NCAA INTERPRETATION

Donations to Groups that Involve or Benefit PSAs - In sports other than men's basketball, an institution (or an institution's coach/staff member or representative of its athletics interests) may contribute to a bona fide youth organization that includes prospects and nonprospective student-athletes (e.g., YMCA,YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs), provided the assistance is not earmarked for a particular prospect, is not earmarked for the purpose of contributing to a boys’ basketball program, and is offered in conjunction with the organization’s regular fund-raising activities. [12/20/12 Staff Interpretation]

RULES WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The Rules Working Group has finalized 26 proposals that the Division I Board of Directors will vote on at the NCAA convention on January 19, 2013. Some of the highlights of the proposals include:

- Establishing a uniform recruiting date for all sports for telephone calls and contacts and eliminate the restrictions on the modes and limitations on recruiting communication (telephone calls and electronic communication). These proposals would allow coaches in all sports to begin recruiting July 1 after the prospect’s sophomore year in high school using all modes of communication, including text messaging.
- Prohibit live scouting of future opponents except in limited circumstances.
- Eliminate the “baton rule.”
- Eliminate restrictions on sending recruiting materials to recruits.
- Deregulate camp and clinic employment rules related to both recruits and current student-athletes. Senior football prospects would be able to participate in camps and clinics.
- Allow current student-athletes to receive institutional, conference and NCAA awards at any time.
- Allow institutions to provide reasonable entertainment in conjunction with competition or practice.

For more information on the Rules Working Group proposals click here.

NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMP AND CLINIC REMINDERS

In sports other than basketball, coaches may be employed in any capacity in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Coaches may not be employed by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospects. Coaches should report employment in noninstitutional camps or clinics to the Office of Compliance Services.

RANDOM TRIVIA

Sweatiest city: Phoenix, AZ. Residents sweat an average of 26 oz per hour.