RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Quiet Period: Jan. 1
Dead Period: Jan. 2-5
Quiet Period: Jan. 6-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Recruiting Period: Jan. 1-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Evaluation Period: Jan. 1-31

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Quiet Period: Jan. 1-2
Contact/Eval. Period: Jan. 3-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: Jan. 1-14
Contact Period: Jan. 15-31

SOFTBALL
Quiet Period: Jan. 1
Contact/Eval. Period: Jan. 2-31

VOLLEYBALL
Quiet Period: Jan. 1-16
Contact/Eval. Period: Jan. 17-31

RECENT NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

• Use of Sports Psychologist. A sports psychologist may attend practice sessions without being included in the institution’s coaching limitations in a particular sport, provided the individual does not provide any technical or tactical instruction related to the sport or make or assist in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition. A sports psychologist may evaluate a student-athlete during a practice session only for the purposes of assisting the student-athlete in off-court or off-field noncoaching activities (e.g., mental imagery) directly related to the sport; however, if a student-athlete is required to meet with the sports psychologist, such a meeting is considered a countable athletically related activity. Further, an institution may require a student-athlete to meet with a sports psychologist as a permissible out-of-season conditioning activity, provided the time engaged in the sessions are included in the maximum limit of eight hours per week for countable athletically related activities outside the playing season. In bowl subdivision football, the sports psychologist does not have to count as one of the five strength and conditioning coaches permitted to work with the football program in any capacity. [12/12/14 Staff Interp.]

• Relatives, Friends and Legal Guardians Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete for Official Visit. Relatives, friends or legal guardians of a prospect may accompany a prospect when transportation is provided by the institution (e.g., car service) to and from campus for an official visit, provided the institution does not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants may not be prospects being recruited by the institution. [12/19/14 Staff Interp.]

AUTONOMY PROPOSALS - FINANCIAL AID
The first vote on autonomy legislation will take place at the NCAA National Convention on January 17. Here is a highlight of some of the financial aid proposals.

• Redefine a full grant-in-aid to include tuition and fees, room and board, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance. Tuition and fees, room and board and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance will be used in equivalency computations. [2014-13]

• Maintain the current equivalency computations; however, the student-athlete may receive an amount of other expenses related to attendance at the institution in the form of athletically related financial aid only in proportion to his/her equivalency computation. [2014-13-3]

• To specify that the value of books in the equivalency computation shall be based on either the student-athlete’s actual cost for books or the amount the institution assigns to books in its determination of its cost of attendance. [2014-13-4]

• The proposals have an August 1, 2015 effective date; however, awards for the 2015-16 academic year may be issued before August 1, 2015.

ROSTER REMINDERS
Be sure to check your roster on ACS. Please send all roster additions and deletions for spring semester to Sherraine as soon as possible. Any incoming student-athletes (midyear enrollees, transfers, walk-ons) must also meet with Sherraine to sign the necessary compliance paperwork before participating in any athletically related activities.

RANDOM TRIVIA
“I”, the first person singular, is capitalized in English – the only language to do so.