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Compliance Stamp of Approval

Duane Busby earns the Compliance Office "Stamp of Approval" this month for consistently making efforts to ensure compliance with the NCAA rules. Of note, Duane is always prompt in sending notification of additions or deletions to the football team roster over to the Compliance Office. We can always be confident that the football roster is updated on any given day because Duane helps keep us informed. Among all of the other things Duane does to help us, we are especially grateful to him for making this part of our job a little easier. Thanks Duane!



This is JEOPARDY!

*Email or <u>detach</u> this portion and give to Jennifer by Feb 28th to be entered in a drawing to win gift cards from the Compliance Office!

\$200	For sports other than football, institutional campus must be located within this many miles from campus.	What is
\$400	TRUE or FALSE: It is permissible to text back a family member of an unsigned prospective student-athlete.	What is
\$600	For soccer, February 4th is this type of recruiting period.	What is
\$800	Prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may have competed on a professional team as long as they have not rec'd more than actual and necessary	What is
\$1000	One of the new requirements that a nontraditional course must meet is that it must have a time period for completion of the course.	What is



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NCAA Looking at Playing-with-Pros Rules

ESPN.com 10/20/2009

Momentum is building to allow coaches in most NCAA sports to recruit some athletes from professional teams.

Michael Rogers, chair of the NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet, told ESPN that coaches associations have lined up behind his group's recommendation to open college sports to prospects who have come up through clubs that include professional athletes, but didn't receive salaries.

Currently, athletes can jeopardize their amateur

eligibility by merely playing alongside a teammate who received "more than actual and necessary expenses" from that club.

"One athlete professionalizes all of his teammates," said Rogers, a Baylor law school professor. "There's a growing consensus that there is an unfair standard. It needs to be changed, and that's what we're trying to accomplish this year."

The treatment of foreign athletes has been as issue primarily in sports that are popular internationally. Unlike the U.S., most countries have no system of elite college or high

school sports. Promising athletes are groomed in clubs that sponsor teams all the way from the youth level to the senior level, where expenses and — sometimes — salaries are paid. Amateurs often suit up with pros, for a few games or an entire season.

Of the 490 incoming athletes penalized for amateurism violations last year, 434 were foreign students, according to the NCAA. Punishments range from being forced to sit out games to, more rarely, permanent ineligibility. In 2007, basketball players Lucca Staiger cont. P2 Amateurism

Location of Institutional Camps or Clinics

Proposal 2009-51 B regarding the location of institutional camps and clinics has been adopted effective immediately.

Specifically, in sports other than football, an

institution's camp or clinic must be conducted within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

Requiring institutions to conduct their camps/ clinics within a reasonable

distance from campus will address concerns that camps that occur significant distances from campus are being conducted for recruiting purposes. Page 2 Cougar Compliance Volume 4, Issue 2

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of Iowa State and Fabian Boeke of Washington State were sidelined for a year for playing on a German club with two teammates who received benefits in excess of NCAA limits.

But as an "E: 60" report shows, the NCAA is also struggling to adequately investigate all foreign prospects. In volleyball, one of the most popular team sports for women globally, many coaches contend that the NCAA has failed to create a level playing field. Instead, they say that by allowing some recruits and rejecting others, despite similar situations, some teams get a leg up in chasing na-

tional championships.

"It's an important issue because there are people that are playing in [NCAA sports] that have professionalized themselves," said Terry Liskevych, head women's volleyball coach at Oregon State. "There needs to be one good rule that everybody can live by and is very transparent."

Kevin Lennon, the NCAA official who oversees the Eligibility Center, said the center has brought more consistency to the amateur certification of athletes, which prior to 2007 was handled by individual schools. At the same time, he acknowledges the challenge for his small staff to

scrub the backgrounds of athletes who come from a growing number of countries, in all 23 sports. "You've got all sorts of countries, all sorts of cities, all sorts of fact situations," he said. "We do the very best we can."

Rogers said he is focused on the benefits of reform. By allowing coaches to recruit amateurs who play with professionals, and on teams regarded as professional, the NCAA eligibility staff would no longer have to investigate and verify the status of former teammates. "We reduce the size of our headaches if we just focus on the prospect," he said.

Phone Call Weeks and Impermissible Phone Calls

As a reminder, please remember that the "phone call week", as defined in an NCAA interpretation, runs every week from Sunday at 12:00am until Saturday at 11:59pm. The phone call week NEVER CHANGES, unlike your playing and practice weeks.

Once your allowable calls have been made for the time period in which you are permitted to call (either weekly or monthly), you may NOT make any other calls to that recruit during that time period. If an outgoing call is made to a recruit after the maximum number of calls for that time period have been made, it must be reported as a violation, even if the call was accidental and regardless if anybody answered.

Just another reason why every

coach needs to be fully aware of what their sport's specific phone call policy mandates. Each policy should have safeguards against making any extra calls and against calling prospects that are too young to receive calls.

Also, **no texting ever** to unsigned prospects or their family members.

February 2010 Recruiting Calendar

Baseball

Feb 1-28 Quiet Period

Basketball (Men's & Women's)
Feb 1-28 Evaluation Period

Football

Feb 1-4 DEAD Period Feb 5-28 Quiet Period Softball

Feb 1-28 Contact Period

Soccer & Track and Field/CC

Feb 1-4 DEAD Period Feb 5-28 Contact Period

Women's Volleyball Feb 1-28 Contact All Other Sports

Feb 1-28 Contact Period

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Amateurism and Eligibility Proposal Adopted

Proposal 2009-22 regarding involvement with professional teams and the delay of collegiate enrollment to participate in organized athletic events has been adopted effective August 1, 2010. (Tennis piece effective August 1, 2011.)

Specifically, in sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.4), provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team.

Prior to initial collegiate enrollment, it is more equitable to determine eligibility based on the circumstance as they relate to the individual prospective student-athlete, as opposed to his or her teammates. This revision would alleviate the situation in which a prospect's eligibility is jeopardized due to a teammate receiving remuneration above actual and necessary expenses, even though the prospect may be unaware of this arrangement and doesn't receive more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team. An institution would no longer be required to determine whether a team is considered professional.

In addition, in sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, a student-athlete who does not initially

enroll full-time in a collegiate institution within one year (six months for tennis) of high school graduation or the next opportunity to enroll following the high school graduation date of the prospect's class (whichever is earlier) and participates in organized events after the specified time period shall be charged with a season of competition for each year of participation and shall fulfill an academic year in residence (one year for each year of competition in tennis).

This places emphasis on the importance of academics and levels the playing field by ensuring relatively similar competitive opportunities prior to college.

Core-Curriculum Requirements (Nontraditional Courses)

Proposal 2009-64 regarding the core curriculum requirements and the use of nontraditional courses has been adopted effective August 1, 2010.

Specifically, for purposes of using a nontraditional course (BYU Independent Study, Electronic High School, Florida Virtual, etc.), the course must be one in which the instructor and the student have on-

going access to one another and regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course; the student's work is available for review and validation; and a defined time period for completion of the course is included.

This means that the NCAA Eligibil-

ity Center will be scrutinizing non-traditional courses more closely. If you have students who are taking BYU Independent Study courses (or other forms of nontraditional courses) please stress to them that they need to take their time in the completion of the course (recommend at least 6-8 weeks) and achieve an acceptable grade in the course.

Question and Answer...

Q: Are coaches permitted to conduct interviews with individual media outlets in addition to the "one-time press conference announcing all signees?"

A: Yes. It is permissible for coaches to conduct interviews

with media outlets provided:

- All prospective studentathletes discussed have signed a National Letter of Intent that has been received and
- The prospects do not appear either with the coach or during the same program segment as

the coach