

MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Teleconference

November 29, 2006

Participants:

Robert Coleman, Whittier College
Portia Lowe, Lake Forest College
Kent Reeves, East Texas Baptist University
Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio)
Andrea Savage, New England Small College Athletic Conference
Sandra K. Slabik, Neumann College, chair
Steven Suggs, Stevens Institute of Technology
Matt Banker, NCAA
Jay Jones, NCAA, recording secretary

Amy Buxbaum, Chatham College, could not participate on this teleconference.

[Note: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the meeting") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience or reference.]

Wednesday, November 29

The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee teleconference was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Eastern time by the chair, Ms. Slabik. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and announcements. No announcements.

2. Review of previous minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes as drafted and took the following action:

It was VOTED

"That the October 19 teleconference minutes be approved as presented."

3. Review of recruiting activities at camps, clinics and college nights. The committee reviewed and discussed what types of recruiting presentations that a Division III coach or other institutional staff member may permissibly make at any (institutional or noninstitutional) camp or clinic. The committee took the following action:

It was VOTED

"To advise the membership services staff to issue an educational column during the year 2007 on the topic of recruiting presentations at camps, clinics and college nights and to issue the following Division III official interpretation as specified:

- Generic Recruiting Presentation at Camps/Clinics (III). The committee determined that an institutional staff member at a private or institutional sports camp or clinic may make a general presentation regarding the recruiting process, provided the staff member does not make any reference to his or her institution and does not make a presentation designed to recruit prospective student-athletes in attendance. The committee noted that it would not be permissible to show institutional game films in this situation. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.12 (sports camps and clinics) and a staff interpretation (reference: 7/17/92, item b), which has been archived.]"
4. Review of vacation-period expenses. The committee discussed whether Division III institutions should be permitted to pay for student-athletes' travel expenses for travel to regular-season contests during the vacation period if a student-athlete travels to a site other than the event site during the vacation period as a benefit incidental to participation, even if the student-athlete does not travel with the team and chooses to take a different route to or from competition. The committee recommended that the membership services staff draft a legislative proposal that could be reviewed at a later time for possible recommendation as noncontroversial legislation.
 5. Review of Division III teams competing against U.S. teams during foreign tours conducted outside the playing season. The committee discussed a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee to issue an interpretation to specify additional restrictions on Division III institutions

participating on foreign tours outside the declared playing season, noting the intent of foreign tours is to not extend the playing season against U.S. competition but to experience the culture and new (foreign) competition while on tour. The Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee noted in their recommendation that foreign tours occurring outside the playing season should include competition solely against foreign competition. The committee took the following action:

It was VOTED

"To issue the following Division III official interpretation as specified:

- Member Institutions Competing Against Other Institutions and Club Teams from the United States During a Foreign Tour (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that Division III teams are prohibited from competing against other institutional or club teams from the United States during certified foreign tours occurring outside the declared playing season. Further, institutions may compete against institutional or club teams from the United States while on a foreign tour that occurs during the institution's declared playing season, provided the institution counts the contests or dates of competition that involve other U.S. teams toward its contest or date-of-competition limits. [References: Division III Bylaws 30.7.5 (opponents), 17.32.1.1 (contest exclusions), 17.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional) and an official interpretation (reference: 12/8/76, Item No. 1), which has been archived.]"
6. Review of national team tryout as exception to tryout-camp prohibition. The committee reviewed a recently issued Division I interpretation that would have an impact on 2007 NCAA Convention Division III Proposal No. 5. The interpretation carves out an exception for Division I institutions to be permitted to host national team tryouts (e.g., U.S. women's soccer-team tryout). The committee took the following action:

It was VOTED

"To recommend that the membership services staff modify the wording of 2007 Convention Division III Proposal No. 5 to indicate that instead of the strength tests being 'for prospective student-athletes' the legislation will read that the focus is on 'tests that include prospective student-athletes...' Further, the committee recommended to issue the following Division III official interpretation as specified:

- National Team-Tryout Events on an Institution's Campus (III). The committee confirmed that it is permissible for an institution to host national team-tryout events

conducted by the applicable national governing body. [References: Bylaw 13.11.1.5 (tryout events) and 2007 Convention Division III Proposal No. 5.]"

7. Review and provide feedback on 2007 Convention Division III Question and Answer Guide. The committee reviewed the most recent update of the 2007 Convention Division III Question and Answer Guide. The committee noted that the NCAA staff will continue to review the guide and include additional questions and answers that address unresolved interpretative issues. The committee recommended minor changes to the document and noted that it would review the guide on its December pre-Convention teleconference.

8. Adjournment. Ms. Slabik noted that the next committee teleconference is scheduled for 3 p.m. Eastern time December 14. The committee adjourned the teleconference at 1:40 p.m. Eastern time.

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