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Lori Sowards and Terri Rowan earn the Compliance Office "Stamp of Approval" this month for their constant efforts and awareness concerning the rules governing official visits. Terri and Lori always check with Compliance before booking any travel for an official visit to make sure the visit has been approved. Not only that, but when a visit appears to go beyond the 48-hour restriction, they both make the effort to check with Compliance to make sure it is still a permissible flight. We appreciate all you do in helping ensure the regulations are met and we thank you for making it a part of your daily job! Thank you both for making the whole process much easier on Compliance and all of our coaches!!

This is JEOPARDY!

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$200	Proposal No. 2009-32, sponsored by the Pacific-10 Conference, would permit this many calls to prospective student-athletes during a sport's contact period.	**What is** _____
$400	Proposal No. 2009-42, a Southeastern Conference proposal that would prohibit distribution of this item to recruits.	**What is** _____
$600	Proposal No. 2009-34 would permit coaching staff members to return (not initiate) phone calls to a prospect during this type of visit. (Hint: Page 2.)	**What is** _____
$800	Proposal No. 2009-22, if adopted, would extend this rule in 14.2.3.2 to be applicable to which sports?	**What is** _____
$1000	Proposal No. 2009-79 would permit boosters to host a meal for a student-athlete or the entire team not only in their home, but also here and at their home competition facility.	**What is** _____

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NCAA Recruiting Cabinet Supports Unlimited Phone Calls (Proposal)

The NCAA News—
The Division I Recruiting and Athletics Personnel Issues could change the recruiting landscape for both prospective student-athletes and coaches, including one that would allow unlimited phone calls during contact periods.

Proposal No. 2009-32, sponsored by the Pacific-10 Conference, would permit unlimited calls to prospective student-athletes during a sport's contact period. It is intended to alleviate the burden on compliance personnel and coaches to monitor the calls and keep up with changing rules.

While the current phone-call restrictions were originally put in place at least in part to limit the intrusion on the lives of prospective student-athletes, the cabinet members agreed with the Pac-10 that monitoring telephone calls is an increasingly difficult burden on compliance personnel. Coaches also have often found that prospective student-athletes prefer to communicate electronically (through e-mail). Though the cabinet acknowledged some concern about the intrusion into the lives of prospects, the group agreed that coaches, prospects and their families could share the responsibility of setting parameters on contacts.

The cabinet also decided to support Proposal No. 2009-42, a Southeastern Conference proposal that would prohibit distribution of media guides to recruits.

The cabinet took no position on a competing proposal from the Pac-10, No 2009-41, which would prohibit the production of printed media guides. The group decided that the elimination of media guides altogether was a decision that was outside its purview.

cont P2 Recruiting

Proposal No. 2009-26 Recruiting-Dead Period and Unofficial visits

This proposal would allow for an exception to the rule restricting prospects from making official or unofficial visits to an institution's campus during a "dead period."

The proposal permits a prospect who has signed an NLI with an institution to make an unofficial visit to that institution's campus during a dead period. The proposal would still prohibit any prospect from making an official visit during a dead period.

This proposal is intended to address inadvertent violations.

Recruiting...cont. from P1

Sponsors have described both proposals as cost-containment proposals.

The cabinet also supported Proposal No. 2009-48, sponsored by the Southeastern Conference, which would limit to 28 the number of football prospective student-athletes in the Football Bowl Subdivision who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid from the first day of the signing day in February through May 31 and 2009-56, which originated with the Men's Basketball Issues Committee and would require scouting services in all sports to provide specific services, such as dissemination of information at least quarterly, in order for coaches to subscribe to them.

The cabinet opposed:

- 2009-31, which would, in football bowl subdivision, subject football assistant coaches designated as the next head coach to the same recruiting restrictions as a head coach
- 2009-45, which would move the first opportunity for an official visit in football to June prior to the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school because the cabinet believes there is adequate time for visits to occur during the prospect's senior year in high school and prior to the signing date.
- 2009-10, which would require graduate assistants in the football bowl subdivision to have completed their degrees or exhausted their eligibility within the previous seven years because the cabinet will conduct its own study of graduate assistant coaches within the next year.

Proposal No. 2009-34 & Proposal No. 2009-18

The intent of Proposal No. 2009-34 is to allow institutional coaching staff members to return telephone calls from (as opposed to initiate calls to) a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents/legal guardians) on the day or days of an **unofficial** visit without such telephone calls being subject to the regulations regarding timing or number of telephone calls.

This is intended as reasonable exception in cases in which coaches miss a telephone call from a prospect or his/her parents on the day of an unofficial visit.

Again, it would only be permissible for a coach to return a call from a prospect-not initiate a call.

2009-18 would permit non-coaching staff members who are providing ground transportation to a prospect on an official visit to initiate and receive calls from that prospect from the time the prospect initiates official visit transportation until in-person contact is made with the staff member.

October 2009 Recruiting Calendar

Basketball (Men's)
Oct 1-5 Contact Period
Oct 6-31 Eval Period

Basketball (Women's)
Oct 1-6 Contact Period
Oct 7-31 Eval Period

Football
Oct 1-31 Eval Period

All Other Sports
Sep 1-30 Contact Period

Proposal No. 2009-22 Amateurism and Eligibility

NCAA Bylaw 14.2.3.2 states that for tennis, swimming and diving and women's volleyball, a student who doesn't enroll full-time in a collegiate institution within one year after graduating high school is subject to the following:

(a) If the student has participated in any organized sporting events, he/she shall be charged with a season of competition for each calendar year that he/she participated after the one-year grace period has elapsed after graduating high school.

(b) If the student has participated in any organized sporting events described above, that student must fulfill an academic year in residence.

Proposal No. 2009-22, if adopted, would extend this rule in 14.2.3.2 to be applicable to all sports.

In addition, it also intends to hold tennis to a six month limitation, as opposed to the one year grace period after graduating high school.

The hope is to place emphasis on the importance of academics and level the playing field by ensuring that all enrolled student-athletes have relatively similar competitive opportunities prior to entering college.

In addition, the proposal intends to allow an individual, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, to enter into an agreement and/or compete on a professional team, provided the agreement doesn't allow for receipt of more than actual and necessary expenses.

*It is possible that this proposal will be separated into additional proposals prior to voting actually takes place. It has been suggested that they separate the clause involving competition on a professional team, as well as the six month legislation for tennis to allow for individual voting on each part.

Proposal No. 2009-14 & Proposal No. 2009-15

(2009-14-Managers) The position of manager is intended to support the coaching staff and team in a limited manner rather than provide a development opportunity for others with prior professional experience. Under this proposal, such individuals must be full-time students and there is no limit on the number of managers for a team. Managers are permitted to participate in limited duties (e.g., throw bounce passes, retrieve balls, throw batting practice) during practice or competition. A baseball manager must forfeit any remaining eligibility in baseball.

(2009-15-Noncoaching staff members) This proposal would alleviate some confusion regarding the application of the legislation governing noncoaching activities, such as attendance at coaches meetings and analyzing video. Participation in these activities does not result in a significant advantage that noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities should be precluded from participation in them. These individuals still cannot participate in instructional activities with student-athletes and may not engage in off campus recruiting activities.

Proposal 2009-74 Booster Meals

This proposal would amend Bylaw 16.11.1.5 regarding Occasional Meals and the involvement of boosters providing the meals.

The bylaw would be adjusted to indicate that boosters could provide an individual student-athlete or the entire team with a meal not only in their home, but also on campus or at an institution's home competition facility.

Current legislation is difficult to apply in sports with large squad sizes. In many cases, the home of a booster may not be large enough to accommodate an entire team.

Further, a booster may not wish to provide the meal in their home.

The legislation allows for appropriate oversight by the institution while also permitting flexibility and equity in providing such occasional meals.