RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Recruiting Period: March 1-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Contact Period: March 1-31

CROSS COUNTRY

TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-12
Dead Period: March 13-14
Contact/Eval. Period: March 15-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: March 1-31

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-31

RECENT NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

- **Personalized Audio/Video Presentations After Prospect’s Commitment** - An institution may produce and arrange personalized audio/video presentations to show to or play for, but not provide to, a prospect after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [2/27/15 Staff Interpretation]

- **Contact and Ground Transportation To/From Bus or Train Station or Airport During Official Visit Outside A Contact Period** - At any time other than a dead period and, in women’s basketball, during the July evaluation periods, institutional staff members may have contact with a prospect within 30-miles of the institution’s campus during the prospect’s official visit. Further, ground transportation provided by any member of the institution’s athletics department staff for a prospect, his or her parents, relatives or legal guardians for an official visit between the campus and any bus or train station or airport outside of the 30-mile radius of the institution’s campus is not considered a contact. [2/19/15 Staff Interpretation]

- **College Coach Observing Enrolled Students, Student-Athletes and Prospects Athletically Related Activities Outside the Playing Season** - An institution’s coaching staff member may not observe enrolled students or student-athletes in nonorganized athletically related activities (e.g., “pick-up” basketball games) outside the institution’s declared playing season. A coaching staff member may observe enrolled students or student-athletes in organized athletically related activities (e.g., demonstration at a coaches’ association convention, summer basketball league, intramurals), provided the coach does not direct or supervise the organized activity. If prospects are also participating in the organized athletically related activities, the institution’s coaching staff member may observe such athletically related activities only if it occurs during a permissible contact or evaluation period, or in men’s basketball, a recruiting period. The staff noted that, in individual sports, a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. [2/25/15 Staff Interpretation]

AROUND THE NCAA

A January 2014 violation resulted in a University of Illinois assistant football coach receiving a one game suspension for the 2015 season. The incident involved a junior college prospect who arrived on campus prior to completing his associate degree at the junior college. The student subsequently withdrew from the institution. The assistant coach then visited officials at the community college in which the junior college agreed to give the student the remaining credit hours required for his associate degree by taking an online placement test. The student took the placement test and was awarded an associate degree and returned to Illinois the following term. The NCAA determined that the arrangements the assistant coach made to have been a Level III violation for providing extra benefits. [2/5/15 Daily Illini]

MARCH MADNESS GAMBLING REMINDER

With Big Ten and NCAA basketball tournaments just around the corner, please keep in mind that it is not permissible for athletics department staff members or student-athletes to participate in any sports wagering activities involving amateur, professional and intercollegiate practice and competition.

RANDOM TRIVIA

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a “Friday the 13th.”