



Proposal Number: RWG-11-3-B

Title: ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- SCOUTING OF OPPONENTS -- IN-PERSON SCOUTING PROHIBITED

Intent: To prohibit off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) except for scouting future opponents participating in the same tournament at the same site or the same double header event at the same site.

Bylaws: Amend 11.6, as follows:

11.6 ~~Limitations on~~ Scouting of Opponents.

11.6.1 ~~Basketball, Football and Women's Volleyball~~ **Off-Campus, In-Person Scouting** Prohibition. ~~In basketball, football and women's volleyball, off~~ **Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season)** is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaw 11.6.1.1.

11.6.1.1 ~~Regular Season Tournaments,~~ **Exception --** Double-Header Events or ~~Postseason~~ Tournaments. An institution may pay the expenses of a member of its **institution's** coaching staff to attend a regular season or postseason tournament or, in basketball, a double header event in which the institution's intercollegiate team is a participant. Under such circumstances, the individual may scout future opponents also participating in the same tournament at the same site or, ~~in basketball,~~ the same double-header event at the same site, ~~without being subject to the scouting prohibition.~~

~~11.6.1.2 Purchasing Video -- Postseason. In basketball and women's volleyball, following the selection of any postseason championship field until the conclusion of the championship, it shall be permissible for the participating institution to pay the costs of purchasing video for scouting purposes from individuals or professional scouting services.~~

~~11.6.2 Sports Other Than Basketball, Football and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than basketball, football and women's volleyball, a member institution shall not pay or permit the payment of expenses incurred by its athletics department staff members or representatives (including professional scouting services) to scout its opponents or individuals who represent its opponents, except as provided in Bylaw 11.6.3 in lacrosse. A coaching staff member who receives any expenses from the institution related to recruiting or team travel shall not scout an institution's opponents in conjunction with such travel.~~

~~11.6.2.1 Regular Season or Postseason Tournaments. An institution may pay the expenses of a member of its coaching staff to attend a regular season or postseason tournament in which the institution's intercollegiate team is a participant. Under such circumstances, the individual may scout future tournament opponents also participating in the same tournament at the same site.~~

~~11.6.3 Lacrosse. In lacrosse, it shall be permissible for an institution to pay the expenses of one person to scout each opponent on one occasion. When an individual is reimbursed to travel by automobile to scout an opponent, others who travel with the individual in the same vehicle to the site are not considered to have received transportation expenses. A coach may scout opponents at his or her own expense.~~

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~~11.6.3.2 Salary Increases to Cover Scouting Expenses. It is not permissible for an institution to increase a staff member's salary to cover expenses incurred by the staff member in scouting opponents in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 11.6.3.~~



~~11.6.3.3 Designating the Opponent. If two opponents of an institution compete against each other and an individual receives expenses for scouting the contest, the institution may designate the opponent it is scouting and then pay expenses to scout the other opponent on another occasion. If two individuals receive expenses to scout the contest, each opponent shall be considered to have been scouted on one occasion.~~

~~11.6.4 Cost of Exchanging Video. It shall be permissible to pay the costs of exchanging video for scouting purposes in any sport, including the expenses of an individual traveling to pick up the video.~~

~~11.6.4.1 Use of Commercial Entity. It shall be permissible in all sports for an institution to obtain video of a future opponent's athletics contests for scouting purposes from a commercial entity that provides video recording/dubbing services, provided the institution requesting the video pays no fees or expenses related to obtaining the video of the future opponent's athletics contests, except for providing a blank videotape or DVD (or other medium) and paying postage costs.~~

~~11.6.5 Complimentary Game Tickets. In sports in which it is permissible to scout opponents, a member institution's staff member is permitted to receive press box tickets or complimentary tickets from an opponent for the purpose of scouting the opponent.~~

~~11.6.5.1 Lacrosse. In lacrosse, receipt of press box tickets or complimentary tickets from an opponent shall constitute a countable scouting opportunity.~~

Source: NCAA Division I Working Group on Collegiate Model -- Rules

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Personnel

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. In the interest of simplicity and consistency, it is appropriate for one rule regarding scouting to apply to all sports. In most cases, video of future opponents is readily available either through institutional exchange, subscription to a recording/dubbing service or internet sites accessible to the general public.

Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

none

History

Aug 15, 2012: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jan 19, 2013: Board of Directors, Sponsored

Jan 19, 2013: Board Review, Adopted

Jan 20, 2013: Adopted, Override Period; Start of Override Period

Mar 20, 2013: Adopted, Override Period; End of Override Period