



Proposal Number: RWG-13-1

Title: RECRUITING -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EXCEPTION -- AFTER SIGNING NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Intent: To specify that an individual who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or, for an institution that does not use the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid) shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete for purposes of NCAA Bylaw 13; however, activities and actions that would have been contrary to Bylaw 13.2.1 if the individual had not signed an National Letter of Intent shall be subject to the application of the extra benefit legislation; further, to specify that an individual who officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete; finally, to specify that an individual who reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular year term shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.02.12, as follows:

13.02.12 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

(a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer);

(b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term; ~~or~~

(c) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the **certifying institution's** summer **term** prior to **his or her** initial **full-time** enrollment **at the certifying institution; or**

(d) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular year term.

13.02.12.1 *Application* **Exception -- After National Letter of Intent Signing. An individual who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) (or, for an institution that does not use the NLI in a particular sport, the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid) shall no longer be considered a prospective student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 13; however, activities and actions that would have been contrary to Bylaw 13.2.1 if the individual had not signed an NLI shall be subject to the application of the extra benefit legislation (Bylaws 16.02.3 and 16.11.2).** ~~An individual who is no longer considered a prospective student-athlete per Bylaw 13.02.12 (c) shall not be subject to the contact limitations in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16.~~ The individual ~~is still~~ **remains** a prospective student-athlete for purposes of applying ~~the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and~~ other bylaws **(other than the extra benefit legislation as noted above).**

~~13.02.12.2 Institutional Orientation Session. A recruited prospective student athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) [or, for an institution that does not use the NLI in a particular sport or for a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g., four-year college transfer), the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid] and has reported to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular year term shall not be subject to the contact restrictions in Bylaw 13 and shall be considered a student-athlete for purposes of Bylaw 16 as of the~~



~~opening day of the orientation session.~~

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

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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. This proposed change is designed to further student-athlete success and well-being by allowing an individual who has demonstrated a significant commitment to attend a particular institution to no longer be subject to recruiting regulations in Bylaw 13. Further, if the individual enrolls and attends summer school classes prior to initial enrollment at the certifying institution, the individual should be treated similarly to the enrolled student-athletes attending that institution. In addition, this proposal would promote a greater development of the student-athlete/coach relationship by permitting increased access between the coach and an incoming signee.

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