, and athletes who participate in such leagues (such as the Ontario Hockey League, Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior League) can jeopardize their eligibility.

The recruiting materials proposal is a third way to handle the issue of materials sent to recruits, after two previous proposals were not supported by the membership earlier this year. The working group members believe that providing significant flexibility within the definitions of general and electronic correspondence is a more straightforward approach than either prohibiting recruiting materials altogether or completely eliminating all restrictions.

For printed materials, only size restrictions would remain: printed materials shall not exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches when opened in full and envelopes shall not exceed 9 by 12 inches.

The working group is acknowledging their peers' resistance to earlier in-person recruiting by determining an initial start date for recruiting communication, lifting restrictions on the modes and frequency of recruiting communication and leaving the date for off-campus recruiting unchanged.

The working group members believe the membership is ready to lift restrictions on frequency and modes of communication, but it is not ready to move the date for off-campus recruiting. While membership feedback showed overall support for a single start date for both communication and off-campus recruiting, once more specific questions were asked, the feedback showed less support for earlier off-campus recruiting and no consensus on specific dates.

The proposals will go to the Legislative Council for an initial review and sponsorship later this month. The sponsored proposals will then be published and available for membership review in November, with the Legislative Council’s first vote on the proposals occurring at the January 2014 NCAA Convention in San Diego. Per the Division I legislative process, proposals won't be considered adopted until the Board of Directors has met and had the opportunity to discuss them.
The resignation of Coastal Carolina University director of golf and men’s golf coach Allen Terrell on Aug. 30 came after he was informed the school learned of NCAA violations he committed.

The university has self-reported the violations within its men’s golf program of improper extra benefits and recruiting misconduct committed by Terrell and is awaiting a formal decision from the NCAA as to the severity of the infractions.

Terrell resigned after 13 years with the program, just a few weeks before the start of the fall season. The university would not comment then on his resignation, and Terrell told The Sun News at the time that he left on amicable terms to devote his time to running the new Dustin Johnson Golf School at The TPC of Myrtle Beach as well as being available when needed for Johnson, his former pupil and current PGA Tour star.

However, a copy of the university’s report filed to the NCAA was obtained Wednesday through a Freedom of Information request and details that Terrell had violated multiple NCAA bylaws. The most significant of those infractions were that Terrell gave a former student-athlete five private lessons during his senior year of high school and was not compensated, and that Terrell paid $1,000 for that same golfer to receive 10 private lessons from another local golf instructor during his senior year of high school.

“Over three years ago, I made the mistake of providing means for golf instruction to a high school golfer,” Terrell said in an email Thursday. “The reason I did so was this young man moved to the area for his senior year in high school. Since he transferred in, high school rules would not allow him to play on the local team. My passion has always been helping young adults grow as people and golfers.

“I was simply trying to provide a support system for him to continue to develop. I made a decision with my heart. I was not trying to gain a recruiting advantage as the young man had already signed a letter of intent to attend Coastal Carolina. However, I recognize this was an NCAA violation and take full responsibility for my actions. In 15 years of college coaching it is the only time I provided extra benefits to a student-athlete.”

The initial allegation that prompted the investigation was that Terrell watched a prospective student-athlete hit golf balls on the driving range during an official visit, which is prohibited by NCAA rules. It was discovered that he was on the range the same time as recruits in 2010 and 2011 and that another recruit practiced on the range the same time as the team during an official visit in 2012.

“The investigation by our compliance people was very thorough, looking at all issues that were raised, and certainly as the investigation was ongoing … other issues came up,” CCU President David DeCenzo said Wednesday.

DeCenzo said he couldn’t answer when asked if the former coach had the option of remaining on staff, saying only “When this was in the process of investigating, he opted to resign.”

“I understand how the timing appears,” Terrell said in a follow-up text message, “but it was truly a family and financial decision.”

Coastal self-imposed its own disciplinary action and sanctions, including a reduction of six practice days for the men’s golf team and a six-week reduction in recruiting time for the program, but the Chanticleers won’t know if they face any further penalties until the NCAA completes its own review. The Coastal athletic department was placed on two-year NCAA probation in 2008 after reporting a major violation committed within the women’s golf program – Terrell was not involved in that violation – and the athletic department needed to avoid another major infraction in the following five years to avoid being considered a “repeat violator,” which could bring about stiffer penalties for the department as a whole.

“This is still under review by the NCAA,” DeCenzo said. “They have received the report. We have been notified that they have assigned one of their investigators to it and we understand there are some backlogs at the NCAA, but it is our
NCAA spokesperson Emily Potter said in an email Thursday that NCAA rules forbid the organization from commenting “on current, pending or potential investigations.”

Coastal’s two-year NCAA probation for violations committed by former women’s golf coach Brian Ashley was announced in December 2008 and expired Dec. 16, 2010. Ashley provided two student-athletes with a total of nearly $600 for tuition and boarding expenses.

Coastal assistant athletics director for compliance AraLeigh Beam, who was first notified on Aug. 7 by a “third party” of allegations of the recruiting violations committed on the driving range, said the school’s own investigation took a little over a month before the formal report was submitted to the NCAA.

“Obviously we’re hopeful that we put forth enough penalties to where it’s [sufficient], but you just don’t know 100 percent for sure until you get the final decision from the NCAA, which we haven’t gotten yet,” Beam said Wednesday.

Alasdair Dyer of the Dyer Golf Academy at Barefoot Resort, who has been the personal swing coach for several Coastal golfers, confirmed to The Sun News that he received payment from Terrell for instruction he gave to then Socastee High School senior Easton Renwick. Dyer said he was asked to give the lessons by Terrell and they began around September 2010.

“I didn’t know that was an infringement until all this stuff happened,” Dyer said Thursday.

Renwick played in three tournaments as a CCU freshman in 2011-12 and eight last season as a sophomore before leaving the program, though he said he remains enrolled at the school. Renwick declined to comment on Terrell’s alleged violations, and referred all questions to his attorney.

The revelation of the payment for lessons was not part of the initial allegation and was discovered during the investigation concerning prospective student-athletes practicing with and/or being observed by Terrell on the range during official recruiting visits.

Terrell, who led Coastal to nine Big South Conference championships and four NCAA championship appearances with a fifth-place national finish in 2007, said that his presence on the range was not to watch the recruits.

“As to the allegations of observing visiting prospects, my presence at the golf range was inadvertent, in fact part of my job, and not to observe prospects,” he said in the email. “All of these prospects were already committed to come to CCU and [I] was simply spending time with our team at practice.”

In the report filed to the NCAA, which does not identify specific players, it says a former student-athlete (Renwick) was given five free private lessons by Terrell from August 2010 to December 2010 and 10 private lessons from an instructor (Dyer), for which Terrell paid $1,000.

“[Former Student-Athlete] #2 stated that he did not learn about the payment until long after he became enrolled at the institution,” the report says. “AraLeigh Beam confirmed this information with the golf instructor. The golf instructor confirmed that the payment was given directly to him from Coach Terrell. Since this information has been discovered, AraLeigh Beam has confirmed the money given was for 10 lessons and also confirmed the receipt of the money by securing a copy of the check for documentation. ... AraLeigh Beam did verify with the instructor that Coach Terrell never paid him directly for any other [prospective student-athlete] or student-athlete’s instruction.”

Beam would not say from whom she received the initial allegations. Asked how far back her investigation stretched, she said there was nothing investigated before the 2010 violation.

“The information that was brought to me that I investigated only went to that time,” she said. “There wasn’t anything they brought me that I needed to investigate that went further than that.”

No assistant coaches nor any members of the women’s golf program were connected to the violations.

As part of Coastal’s self-imposed disciplinary action and sanctions, also included in the report, it’s noted that the current
student-athlete who was evaluated on the range during his official visit in 2010 will be withheld from two practices, as will the current student-athlete who practiced on the same range as the team on his official visit in 2012 even though Terrell was not found to have watched him practice. Another student-athlete who admits in the report to being observed during a visit graduated in May.

The program's six-week suspension of on- and off-campus recruiting amounts to a two-week penalty for each recruit that was evaluated on official visits. Coastal has also stopped practicing at The TPC of Myrtle Beach, where the violations occurred, and has begun using golf courses in closer proximity to the school, while implementing a policy prohibiting members of the men's and women's golf teams from securing Terrell's private instruction.

"After giving everything possible to the university for 13 years, I have a tremendous love for Coastal Carolina and will always be a huge fan," Terrell said in the email. "As a long time community member and new business owner of the Dustin Johnson Golf School, I look forward to following and supporting all of CCU athletic and academic ongoing successes."

The Chants announced the hiring last month of Kevin McPherson as the school's new head men's golf coach.

McPherson said the men's golf program has already served many of the self-imposed penalties, including the bulk of the six weeks its coaches are prohibited from recruiting. He said the ban is limited to face-to-face recruiting, so the staff still has been permitted to contact recruits through phone calls, texts and emails.

"We've already started the process of completing those penalties we put on ourselves," McPherson said. "That began before I was hired. I'd say a majority of it has already been completed."

He doesn't believe the loss of six practice days will slow his players much.

"That's organized practice," McPherson said. "If we have some dedicated and structured players, they are going to be practicing on their own."

The loss of the TPC in Murrells Inlet as a practice facility – Coastal had its own extensive section of the driving range, a short-game area and a performance center building with a weight room and swing analysis technology – could be detrimental, though McPherson believes the team needs something closer to the campus.

Although the Hackler Course at CCU has hitting bays with computerized swing analysis, the driving range is too short and the course doesn't have enough of a full practice facility, McPherson said. His team has already held some practices at nearby courses Wild Wing Plantation and Myrtle Beach National Golf Club.

"I'll try to establish some relationships within a close proximity to the campus," he said.

The true effect of the violations on the program won't be known until the NCAA makes its ruling.

"We'll just take it day by day and wait to see what the NCAA comes back with. Right now we have no idea," said McPherson, who was informed by the school during the interview process of the violations and its report to the NCAA. "If there is any kind of penalty, it's just a bump in the road and we move on."
Subcommittee proposes new football recruiting rules

Division I football coaches could have both new recruiting rules and increased access to their student-athletes in the summer if a group of rules changes is adopted by the Board of Directors later this month.

A subcommittee of the Leadership Council formed to examine recruiting in the sport will present to the full Leadership Council five legislative proposals. The proposals are the first step toward fulfilling their charge to lead a proactive and comprehensive review of recruiting issues identified by football coaches.

The group will propose:

- Allowing football student-athletes to participate in eight hours per week of required weight training, conditioning and film review during an eight-week period during the summer. Student-athletes who participate in the summer activities must be enrolled in summer school or meet specific academic benchmarks. The proposed model is similar to those adopted by men's and women's basketball in the last two years.
- Prohibiting a school's staff members from attending an all-star contest or activities associated with an all-star contest and from having in-person contact with recruits participating in all-star contests from the time the recruit arrives at the event until he returns to his home or school.
- Establishing a dead period when no in-person recruiting can take place from the Monday of the week in which mid-year junior college transfers can begin signing the National Letter of Intent through the Wednesday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association convention. The dead period currently begins the Friday after the junior college signing period and ends the Sunday of the week of the AFCA convention.
- Establishing a 14-day dead period in late June/early July for Football Bowl Subdivision schools.
- Allowing schools to pay for meals for up to four family members who accompany a recruit on an official visit. Current rules allow schools to pay for the recruit and his parents, legal guardians, spouse or children but exclude siblings and other family members. This approach provides schools more flexibility to address each prospective student-athlete's specific family situation.

The subcommittee members believe the changes will promote a healthy recruiting environment for both the students being recruited and the football coaches and will protect the integrity of the recruiting process.

For example, by barring recruiting associated with high school all-star games, the subcommittee hopes to minimize the influence of third parties in the recruiting process, such as agents, advisors and runners, as well as keep the focus on scholastic competitions for recruiting. Also, extending the winter dead period and adding a summer dead period will allow coaches and recruits a break from the recruiting process while still ensuring appropriate time for everyone to make informed recruiting decisions.

The Leadership Council will review the proposals at its Oct. 23-24 meeting in Indianapolis. The measures they endorse will be sent to the Board of Directors for adoption at its Oct. 30 meeting. As proposed, the new rules would be effective immediately.
University of Miami Lacked Institutional Control Resulting in a Decade of Violations

The University of Miami lacked institutional control when it did not monitor the activities of a major booster, the men’s basketball and football coaching staffs, student-athletes and prospects for a decade, according to findings by the Division I Committee on Infractions.

Many of Miami’s violations were undetected by the university over a 10-year period, and they centered on a booster entertaining prospects and student-athletes at his home, on his yacht and in various restaurants and clubs. Approximately 30 student-athletes were involved with the booster. Several football coaches, three men’s basketball coaches and two athletics department staff members were also involved in the case. These staff members had a poor understanding of NCAA rules or felt comfortable breaking them. Furthermore, some of the coaches provided false information during the enforcement staff and university’s investigation.

The former head men’s basketball coach failed to meet his responsibilities as a head coach when he did not monitor the activities of his assistant coaches, and attempted to cover up the booster’s threats to disclose incriminating information, according to the committee. Additionally, two assistant football coaches and one assistant men’s basketball coach did not follow NCAA ethical conduct rules.

The committee acknowledged and accepted the extensive and significant self-imposed penalties by the university. Additional penalties in this case include a three-year probation period; a reduction in the number of football and men’s basketball scholarships; recruiting restrictions; a five-game suspension for the former head men’s basketball coach; and two-year show-cause orders for two former assistant football coaches and a former assistant men’s basketball coach. If these individuals are employed at an NCAA member school during these two years, they and their current or future employer must appear before the Committee on Infractions to determine if the coach should have his duties limited.

When determining the facts of the case and appropriate penalties, the committee only considered information obtained appropriately during the investigative process and presented at the hearing. The case involved numerous, serious violations of NCAA rules, many of which were not disputed by the university. Overall, it involved 18 general allegations of misconduct with 79 issues within those allegations. These were identified through an investigation that included 118 interviews of 81 individuals. Additionally, the committee had the responsibility of determining the credibility of individuals who submitted inconsistent statements and information provided by a booster who is now in federal prison. In reaching its conclusions, the committee found, in most instances, corroboration through supporting documentation and the statements of individuals other than the booster.

Prior to the hearing, the committee addressed procedural issues raised by the university and the involved individuals connected with the enforcement staff’s use of the booster’s defense attorney to obtain information from depositions conducted in the booster’s bankruptcy case. As a result of the information being obtained in a manner inconsistent with NCAA policies and procedures, it was determined that all information stemming from the depositions would be excluded from consideration in the NCAA infractions case. Further, the enforcement staff did not rely on any of the excluded information before or at the Committee on Infractions hearing.

The committee had no role or involvement in the enforcement staff’s investigation of the case, the internal investigation commissioned by the NCAA into the use of the booster’s attorney by the enforcement staff or in the report that resulted from the internal investigation. The committee did review arguments made by the university and the involved coaches asking that the allegations be dismissed or limited due to the procedural issues from the use of the bankruptcy depositions and other complaints about the investigation. Once all of those arguments were heard and addressed by the committee, the committee heard the case on its merits based on the remaining information.

The committee found violations in the following areas: telephone and text messages in multiple sport programs, which resulted in Miami admitting that it failed to monitor; booster involvement in the men’s basketball and football programs; Miami’s control of its athletics programs and its commitment to rules education and monitoring.

Many of the violations in the football and men’s basketball program are separate and distinct violations, with the common link of the booster. From 2001 through 2008, the booster donated and pledged approximately $500,000 to the university’s athletics program. He hosted a fundraising bowling tournament, attended by university officials, which raised $50,000 for the men’s basketball program.
program. The committee determined the booster was extremely visible because the university granted him special access to athletics events and named a student lounge after him. Additionally, the booster entertained groups of student-athletes and operated in the public view. Knowing all of this, the university did very little to control or to monitor the conduct of the booster, the committee said.

While Miami lacked institutional control related to the conduct of the booster, it also lacked adequate policies and procedures for staff members to report potential violations without fear of consequence. Miami did not have the policies or monitoring systems to detect improper text messages and phone calls. Many staff members did not have basic knowledge of NCAA recruiting rules or felt comfortable breaking them, and the university did not have sufficient rules education in place. Had the university properly monitored its sports programs, especially the high-profile sports of football and men's basketball, it may have identified risks sooner. The committee added that the failings of the university enabled a culture of noncompliance within the university and resulted in a lack of institutional control.

Violations involving student-athletes and prospects resulting from the booster’s activities included entertaining student-athletes and coaches at his home; housing a student-athlete at his home; access to his yacht and jet skis; providing cash prizes to student-athletes for fishing competitions; meals and entertainment at local restaurants, clubs and a bowling alley for student-athletes, prospects and their families or friends; gifts of cash, clothing and other items, including a television and gifts for student-athletes’ families and children; hotel lodging for prospects; purchasing airline tickets; and football stadium suite access for a prospect. Additionally, the booster was an investor in a sports agency and provided a student-athlete $50,000 to influence that individual to sign with that agency.

The booster’s personal relationship with Miami athletics was not just limited to student-athletes and prospects. Several former football and men’s basketball coaching staff members also had a close relationship with the booster. These relationships allowed the booster to gain access and become more involved with prospects. Some former football assistant coaches asked the booster to assist with recruiting for the program and two former football assistant coaches asked the booster to provide personal cash loans to them. Multiple former assistant football coaches were aware that the booster was providing meals and entertaining prospects at his home; however, they did not report the violations to Miami’s compliance office.

Two former assistant football coaches did not follow NCAA ethical conduct rules when they provided prospects with free lodging, meals and transportation. Further, one of the former coaches arranged for the booster to provide benefits to prospects. Both former football coaches provided false or misleading information to Miami and the enforcement staff during the investigation as well. In some instances, the information provided by each coach directly contradicted the information provided by prospects.

Two former assistant men’s basketball coaches looked to the booster to entertain high school and nonscholastic coaches of prospects. A former assistant men’s basketball coach did not follow NCAA ethical conduct rules when he provided false information during his interviews about providing airline points for a flight to a prospect and his high school coach. Despite giving the high school coach his airline account information to purchase flights with frequent flyer miles, the former assistant men’s basketball coach stated he did not know his airline points were used. During the hearing, the former assistant men’s basketball coach then admitted that he provided false information.

When the booster began experiencing financial trouble, he requested that the former head men’s basketball coach loan him a large sum of money or that the former head men’s basketball coach return the booster’s $50,000 donation. The former head men’s basketball coach denied the booster’s request; however, a former assistant men’s basketball coach agreed to loan the booster $7,000, which the booster eventually repaid. After the booster was incarcerated in 2010, he began to threaten the former head men’s basketball coach and assistant coach and demand money. The committee determined the former head men’s basketball coach and the former assistant men’s basketball coach worked together to make sure the booster received $10,000 to end the booster’s threats.

The former head men’s basketball coach was aware of the booster’s threats and he took steps to help a former assistant men’s basketball coach to make a payment to the booster’s mother to end the threats. As the leader of a high-profile basketball program, he had a responsibility to make sure he and his staff followed the rules. However, the former coach did not meet his responsibilities and this conduct resulted in violations. The committee noted that had he asked about the basis of the threats and the former assistant coaches’ relationship with the booster, he could have recognized potential concerns or taken the issue to the compliance office.

Because the violations occurred before October 30, 2012, and the hearing occurred before the new infractions procedures took
effect on August 1, 2013, the case was processed utilizing the procedures in effect at that time. The committee moved forward with the previous penalty structure, instead of the newly-adopted Level I-IV violation and penalty structure.

A full list of penalties, including those self-imposed by the university and by a coach’s current employing university can be found in the public report. Penalties in this case include:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Three years of probation from October 22, 2013, through October 21, 2016.

Former assistant football coach B (as identified in the public report) penalties:
- The committee also adopted penalties imposed by the coach’s current employing university, which are detailed in the public report.

Former assistant football coach C (as identified in the public report) penalties:

Former head men’s basketball coach penalties:
- A suspension for the first five regular-season games of the 2013-14 season.
- Attendance at one NCAA Regional Rules seminar at the conclusion of the 2013-14 academic year.

Former assistant men’s basketball coach B (as identified in the public report) penalties:

Football program penalties
- Reduction of football scholarship by a combined total of nine during the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.
- Miami may only provide a prospect on unofficial visits complementary tickets for one home game during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

Self-imposed by the university:
- Two year bowl ban following the 2011 and 2012 seasons, including the 2012 ACC Championship game.
- Reduction of official paid visits for 2012-13 by 20 percent to a total of 36 visits.
- Reduction of fall evaluations in 2012-13 by six (from 42 to 36).
- Reduction of available contact days during the 2012-13 contact period by 20 percent.

Men’s basketball program penalties
- Reduction in the number of men’s basketball scholarships by one during the each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.

Additional penalties
- For all sports, any staff member who sends an impermissible text to a prospect will be fined a minimum of $100 per message, and coaches will be suspended from all recruiting activities for seven days.
- Further penalties resulting from impermissible texts and phone calls are detailed in the public report.
## Inspiration Corner

*Winning means you're willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else.*  
- *Vince Lombardi*

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