

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

Teleconference

May 3, 2007

Participants:

Amy Buxbaum, Chatham College
Robert Coleman, Whittier College, chair
Dan Fulks, Transylvania University
Portia Lowe, Lake Forest College
Kent Reeves, East Texas Baptist University
Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio)
Andrea Savage, New England Small College Athletic Conference
Ashley Snell, Rivier College
Jay Jones, NCAA, recording secretary

[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.]

The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee teleconference was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Eastern time by the chair, Mr. Coleman. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome and Announcements. Mr. Coleman welcomed the committee to the teleconference.
2. Review of Previous Minutes. The committee did not review any previous minutes on this call. The minutes from the March 7 conference call were approved via e-mail April 13.
3. Institution’s Providing Summer Workout Materials to Prospective Student-Athletes. The committee reviewed the question of whether NCAA Division III coaches should be permitted to send “summer workout materials” to prospective student-athletes who have signed an institutional written offer of admissions and/or a financial aid agreement.

During its discussion of the issues, the committee reviewed interpretations in NCAA Divisions I and II related to this issue. The committee took the following action:

It was VOTED

“To adopt the following Division III official interpretation:

Providing Pre-enrollment Academic and Conditioning Information to Prospective Student-Athletes (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that any necessary pre-enrollment information not provided to all prospective students regarding orientation, academics, workout and conditioning activities may be provided to a prospective student-athlete after the prospective student-athlete’s paid acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Permissible workout and conditioning information to be provided to the prospective student-athlete may include a general individual-workout program but not a specific workout program for specific days.

A general individual workout can be sport or position specific; however it cannot be person specific and cannot detail specific activities that must take place on prescribed days or calendar dates. For example, a permissible general individual-workout program could specify that a prospective student-athlete run at least two miles on three different days in week one. It would be impermissible to provide a specific workout program to a prospective student-athlete that would require a prescribed number of miles on specific calendar days (e.g., on Monday of week one, run two miles; on Tuesday of week one, run one mile). [References: NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1 (recruiting materials -- general regulations) and 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities); and a 5/03/07 official interpretation, Item No. 4]”

4. Institution’s Providing Summer Workout Materials to Enrolled Student-Athletes. Based on the issuance of the official interpretation detailed in Item No. 3 and the need to provide clarity regarding workouts for currently enrolled student-athletes, the committee took the following action:

It was VOTED

“To adopt the following Division III official interpretation:

Providing Individual Workout Information to Enrolled Student-Athletes (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that for purposes of workout and conditioning information that would not be considered an athletically related activity, workout and conditioning information to be provided to the student-athlete may include a

general individual-workout program, but not a specific workout program for specific days.

A general individual workout can be sport or position specific; however it cannot be person-specific and cannot detail specific activities that must take place on prescribed days or calendar dates. For example, a permissible general individual-workout program could specify that a student-athlete run at least two miles on three different days in week one. It would be impermissible to provide a specific workout program to a student-athlete that would require a prescribed number of miles on specific calendar days (e.g., on Monday of week one, run two miles; on Tuesday of week one, run one mile). [References: NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1 (recruiting materials -- general regulations) and 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities), and a 5/03/07 official interpretation, Item No. 3]"

5. Adjournment. Mr. Coleman adjourned the teleconference at 2:25 p.m. Eastern time.

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