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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

MODERNIZATION PROPOSALS

On February 9, 2022 the NCAA Division I Council created an educational column in an attempt to modernize current legislation. Here we've highlighted some of the more notable Q/A's from the meeting.

Question: May an institution provide a prospective student-athlete with printed material that produce sounds when opened (e.g., greeting cards that play a fight song or recorded message)?

Answer: Yes. An institution may provide a prospective student-athlete with printed recruiting material that produces sound. Proposal No. 2021-12 eliminated the content restrictions for audio material.

Question: May a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach appear on a radio show, podcast or social media livestream hosted by an institution's coach? **Answer:** Yes; however, existing recruiting legislation continues to apply. The high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach and the institution's coach could not discuss specific prospective student-athletes as such an activity would be considered a violation of publicity legislation.

Question: Is an institution required to provide rules education covering NCAA legislation to a newly hired coach who already received annual rules education from the previous institution? **Answer**: Yes. Proposal No. 2021-31 requires every newly hired coach to receive rules education from the new institution prior to recruiting off-campus.

At the February 2022 Council Meeting the NCAA Division 1 Council introduced four proposals into the modernization track. The proposal may be voted on as early as the April Council Meeting.

- Proposal No. 2022-3
- Modernization of Bylaw 13.02 and the definition of Student-Athlete status
- Proposal No. 2022-4
- To eliminate the 48-hour limit on the length of an official visit and to specify that an institution shall not provide more than two consecutive nights of lodging to a PSA in conjunction with an official visit.
- Proposal No. 2022-5
- Eliminate limitations on the number of official visits a prospective student-athlete may take.
- Proposal No. 2022-6
- In sports other in basketball, to specify that contact may not be made with a PSA during the time of day when classes are in session.

2020-2021 Infractions Report

- In the 2020-21 academic year there were 2,314 Level III violation cases reported in Division I.
- The most commonly violated bylaw is Bylaw 13, specifically those related to contacts and evaluations.
- Of all Level I and Level II violations over 52% of violations are committed by Head Coaches.
- In 2020-21 the Division I Committee on Infractions and Division I Infractions Appeals Committee received over 600 pieces of information which were determined to be credible or specific enough to open an investigation.
- Out of the 600 tips, 108 leads were developed where the initial tip was investigated further at Division I programs.
- On average, if a tip is believed to be credible and is investigated by the enforcement staff, the timeline will take between 12 and 20 months depending on the type of case and the severity of the case.
- Over the academic years of 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21, the sport most involved in allegations has been Men's Basketball, at 23%, 37%, and 13% for each year respectively.
- Since 2013, 52 Division I head coaches have received suspensions from the enforcement staff for Level III
 violations. Over that same time period the number of suspensions for any level of violations for head
 coaches was 200.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period Quiet Period Evaluation Period Dead Period Recruiting Shutdown

Football						
Sun	Мо	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Cross Country and Track						
Sun	Мо	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Men's & Women's Basketball							
Sun	Мо	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
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27	28	29	30	31			

	All Other Sports						
Sun	Мо	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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