Compliance Area: **VOLUNTEER COACH**

A volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution’s athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution’s athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply:

(a) The individual is prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or from scouting opponents off campus.

(b) The individual may receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach’s sport.

(c) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or postgame meals, occasional meal, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's official visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.

All sports, with the exception of football and men's and women's basketball, may utilize the services of one volunteer coach. In sports in which the NCAA conducts separate men’s and women's championships, a combined men’s and women’s program may utilize two volunteer coaches. Women's rowing may utilize four volunteer coaches. Indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country may utilize the services of one volunteer coach for each of the programs. Track and field may use the services of one additional volunteer coach (to coach both genders), limited to coaching pole vault.

A member institution may not employ a high school or two-year college coach who remains a coach in the same sport at the high school or two-year college. This provision does not preclude employment of a high school or two-year college coach in a different sport. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports for purposes of this legislation. This would be the case even if a player from the opposite gender is playing on such a high school or two-year college men's or women's team, provided the team is classified as a separate team (as opposed to a "mixed" team) by the appropriate institution or the state high school or two-year college governing body.

**Procedure:**

The head coach will designate the volunteer coach(es) for his or her sport. The volunteer coach will be required to sign the Volunteer Coach Acknowledgement and take the Coaches Certification Exam.

**Forms Used for Documentation:**

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