Head Coach Responsibilities – Level III Violation Coaching Suspensions

Effective August 1, 2013, head coaches may be suspended for identified Level III violations committed by assistant coaches on or after August 1, 2013. The assistant coach or staff member who commits the violation also would face suspension. In addition, such suspensions will be publicized and made available to member institutions that request such information. The list of identified Level III violations that provide for a suspension of the head coach includes:

All Division I sports:

- In-person, off-campus contacts during a dead period (particularly during the NLI signing dead period).
- Exceeding the permissible number of contacts with a prospective student-athlete.
- Intentional or significant game-day simulations and/or impermissible recruiting aids.
- Providing team gear or other inducements to prospective student-athletes.
- Violations that occur as a result of engaging nonscholastic third parties in the recruiting process (e.g., prescheduled unofficial visits that are impermissibly funded, etc.).
- Collective recruiting violations and/or other intentional recruiting violations (e.g., multiple impermissible early phone calls, multiple impermissible contacts).
- Impermissible benefits to student-athletes by third parties that the coaching staff knows about or is involved with.
- Providing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete prior to August 1 of the prospect's senior year in high school.

Division I football – In addition to those identified above, an additional identified Level III violation for football:

- Holding 7-on-7 events on an institution's campus and/or otherwise attending or being involved in nonscholastic events.

Division I men's basketball – In addition to those identified above, violations that already provide for a suspension of the head men's basketball coach:

- Employment of individuals associated with prospects (IAWPs) in noncoaching staff positions.
- Employment of individuals associated with recruited prospects (IAWRPs) in an institutional or men's basketball staff member's camp or clinic.
- Institutional camp or clinic offers a different participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience than other camps.
- Institution or staff member provides money to a nonprofit foundation that expends the funds for the benefit of a nonscholastic team, prospective student-athlete(s) or an IAWP.
- Institution or staff member provides a consulting fee to an IAWP or to a consulting firm in which an IAWP has a proprietary or financial interest.
- Provision of event tickets to IAWPs in violation of NCAA legislation.
- Hosting of and/or involvement in nonscholastic events.
- Subscription to a recruiting service in violation of NCAA legislation.

*Please note that Level III violations not on this list may also result in suspension of the involved coach(es).