

CCA Compliance Administrators
February 7, 2000
Indianapolis, Indiana

In attendance: Tracy Shoemake, America East; Dave Thompson, Linda Wechner, Atlantic Coast; Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10; Amy Huchthausen, Jerome Rodgers, Stan Wilcox, Big East; Ellen Ferris, Big Sky; Jill Deese, Big Sky; Jennifer Heppel, Carol Iwaoka and Karen Toole, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara and Lori Williams, Big 12; Noreen Morris, Stephanie Vlach, C-USA; Mary Lou Thimas; Chad Holly, Ivy; Barbara Church, MAAC; Del Robinson, MAC; Ed Grom, Mid-Continent; Alfreeda Goff, Stephanie Jarvis, Midwestern Collegiate; Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Keith Grant, Northeast; Diane Vaughan, Ohio Valley; Grace Calhoun, Patriot; Sandy Adkins, Beth DeBauche, Karl Hicks, Jim McCullough, Southeastern; Gil Grimes, Samantha Huge, Southern; Beth Chapman, Southland; Patrick Carter, Southwestern Athletic; Don Ott, West Coast; Pat Hairston, Western Athletic.

1. Approval of Minutes. Approved the minutes of the January 19, 2000 teleconference as distributed.

2. NCAA Governance Issues. Carol Iwaoka reported on behalf of the CCACA Governance Subcommittee.

a. CCACA Governance Subcommittee Report. Reviewed the following subcommittee recommendations:

- (1) Change the legislative comment period from 60 to 90 days.
- (2) Rename the "comment period" the "comment/interpretations period".
- (3) Have interpretive issues forwarded to LRIS or sponsors in time frame to include information prior to adoption of a proposal.
- (4) Provide comprehensive listing of comments and positions taken by institutions, cabinets, etc., in one section of meeting materials.
- (5) CCACA should include review of proposals and interpretive issues as standing agenda items on conference calls (e.g. in August prior to October MC meeting and in February prior to April MC meeting).
- (6) Mail agendas for Board/MC 4 days instead of 30 days prior to a meeting
- (7) Require more discipline in submission of agenda items by specified deadline to minimize supplemental mailings.
- (8) Mail cabinets' agendas 30 days in advance of meetings and post cabinet agendas and reports on the NCAA website.
- (9) Reevaluate the NCAA Convention date, purpose, and format.
- (10) Request NCAA staff to provide as much specificity as possible regarding qualifications to assist conferences in screening nominees.
- (11) Limit number of nominations a conference may submit.
- (12) Post information about committee service on the NCAA website.
- (13) Have NCAA copy conferences on committee appointment letters.

Voted to accept the Governance Subcommittee Report and forward it to the CCA for input.

b. Deregulation. Comprehensive deregulation is currently under consideration by the NCAA at the Cabinet level.

3. Application of NCAA Bylaws and Interpretative Issues.

a. Participation Awards and Providing Student-Athletes with Non-Competition Apparel. Conducted a straw poll in response to a recent NCAA staff interpretation which notes that team travel outfits that are not sports-related practice or competition apparel can be provided as participation awards, but cannot be worn by first-year athletes who have not earned them through participation. This interpretation is in conflict with a previous staff interp. The CCACA membership is split on this matter and the group agreed the it should be presented to the LRIS for resolution.

b. Use of Computer-Generated Presentations in Recruiting. Reaffirmed the CCACA's support for permitting the use of computer-generated presentations for communicating non-athletics matters (e.g. academics) in the recruiting process. Noted that Prop. No. 98-67 could be amended to include presentations on nonathletics matters.

c. Internet Access while Traveling. Reaffirmed support for permitting the provision of expenses for student-athletes to access the Internet for academic work while traveling for away from home events and directed Mike Matthews to work within the NCAA interpretive and/or waiver process to achieve this.

d. Recruiting Gurus and Their Involvement in the Recruiting Process. Discussed involvement of "recruiting gurus" with boosters, the growth of websites devoted to recruiting and other ways the Internet and outside "experts" are becoming involved in the recruiting process. Agreed these areas are in need of further study and possible regulation.

e. Camp Brochures. Noted continued confusion about the permissible content of camp brochures and voted to explore solutions including possible sponsorship of legislation which deregulates content restrictions while imposing size limits.

f. Coaches' Attendance at Basketball Events. Lori Ebihara requested that conferences remind their institutions to monitor coaches' attendance at summer events, noting the different rules application for certified leagues vs. certified events.

g. Permissible Nutritional Supplements. Stan Wilcox requested assistance in differentiating between food/snacks and nutritional supplements. The group agreed this determination is best made at the institutional level.

h. Limits and Duties of Strength Coaches. Noted the CCACA had previously requested input from the NCAA regarding the limits and duties of strength coaches, especially with regard to the use of "consultants" on a limited basis and directed that this issue to forwarded again to the NCAA staff.

4. Conference Administration Issues.

a. Special Assistance Fund. The CCACA affirmed its commitment to oversight and interpretation of uses of the NCAA Special Assistance Fund. Further, given the likely substantial increase in the SAF, the CCACA recognizes the need to focus on ways to expand those eligible for funds as well as expanded uses of the fund.

b. Incidental Expense Waivers. Beth DeBauche reported some concern about the lack of specificity in the listing of incidental expense waivers which may now be processed by conferences.

c. National Letter of Intent. Karl Hicks reported administration of the NLI program.

- (1) The most efficient way to communicate questions to him is via e-mail.
- (2) Conferences should feel empowered to take responsibility for administering 14-day and 21-day deadline issues.
- (3) The 2000-2001 NLI dates approved by the NLI Steering Committee were distributed.
- (4) The NLI program does not recognize the growing practice known as "greyshirting", a tactic used by coaches who oversign during the recruiting process and, consequently, defer prospects' enrollment to midyear.
- (5) Beginning next year NLI signees will be reported via the Internet.

5. Discussion of Pending NCAA Legislation. Due to time constraints, discussion of legislative proposals was deferred to the later sessions.

6. NAACC/CCACA Sessions at Regional Seminars. Noreen Morris reported the need to organize the NAACC/CCACA sessions to be held in conjunction with the NCAA Regional Seminars. Beth DeBauche, Lori Ebihara, Jennifer Heppel, and Carol Iwaoka volunteered to assist in this effort.

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