



Proposal Number: RWG-11-4

Title: ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER AND DUTIES OF COACHES -- ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AT ANY ONE TIME

Intent: To eliminate the limitations on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows:

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches.

[11.7.1 unchanged.]

11.7.2 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of one head coach, nine assistant coaches and four graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

[11.7.2.1 unchanged.]

11.7.2.2 Contact and Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athletes. Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. ~~In addition, there is a limit of seven coaches (including the head coach) who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus at any one time (see Bylaw 11.7.4).~~

~~11.7.2.2.1 Exception — Fall Evaluation Period. Ten coaches (including the head coach) may evaluate prospective student-athletes at any one time during one week (any seven consecutive days) of the fall evaluation period in which no regular season competition is scheduled. Before its first regular season contest, the institution shall declare, in writing, the week in which it will use this exception. The selected week shall not be revised after the declaration deadline. The institution shall submit the declaration to its conference office. An independent institution shall keep the declaration on file in the office of the athletics director.~~

~~11.7.2.2.2 Banquets or Meetings. A coaching staff member who attends a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes that occurs during a contact or evaluation period is considered an off-campus recruiter, regardless of whether the coach is speaking at the banquet/meeting or only attending the function. Further, the coach is not permitted to attend such a recognition banquet or meeting that occurs outside a contact or evaluation period, unless the coach has been asked to speak at the function (see Bylaws 13.1.8 and 13.02.5.5).~~

~~11.7.2.2.3 Additional Recruiters -- National Service Academies. For the national service academies, the off-campus contact and evaluation of prospective student-athletes shall be limited to a total of nine coaches at any one time, which may include the head coach.~~

11.7.3 Championship Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of 11 coaches of any type who may be employed by an institution in championship subdivision football.

[11.7.3.1 unchanged.]

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11.7.4 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches **(other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3, undergraduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.4 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5)** who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus ~~at any one time~~ in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
Baseball	3	2
Basketball, Men's	4	3
Basketball, Women's	4	3
Bowling, Women's	2	2
Equestrian	3	2
Fencing, Men's	2	2
Fencing, Women's	2	2
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.2)	14 10	7
Football, Championship Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.3)	11	7
Field Hockey	3	2
Golf, Men's	2	2
Golf, Women's	2	2
Gymnastics, Men's	3	2
Gymnastics, Women's	3	2
Ice Hockey, Men's	3	2
Ice Hockey, Women's	3	2
Lacrosse, Men's	3	2
Lacrosse, Women's	3	2
Rifle, Men's	2	2
Rifle, Women's	2	2
Rowing, Women's	3	2 (during the institution's academic year) 3 (during the summer)
Rugby, Women's	3	2
Sand Volleyball, Women's	2	2
Skiing, Men's	2	2



Sport	Limit on Number of Coaches	Limit on Off-Campus Recruiters
Skiing, Women's	2	2
Soccer, Men's	3	2
Soccer, Women's	3	2
Softball	3	2
Swimming, Men's	2	2
Swimming and Diving, Men's	3	2
Swimming, Women's	2	2
Swimming and Diving, Women's	3	2
Tennis, Men's	2	2
Tennis, Women's	2	2
Cross Country, Men's (Without Track and Field)	2	2
Track and Field, Men's	3	2
Cross Country/Track and Field, Men's	3	2
Cross Country, Women's (Without Track and Field)	2	2
Track and Field, Women's	3	2
Cross Country/Track and Field, Women's	3	2
Volleyball, Men's	3	2
Volleyball, Women's	3	2
Water Polo, Men's	2	2
Water Polo, Women's	2	2
Wrestling	3	2

[11.7.4.1 through 11.7.4.2 unchanged.]

~~11.7.4.3 Off-Campus Recruiting — At Any One Time. It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus contact or evaluation before another coach who is off campus actually returns to campus, provided the total number of coaches recruiting on behalf of the institution at any time does not exceed the permissible number. The coach being replaced must complete his or her recruiting activities before another coach may begin any off-campus recruiting activity. Further, the replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus.~~

~~11.7.4.3.1 Exception — Basketball — July Evaluation Periods. During the July evaluation periods, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided not more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.~~

~~11.7.4.3.2 Exception — Sports Other Than Basketball — June, July and August. In sports other than basketball, during June, July and August, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided not more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day (see Bylaw 11.7.4).~~

~~11.7.4.4 Banquets or Meetings. In sports other than football, a coaching staff member who attends a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student athletes that occurs during a contact or evaluation period is considered an off-campus recruiter in the applicable sport, regardless of whether the coach is speaking at the banquet/meeting or only attending the function. In those sports with recruiting calendars (e.g., basketball, softball), a coach is not permitted to attend such a recognition that occurs outside a contact or evaluation period,~~



~~unless the coach has been asked to speak at the function (see Bylaw 13.1.8).~~

~~11.7.4.5 On Campus Events — Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a coaching staff member who attends an athletics event on the institution's campus that involves women's basketball prospective student-athletes is considered an off-campus recruiter.~~

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.8, as follows:

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

[13.1.8.1 through 13.1.8.2 unchanged.]

13.1.8.3 Attendance Outside a Contact or Evaluation Period. In sports with recruiting calendars (see Bylaw 13.17), a coach is not permitted to attend a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes and that occurs outside a contact or evaluation period (or in men's basketball, a recruiting period), unless the coach has been asked to speak at the function.

[13.1.8.3 through 13.1.8.4 renumbered as 13.1.8.4 through 13.1.8.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Working Group on Collegiate Model -- Rules)

Effective Date: August 1, 2013

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 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. There is no data, anecdotally or otherwise, that would suggest these rules advance the Collegiate Model or any enduring value of the Association. Each institution should be responsible for establishing its own policies and procedures related to the off-campus recruitment of prospective student-athletes by authorized countable coaching staff members.

Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

none

History

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Jan 19, 2013: Board Review, Adopted

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