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RECRUITING CALENDARS

BASEBALL

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Contact Period

Eval. Period

Quiet Period

Dead Period

HOWARD

WASHINGTON -- Fourteen Howard University football players will miss one to three games as a result of the school's investigation into NCAA rules violations.

The school said Friday that one volleyball player would also be affected by the investigation, which has focused on the distribution of books and other materials to athletes.

Howard temporarily suspended its spring sports in April as part of a self-imposed action when the violations were first reported. The teams resumed play after a few days.

The school says the investigation is continuing in cooperation with the NCAA.

** FOOTBALL QUIET PERIOD **

The months of September, October and November are QUIET recruiting periods, except for 42 Evaluation days chosen at the discretion of the University and designated in writing. Only ONE (1) evaluation may be used per PSA.

MARQUETTE DISMISSES ASSISTANT COACH

MILWAUKEE -- Marquette coach Buzz Williams announced the dismissal of assistant Scott Monarch on Friday, and Williams will serve a one-game suspension as part of the school's self-imposed sanctions for recruiting rules violations it reported to the NCAA.

The school said Monarch gave team-issued apparel and provided transportation to an unnamed recruit, then was "found to have been untruthful with department administrators on multiple occasions" after the violations were discovered.

"When I was allowed to review the report earlier this week, I was deeply saddened to learn of an error in judgment of one of my assistants and closest friends," Buzz Williams said in a statement. "I take personal responsibility for what happens in this program and realize we must be role models to both our team and the entire university. Our commitment has always been and will always be to operate this program at the highest level of integrity in the Marquette and Jesuit tradition."

Marquette director of athletics Larry Williams said in an interview with The Associated Press that there are no indications that Buzz Williams was aware of the violations. The one-game suspension comes in recognition of Buzz Williams' "duty to monitor the compliance of his staff," the school said.

Larry Williams hopes the self-imposed sanctions will show that Marquette takes the issues seriously.

"Our intent here is to build a national championship-caliber program, and we don't want to put it at risk for something as controllable and as fundamental as integrity," Larry Williams told the AP. "We're confident that this is one of the building blocks toward that pursuit of a national championship-caliber team."

Buzz Williams is expected to sit out the first Big East game of the Golden Eagles' upcoming season.

As part of the self-imposed sanctions, the school also will voluntarily reduce its number of official recruit visits. Monarch has been suspended since mid-June, and Marquette considers not having him available for recruiting trips during that period to be part of its self-imposed sanctions. Buzz Williams can hire a replacement for Monarch.

The Associated Press could not immediately reach Monarch for comment.

"The violations that are more serious are the multiple instances of untruthfulness," Larry Williams said. "The NCAA has as probably its core value the requirement that anybody that works in college athletics be truthful, and you can understand that. We're educating young men and women. If it isn't built on a bedrock of integrity, then it's going to lead to problems. So the NCAA takes the obligation to be honest really, really seriously."

Larry Williams said an internal investigation found that Monarch wasn't telling the truth.

"Through the course of the investigation, it became clear, ultimately, to the independent investigator, he admitted the (dishonesty)," Larry Williams said.

Had Monarch admitted the violations right away, it's possible that he would have faced less severe punishment.

"Which makes this all the more troubling," Larry Williams said. "This is not something that should rise to this level of untruthfulness."

Monarch was an assistant at Marquette for the past three seasons after working as the school's director of basketball operations in 2008-09. He also worked for Williams at New Orleans.

Larry Williams said the one-game suspension is intended to reinforce the idea that the NCAA expects head coaches to create a "culture of compliance" in their programs.

"With each head coach, there is the specific obligation -- you're responsible for the actions of your staff," Larry Williams said. "We want you to own that, to own the responsibility. And within doing that, you are creating a culture or compliance where everybody appreciates the requirement that people play by the rules."

MARQUETTE CON'T

Earlier this month, Marquette announced that it reported a possible rules violation involving its men's basketball program to the NCAA. The nature of the violation was not disclosed at the time.

The university retained a law firm, Bond, Schoeneck and King, which specializes in college sports compliance issues.

The NCAA will review the school's report to determine if additional action is necessary. There is no specific timeline for that decision, but Williams is optimistic that the NCAA will deem the school's self-imposed penalties sufficient.

"We have no assurances that that's the case, but we're certainly hopeful," Larry Williams said.

The Golden Eagles have advanced to the NCAA tournament in all four seasons since Buzz Williams took over for Tom Crean, including back-to-back appearances in the regional semifinals.

Larry Williams was hired as the school's vice president and director of athletics in December. He replaced Steve Cottingham, who resigned in June 2011 as school and athletic department officials faced questions about how they handled two cases of alleged sexual assault involving unidentified athletes.

Larry Williams said he isn't concerned that this violation will damage the program's image.

"No, quite the opposite," he said. "I think what it demonstrates to anyone reading (about) it is Marquette is diligent in how they go about their business. It's an institution based on a high level of integrity and they don't compromise their integrity at any bend in the road. That's the way that I hope it's interpreted. People in this world, we all make mistakes, but we have to be accountable when we do make mistakes and we have to own it, and learn from it, and move forward."

SEPTEMBER EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Ocean State Football coaches have several student managers that work with the team on the field and student workers that work with the staff in the office. The job responsibilities for these students do not include interaction with prospective student-athletes.

Because they are student workers within the football program, would they be permitted to serve as student hosts when football recruits visit campus?

No. NCAA Educational Column- 8/17/12-Issues Related to Campus Recruiting Visits (I)- states that the following information is intended to assist member institutions with the application of legislation governing campus recruiting visits.

Hosting Duties. Institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7.5 and 13.7.2.1.8, a student host involved in an official or unofficial visit must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. In this regard, individuals are considered hosts if they are involved in traditional hosting duties, such as tasks that require specific interaction with the prospective student-athlete (e.g., entertaining, escorting). Individuals who are involved solely in administrative functions (e.g., stuffing envelopes, collecting unofficial visit money, handling complimentary admissions) are not considered student hosts.

Further, for purposes of this legislation, student managers and other student employees are considered to be students, as opposed to athletics department employees. Therefore, those individuals are restricted to engaging in general employment functions and are not permitted to host prospective student-athletes unless they meet the criteria noted in the aforementioned bylaws. Finally, inasmuch as student-hosting duties are considered incidental to athletics participation, and an individual must be either a student-athlete or a member of the official university host group, a student-athlete may not be paid to perform this function unless the university typically pays its official host groups for their services.

OFFICIAL VISITS

As a reminder, official visit submittals should include an itinerary **BEFORE** the visit, as well as a final itinerary after the visit along with the expense report, student host receipts, official visit meal reimbursement and the official visit of prospective student-athlete forms.

These forms must be turned in so we can keep them for our records!

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Coaches, please provide this information to your student-athletes.

REMINDER: You cannot be "friends" with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st of their junior year.

OREGON TRYING RANDOM DRUG TESTING

EUGENE, Ore. -- The University of Oregon is implementing random drug testing of all its athletes after an ESPN The Magazine report earlier this year estimated that between 40 and 60 percent of the football team smoked marijuana.

Oregon's previous drug policy allowed for testing when there was reasonable suspicion. A recent decision by the general counsel gives temporary permission for random testing, effective this month. The policy still faces a public hearing in early October.

ESPN The Magazine's April report was based on interviews with 19 current or former Oregon players and officials, and it accompanied a larger piece that looked at marijuana use among college football players nationwide.

In July, Oregon's athletic department proposed the changes to strengthen its drug policy. Under it, student-athletes would be subject to random tests year-round, even during the summer. A number system would identify athletes for testing.

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BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Cross Country - Queen City Invitational, Sept. 7th

Football - vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 6th @ 8 pm

M. Golf - @Marshall Invitational, Sept. 10-11

W. Golf - @Nittany Lion Invitational, Sept. 28-30

M. Soccer - vs. Syracuse, Sept. 29th @ 7 pm

W. Soccer - vs. , August 26th @ 1 pm

Volleyball - vs. Illinois, Sept. 7th @ 7pm

Tennis - @Ohio State Invitational, Sept. 14-16