



Proposal Number: RWG-11-2

Title: ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- ELIMINATION OF RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS

Intent: To eliminate legislation related to recruiting coordination functions that must be performed by head or assistant coaches.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.01, as follows:

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

[11.01.1 through 11.01.2 unchanged.]

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Bowl Subdivision Football and Women's Rowing. In bowl subdivision football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. In women's rowing, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, the individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:

[11.01.3-(a) through 11.01.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. ~~The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to and receive telephone calls from prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.~~

[11.01.3.1 unchanged.]

11.01.4 Coach, Undergraduate Student Assistant. An undergraduate student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that he or she is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria:

[11.01.4-(a) through 11.01.4-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or scouting opponents off campus ~~and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2.2).~~

11.01.5 Coach, Volunteer. In sports other than football and basketball, 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 ~~and may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2).~~

[Remainder of 11.01 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.1, as follows:



11.7.1 General Provisions Applicable to All Sports with Numerical Coaching Limits.

11.7.1.1 Designation of Coaching Category. An individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, graduate assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution.

[11.7.1.1.1 through 11.7.1.1.2 unchanged.]

~~11.7.1.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4:~~

~~(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student athletes; and~~

~~(b) Making telephone calls to prospective student athletes (or prospective student athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches).~~

~~11.7.1.2.1 Exception — Graduate Assistant Coach — Bowl Subdivision Football and Women's Rowing. In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.1.2 (a) (on campus only) and 11.7.1.2 (b) if the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.~~

~~11.7.1.2.2 Exceptions — Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches.~~

~~(a) After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.1.2 (b) after the calendar day on which the prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.~~

~~(b) After Receipt of Financial Deposit. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.1.2 (b) after the calendar day on which the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

~~(c) Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student athlete during the prospective student athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.~~

~~(d) Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.~~

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2.5, as follows:

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.2.2, 11.7.3.2 and 11.7.4, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. [D]

[13.1.2.5.1 unchanged.]



~~13.1.2.5.2 Department-Wide Responsibilities. An athletics department staff member who has department-wide responsibilities (e.g., recruiting coordinator) may not contact or evaluate prospective student athletes off campus unless the staff member is counted as a countable coach in the applicable sport (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2 for restrictions related to recruiting coordination functions). [D]~~

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 through 13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members (~~see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1~~) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) to that institution. If more than one call per week occurs under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations and shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation.

13.1.3.3.1.1 Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. ~~Athletics department~~ **Institutional** staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit. (~~See Bylaw 11.7.1.2.2.~~)

13.1.3.3.2 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members (~~see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1~~) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.

13.1.3.3.2.1 Football Exception. In football, institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student-athletes during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent.

[13.1.3.3.3 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members (~~see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1~~) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student-athlete.

~~13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.~~

~~13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members—General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2). In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1.~~

~~13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions—Before Commitment. Before a prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may~~



~~make telephone calls to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's parents or legal guardians) as specified:~~

~~(a) President or Chancellor/Faculty Athletics Representative/Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator. It is permissible for an institution's chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics and senior woman administrator to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's parents or legal guardians). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to a prospective student athlete.~~

~~(b) Academic Advisors. It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's parents or legal guardians) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to a prospective student athlete.~~

~~(c) Compliance Administrators. It is permissible for a compliance administrator to make telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's parents or legal guardians) with no limit on the timing or number of such telephone calls, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues.~~

~~(d) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches — Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student athlete during the prospective student athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit.~~

~~13.1.3.4.1.2 Exception — Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches — After Commitment. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make telephone calls to a prospective student athlete (or the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after one of the following events occurs:~~

~~(a) The prospective student athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or~~

~~(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~

[13.1.3.5 renumbered as 13.1.3.4, unchanged.]

13.1.3.65 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members (see ~~Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1~~) may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are placed not earlier than July 1 following completion of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

13.1.3.65.1 Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are placed not earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete.

13.1.3.65.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members may accept collect and toll-free telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-



athlete's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are not placed earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.3.1.3).

[13.1.3.7 renumbered as 13.1.3.6, unchanged.]

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Rationale: As a result of the Presidential Retreat in August 2011, the Rules Working Group was formed and charged with reviewing current Division I rules with a view toward reducing the volume of unenforceable and inconsequential rules that fail to support the NCAA's enduring values, and emphasizing the most strategically important matters. This proposal is part of a package recommended by the Rules Working Group designed to accomplish those objectives. The regulations defining recruiting coordination functions that must be performed only by a head or assistant coach are not of national significance and, in many instances, present enforcement challenges. Each institution should be responsible for establishing its own policies and procedures related to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, including the roles and responsibilities of all athletics department staff members. The current rules requiring off-campus recruitment to be performed only by countable coaches would remain applicable.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

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