

Blues Clues



Summer Workouts

May 2008

Summer Employment

Generally, team practice cannot be held during the summer outside the declared playing and practice season. All workouts must be voluntary. A few exceptions do exist:

- ☼ If a team is participating in a foreign tour, they can have up to ten days of practice before the foreign tour.
- ☼ Individual summer workout sessions may be conducted for student-athletes in the following sports: Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Rifle, Swimming & Diving, and Track & Field, as long as the activity is at the request of the student-athlete.

The NCAA defines “voluntary” as:

- ☼ The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletic department staff member any information related to the activity.
- ☼ The student-athlete’s attendance and participation (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purpose of reporting such information to the coaches.

- ☼ The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution or any athletic department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletic staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities.
- ☼ The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity.

For all other sports except football and basketball, summer workouts may be conducted by the strength coach and are available for student-athletes who have enrolled in school prior to the summer term.

In the sport of football, the summer conditioning period is determined by counting back nine weeks from the first permissible reporting date for preseason practice. During this

With the summer almost upon us, it is time to address the subject of student-athlete summer employment. NCAA Bylaw 15.2.7.3 states that a student-athlete may receive legitimate summer employment earnings without any restriction on the amount of compensation received, even if the student-athlete is attending summer school as the recipient of institutional financial aid. Further, such employment earnings are not considered in determining the amount of athletically related financial aid the student-athlete may receive for the summer term.

Despite the flexibility of this rule, one must keep in mind that all other rules and regulations governing the employment of student-athletes apply. This includes NCAA Bylaw 12.4.1, which states that any compensation must be for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. Also, athletic reputation of the student-athlete may in no way be used to promote the organization with whom he or she is employed.

With the exception of football, student-athletes may also be employed as counselors at sports camps or clinics, provided the

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nine-week period, the institution will designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time, a period where no workouts can be required.

During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes and incoming student-athletes who are enrolled in summer school may be involved in non-mandatory weight training and conditioning activities that are conducted by the institution's strength coach for no more than eight hours per week.

In the sport of basketball, student-athletes and prospects who have signed a National Letter of Intent and are receiving athletic financial aid to attend summer school may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach.

Prior to participation in any summer weight training or conditioning workouts, all prospects and student-athletes shall be required to undergo a pre-participation medical examination administered and supervised by a physician.

NCAA Coaches Certification Test

When: Monday, June 2

Time: 9 am

Place: Wildcat Den

Save the Date!!!

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wages are in line with the going rate.

In the sport of football, student-athletes may not be employed by his own institution's football camp. It is permissible for a football student-athlete to be employed by a football camp at an institution other than his own.

Athletes and coaches should be aware that Bylaw 13.2.4.2 precludes coaches as well as other representatives of the university from providing student-athletes with free transportation to and from summer jobs, unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.



From the Interpretation File



Coaches in Team Sports Observing Multiple Prospective Student-Athletes in an Individual Sport

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.1.8.13, an institution's coach who is attending a practice or event in which prospects from multiple institutions participate in drills or competition in an individual sport on a specific day shall use an evaluation only for those participants the coach observes engaging in practice or competition. This legislation applies to coaches in both individual sports and team sports. Therefore, if a coach of a team sport evaluates a prospect at an individual sport practice or competition, the coach is charged with an evaluation for each prospect in the event that the coach observes.

In football, in accordance with Bylaw 13.1.8.4, an institution's coach is limited to two evaluations during the spring evaluation period. Further, institutions are reminded that a visit to a prospect's educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospects in that sport at that educational institution.

For example, if a football coach observes a prospect in an eight-person heat at a track and field meet, the football coach is charged with an evaluation for all eight prospects participating, even if the football coach is recruiting only one of the participating prospects. Therefore, if any of the other

participants are football prospects, the coach may not make two visits to those prospects' high schools because the coach would have exceeded the permissible number of evaluations in the spring evaluation period. (Ed Column, Apr 29, 2008)

Hearing Opportunity when Request for Use of One-Time Transfer Exception is Delayed

If an institution delays a response to a student-athlete's request for use of the one-time transfer exception or indicates that the request will be granted at a later date, the institution must inform the student-athlete in writing within a reasonable time period following the request that he or she, on request, will be provided a hearing (Staff, 4/16/08)



In the News....

Buffalo Player Suspended for Internet Ad

Guard Andy Robinson was suspended indefinitely by the University of Buffalo for posting an advertisement on the Internet offering to pay someone to write a course paper.

Robinson acknowledged he made the offer and has apologized, but remains barred from taking part in any basketball-related activities until a school review determines whether further disciplinary action is necessary.

The ad, placed on the Facebook.com Website, was first discovered by the university's student newspaper.

A computer screen picture of the ad, listing Robinson by name, was published in the newspaper, The Spectrum.

According to The Spectrum, the grammatically incorrect ad read: "I am paying anybody who have read the book 'there are not children here' by Alex Kotlowitz \$30-40 which in some classes you have to read at UB (even more money if you have read the book a little more!!) to write a 3-4 page paper, on a couple of questions which was assigned." (AP, 25 April 2008)

IU Allows Crean to Recruit

Indiana University will allow coach Tom Crean limited off-campus recruiting time after originally denying him visits because of self-imposed sanctions.

Crean will have 10 off-campus recruiting days between now and July 31.

Before the change, the school only allowed assistants Tim Buckley and Bennie Seltzer to recruit off campus. The restrictions followed alleged recruiting violations by former coach Kelvin Sampson. (AP, 25 April 2008)

UT Alleges UConn Violations

The University of Tennessee alleges the Connecticut women's basketball program had a pattern of violating NCAA rules, including allowing former players to practice with the team on a regular basis, arranging a tour of ESPN for a highly touted recruit and permitting former players to serve as recruiters.

Six of the incidents allegedly came out of UConn's 2005 Super Show, an annual celebration of UConn women's basketball that routinely includes former and prospective players. The incidents are:

- * UConn alums Diana Taurasi and Sue Bird served as recruiters for the team.
- * The media interviewed the prospects at practice.
- * Fans had signs directed at the prospects, clearly aware who would be present.
- * Fans gave prospects' parents the signs they had made for their daughters.
- * Bird and Taurasi allegedly served as hostesses for the prospects.
- * A prospective student-athlete, whose name was not disclosed, told her AAU coach that Taurasi and Bird met her at the door upon arrival and escorted her to the coaches' offices.

The compliant from Tennessee said a "prospect had a visit to ESPN—arranged by UConn—to talk about the possibility of an internship at ESPN. It appears if no one at UConn provided transportation for the ESPN visit, but the prospect did not know anyone at ESPN prior to the visit.

Also: "Reportedly former UConn players are allowed to practice with the team on a regular basis, rather than an occasional basis...when asked about this issue, the UConn compliance staff has repeatedly either denied or failed to respond as to how this is allowed." (Smith, S., espn.com, 25 April 2008)

Universities Want Stronger Alcohol Policy during NCAA Games

When the University of Minnesota hosts first- and second-round games for the Division I Men's Basketball Championships next year, NCAA policy stipulates that alcohol can't be served and all advertisements pertaining to alcohol must be covered up.

However, one campaign backed by 288 colleges and universities maintains that the NCAA's alcohol policy isn't strong enough, as it allows for a limited amount of alcohol advertising during competition and event telecasts.

Behind the endorsement of 288 colleges and universities, the Campaign for Alcohol-Free Sports TV wants the NCAA to eliminate all alcohol advertising on competition telecasts. On the other side of the issue, the NCAA says it will ask its board of directors and executive committee to review its alcohol policy.

After the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship game earlier this month, more than 100 university presidents and athletic directors sent a letter to Myles Brand, NCAA President, requesting the NCAA's alcohol policy be amended to include a ban on all alcohol advertisements on television.

Officials at the Campaign for Alcohol-Free Sports TV are also pushing for an end to the advertising.

Brand stated that the call for a change in policy will be passed on to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The committee reviewed the policy as recently as last year, with no presented proposal arising from discussion. (MNDaily.com, 25 April 2008)

May Recruiting Calendar

Football

April 15-May 31 4 weeks Eval

Those days in April/May not designated above for evaluation opportunities-Quiet

Men's Basketball

May 1-21 Quiet
May 22-31 Dead

Women's Basketball

May 1-31 Quiet

Baseball

May 1-31 Contact

Softball

May 1-26 Conact
May 27-June 5 Dead

ACT & SAT Testing Dates

SAT

May 5, 2007

June 2, 2007

ACT

June 9, 2007

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Volleyball

May 1-23 Quiet
May 24-31 Contact

Track & Field

May 1-31 Contact



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