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BOARD ACTS TO ADDRESS BASEBALL ACADEMIC ISSUES

The Division I Board of Directors ("Board") used its emergency legislative authority to adopt three proposals during its spring meeting to address concerns regarding academic performance in the sport of baseball. The Board also enacted numerous other legislative measures on recommendation of the Management Council ("Council"). Changes in the Division I governance structure were the subject of continuing discussions by both groups.

Baseball Academic Enhancements

In April 2006, the Board, concerned about low Academic Performance Rates ("APR") in baseball, charged the Baseball Academic Enhancement Working Group, composed of presidents, athletics administrators, faculty and coaches, with developing recommendations to address the concerns. The Board commended the group for putting together a meaningful package of proposals and decided to act on the recommendations immediately rather than waiting for a subsequent meeting. Accordingly, the legislative amendments were not placed in the upcoming legislative cycle.

Instead, the Board used its emergency authority to adopt three proposals, to be effective beginning in the 2008-09 academic year. Proposal No. 2007-7 provides that baseball student-athletes shall have their eligibility status certified at the start of the fall term in order to be eligible at any time during the year and will not be able to use the fall term to "get well" in terms of progress toward a degree. The second item (Proposal No. 2007-8) eliminates the opportunity for transfer student-athletes in baseball to use the one-time transfer exception for immediate eligibility, and requires them to spend a full academic year in residence at the new institution in order to become eligible. The third change (Proposal No. 2007-9) will require that recipients of athletically related financial aid in baseball receive a minimum equivalency award of .33 of a full grant-in-aid and will eventually limit the total number receiving athletics aid to 27 with no more than 35 total baseball student-athletes on the team. The Board also asked the Committee on Academic Performance to require a baseball program with an APR of less than 900 to reduce its baseball playing season by 10 percent beginning with the 2009-10 academic year.

Academic Performance Program

The Board reviewed the APR data for the third year of the Academic Performance Program and received a report from the Committee on Academic Performance ("CAP"). It was noted that the elimination of an adjustment that has been used in the first few years for sports with small squad sizes will have a significant impact on the number of programs that will be subject to

This edition of the *Collegiate Sports Practice Group Newsletter* features a compilation of the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Management Council at its April 16 and 17, 2007, meetings and the Board of Directors at its April 26, 2007, meeting. The Newsletter is published quarterly, following each Board meeting to assist campus chief executive officers, athletics administrators, compliance coordinators, general counsel offices and others interested in NCAA governance activity. We have formatted the Newsletter to summarize the key actions and issues in the Division I governance structure and to serve as a convenient, quick reference for any legislation adopted. This format should aid individuals responsible for disseminating such information to other institutional staff members. The brief summaries of the actions and legislation are not a substitute for reading reports and minutes of the bodies and the actual legislation, nor do they constitute legal advice or opinion about any action. To review the specific language of a Board or Council action, new legislation or an interpretation, please consult with the person designated on your campus to provide legislative interpretations.



penalties. Council members particularly noted the possible impact in the sport of men's basketball. The Board affirmed its interest in remaining strongly committed to its academic reform efforts and that the reform is "about academic improvement and changing the culture, not about imposing penalties."

A recommendation was received from the CAP to establish a supplemental support fund in an effort to assist campus-based initiatives designed to foster student-athlete academic success at limited resource institutions. The Board agreed to create the Division I Academic Performance Program Supplemental Support Fund. The funding will be provided through setting aside for grant recipients the 4.25 percent annual incremental increase to the Division I Academic Enhancement Fund with the understanding that all monies not awarded through the Supplemental Support Fund will be returned to the Academic Enhancement Fund for distribution.

Pilot Program for Early Initial-Eligibility Certification

After reviewing the progress of the new NCAA Eligibility Center, which will take over the work of the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and amateur eligibility certification in October 2007, the Board agreed to create a pilot program to provide initial-eligibility waivers for students entering in the fall of 2007 who meet certain criteria. Prospective student-athletes would be required to meet one of two criteria to receive the waiver, as follows: (1) the prospect has achieved a test score of at least 1100 SAT or 95 ACT Sum; or (2) the prospect has a preliminary certification report (after six semesters) from the Clearinghouse indicating a minimum of 12 core courses with a core grade-point average of 3.000 or higher and a test score of at least 1000 SAT or 85 ACT Sum.

The NCAA will continue to review prospects records for academic irregularities and this review could result in a student not being granted the waiver. The Council also noted that educational materials should be developed so that it is clear that prospects who receive early certification of their initial-academic eligibility still will be required to receive certification of their amateur status before they are eligible to compete.

Division I Governance Changes

The Council and Board each received a detailed update from the Council's Governance Subcommittee as it continues its efforts to revise the current Division I governance structure to strengthen the Board's leadership role by enhancing its confidence in the substructure. The recommendations include eliminating the current Council and replacing it with two smaller bodies, the Leadership Council and the Legislative Council, and replacing the current Academics/Eligibility/Compliance and Championships/Competition Cabinets with six smaller cabinets, each with more limited topical jurisdictions. The subcommittee's proposals were being readied for review by conferences in spring meetings. The recommendations would then be reviewed by the current governance structure for possible emergency legislative action by the Board in October and implementation in the summer of 2008.

The Board suggested that the role and function of the Leadership Council be more clearly defined and that the references to the Legislative Council as "the final legislative authority subject to Board oversight" be clarified to reflect that the Board has more than an oversight role. The Board also said that the recommendations need to specifically reflect the need for the "faculty voice" as a part of the new governance structure because intercollegiate athletics are part of the overall fabric of higher education. The subcommittee modified its original recommendations to make it clear that the minimum ethnic and gender representation expectations are to be applied separately to the two groupings of governance bodies (i.e., to the two new councils and the Championships/Sport Management Cabinet, all three of which have 31 members, and to the other five cabinets, each of which has 21 members).

Other Actions

1. **Oversight and Monitoring Group.** The Board approved the creation of a new body, composed of presidents, athletics administrators and faculty members, to oversee and monitor initiatives developed within the governance substructure concerning the recommendations in the report of the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. The establishment of the new body was the suggestion of a Board subcommittee that had been charged with identifying a strategy for ensuring the task force's recommendations will be considered by the governance structure. The new group will be chaired by a member of the Board.

2. **Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions.** Legislation (Proposal No. 2006-40) was adopted to limit “electronically transmitted correspondence” with a prospective student-athlete to electronic mail and facsimiles. Accordingly, the amendment will ban text message and instant messenger communication with prospects, effective August 1, 2007. The action was motivated by concerns about intrusion into the lives of prospects in some instances and the costs to prospects’ families related to receiving such messages. In adopting the proposal the Board acknowledged that the elimination of certain forms of communication with prospects is controversial and indicated that it would be open to considering legislation in the future to further address the issue.

Legislative Actions

Adopted by Board

The Board adopted the following 34 items of legislation at its April 26, 2007, meeting:

Administrative Regulations

No. 2006-107 – Administrative Regulations – Contest Exemptions/Certification – Sports Other Than Basketball and Football – Elimination of Certification Program

Eliminates in sports other than basketball and football the event-certification program.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007 (Events certified for the 2007-08 academic year may be exempted from maximum contest or date of competition limitations during the 2007-08 academic year.)

Amateurism

No. 2006-22 – Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Tryout After Enrollment – Receipt of Expenses – Any Time

Specifies that after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class; further, specifies that an individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team) and that a self-financed tryout may be for any length of time.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-24 – Amateurism – Involvement With Professional Teams – Draft and Inquiry – Draft List – Sports Other Than Basketball and Football

Specifies in sports other than basketball and football that an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league’s draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted and within 72 hours following the draft he or she declares his or her intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2007-4 – Amateurism – Promotional Activities – Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions – De Minimis Violations – Written Approval

Specifies that a violation of the promotional activities legislation in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the failure to obtain written approval from the director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member) shall not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility, provided the approval would have been granted if requested.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007) [Adopted as “noncontroversial” legislation]

Awards/Benefits/Expenses

No. 2006-73 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Conference Awards – Athlete of the Year Trophy

Specifies that a conference may provide a trophy in conjunction with its “athlete of the year” award and that the maximum value of the trophy shall be \$1,500.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-75 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Training Table Meals – Cost to Student-Athlete not Receiving Board Scholarship

Specifies that a student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007)

No. 2006-78 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Benefits, Gifts and Services – Summer Use of Institutional Horse – Women’s Equestrian

Permits in women’s equestrian a student-athlete to retain and use an institutional horse during the summer vacation period.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

Eligibility

No. 2006-60 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Change in Eligibility Status – Eligibility for Postseason Competition Between Terms

Specifies that in order for any student-athlete to be eligible to compete in postseason competition occurring between regular terms, an institution shall certify that he or she has satisfactorily completed six semester hours or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

2006-63-A – Eligibility – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Participation in Elite Events

Specifies in tennis and swimming and diving that a student-athlete’s participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup and World University Games is exempt from application of the legislation governing seasons of competition and residency in those sports.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-64 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Hardship Waiver – Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition

Increases the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate in a season and remain eligible for a hardship waiver to three scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the institution’s scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007) [applicable to student-athletes who initially enrolled full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2003]

No. 2006-65-A – Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Core-Curriculum Time Limitation

Specifies that a prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospect’s class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international

equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]; however, if the prospect graduates from high school within the described time-frame, he or she may use one core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately after the high school graduation date of the prospect's class.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007 (applicable to individuals who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2007)

No. 2007-6 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Change in Eligibility Status – Eligibility for Bowl During Second Academic Term

Specifies that if an institution is selected to participate in a postseason football bowl game that will occur during the institution's second regular academic term (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) of the academic year, a student-athlete's eligibility to compete in the bowl game shall be certified consistent with the standards applicable to postseason competition that occurs between terms; however, a student-athlete must meet full-time enrolment requirements applicable to term-time competition.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007) [Adopted as "noncontroversial" legislation]

No. 2007-7 – Eligibility – Progress-Toward-Degree and Transfer Requirements – Midyear Certification and Midyear Two-Year Transfers – Baseball

Specifies that a baseball student-athlete who is not in good academic standing or fails to meet any progress-toward-degree requirement at the beginning of an institution's fall term shall not be eligible during the remainder of the academic year; further, specifies that a 2-4 or 4-2-4 baseball transfer student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student subsequent to the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year and satisfies the applicable transfer requirements shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008 [Adopted as "emergency" legislation]

No. 2007-8 – Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Four-Year College Transfers – One-Time Transfer Exception – Baseball

Specifies that the one-time transfer exception to the four-year transfer residence requirement is not applicable to student-athletes in baseball.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008 (applicable to student-athletes who transfer on or after August 1, 2008) [Adopted as "emergency" legislation]

Ethical Conduct

No. 2006-17-A – Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities

Specifies and clarifies prohibited sports wagering activities and the individuals to whom the prohibitions apply.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

Executive Regulations

No. 2006-113 – Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualification – Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification – Exception

Specifies that, subject to the approval of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, a sport committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement for team sports that are sponsored by less than 30 percent of the membership, provided the conference previously included six teams that sponsored the sport.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2007-3 – Executive Regulations – Financial Administration of Championships – Transportation and Per Diem Expenses – Determination by Championships/Competition Cabinet Policy

Specifies that transportation expenses and per diem allowances for the official traveling parties of competing institutions in Division I and National Collegiate team championships and individual-team championships shall be determined and provided in accordance with policies and procedures established by the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007) [Adopted as “noncontroversial” legislation]

Financial Aid**No. 2006-72 – Financial Aid – Midyear Graduate Replacement – Women’s Gymnastics and Women’s Tennis**

Specifies in women’s gymnastics and women’s tennis that the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear with eligibility remaining and who does not return to the institution for the following academic term may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of the academic year.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2007-9 – Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport – Squad Size Limitation – Baseball

Specifies that: (a) there shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 27 (30 will be permitted in 2008-09 only) on the total number of counters in baseball at each institution; (b) an institution shall award athletically related financial aid to each counter at a minimum value of 33 percent of an equivalency; and (c) an institution shall declare, by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season, a squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes who shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities during the remainder of the championship segment.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008 (33 percent minimum equivalency requirement effective for student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2008) [Adopted as “emergency” legislation]

Personnel**No. 2006-20 – Personnel – Limitation on Number of Off-Campus Recruiters – Fencing, Golf, Men’s Gymnastics, Rifle, Men’s Tennis and Men’s Water Polo**

Increases in fencing, golf, men’s gymnastics, rifle, men’s tennis and men’s water polo from one to two the number of coaches who may contact or evaluate prospects off-campus at any one time.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

Playing and Practice Seasons**No. 2006-81 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Skill Instruction – Baseball**

Specifies in baseball that individual skill-related instruction outside the playing season is permitted during an institution’s vacation period from January 15 to the first day of classes of the institution’s second academic term; further, specifies that more than four student-athletes may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 to one week prior to the final examination period for the fall term and from January 15 to April 15, and that no more than four student-athletes may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility prior to September 15, from the opening day of classes of the institution’s second academic term to January 15, and after April 15.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-85 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Practice – Limit on Number of Participants – Football Championship Subdivision

Increases in championship subdivision football the number of participants who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, from 90 to 105.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007)

No. 2006-87 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Dates of Competition – Maximum Limitations – Golf

Permits, in golf, an institution to participate in a total of nine three-day tournaments (with a maximum of 54 holes per tournament) or 24 dates of competition.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-89 (as amended) – Playing and Practice Seasons – Number of Contests – Tournament Dates and Nonchampionship Contests – Softball

Specifies in softball that each contest of a tournament in which an institution participates shall count as one contest toward the institutional and student-athlete maximum contest limitations; further, specifies that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA Championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during another segment, provided no class time is missed for competition during the nonchampionship segment, including activities associated with competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities) conducted during the nonchampionship segment.

Effective Date: August 1, 2008

No. 2007-1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Softball – First Contest Date – Championship Segment

Specifies in softball that the first permissible contest date in the championship segment is the Thursday that is 14 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007 [Adopted as "noncontroversial" legislation]

Recruiting

No. 2006-30 – Recruiting – Limitations on Number of Evaluations – Fall Contact Period and Spring Evaluation Weekend – Women's Basketball

Specifies in women's basketball that evaluations at nonscholastic events may occur during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007)

No. 2006-32 – Recruiting – Telephone Calls and Recruiting Materials – Exceptions – Men's Ice Hockey

Permits, in men's ice hockey, an institution to: (1) make one telephone call per month to a prospective student-athlete on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school through July 31 after the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school; (2) make one telephone call per week to a prospect beginning August 1 prior to the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school; and (3) provide recruiting materials (including general correspondence related to athletics) on or after June 15 at the conclusion of the prospective student athlete's sophomore year in high school.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007)

No. 2006-40 – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Electronic Transmissions

Specifies that electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-45 – Recruiting – Advertisements and Promotions – Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives

Permits a conference office to coordinate sportsmanship initiatives that may involve prospective student-athletes and their educational institutions.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-46-A – Recruiting – Official Visit Requirements and Written Offers of Athletically Related Financial Aid – Registration With Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and Institutional Request List

Specifies that an institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she registers with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and is placed on the institutional request list (IRL); further, specifies that an institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has registered with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and the institution places the prospective student-athlete on the IRL with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-47 – Recruiting – Official Visit – Length of Official Visit – Exception for Extenuating Circumstances

Establishes an exception to the 48-hour official visit for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution and specifies that in such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-55 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Softball

Specifies, in softball, that evaluations are not permissible (contact only) from the day after Labor Day through Thanksgiving day, except from the second Friday in October through the first Sunday in November (contact/evaluation period); further, specifies that in those states that play the high school softball season in the fall, evaluations shall be permissible during the season, except during dead periods.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2006-58 (as amended by 2006-58-1) – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Cross Country and Track and Field

Establishes a recruiting calendar for cross country and track and field.

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

No. 2007-5 – Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Volleyball – Evaluation Period in Conjunction With Championship

Specifies, in women’s volleyball, that evaluations may occur at one event conducted on the Sunday immediately following the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship, provided the event occurs within a 100-mile radius of the site of the championship.

Effective Date: Immediately (April 26, 2007) [Adopted as “noncontroversial” legislation]

Proposals Not Approved**Defeated**

The following 10 proposals were defeated during the April 16 and 17 and April 26, 2007, meetings of the Council and Board, respectively. Those defeated by the Board are marked with a [B] after the proposal title; all others were defeated by the Council.

Proposal No.	Title
2006-27	Amateurism – Financial Donations From Outside Organizations – Professional Sports Organizations – Reciprocal Marketing Agreement – Football and Men’s Basketball [B]
2006-38	Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Attachments to General Correspondence
2006-42	Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Other Recruiting Materials
2006-57	Administrative Regulations – Recruiting Calendars – Women’s Soccer
2006-62	Eligibility – Seasons of Competition – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Exception – Mandatory Military Service
2006-71	Financial Aid and Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Training-Table Meals – One Meal Per Day During Championship Segment – Student-Athletes Not Receiving Full Board
2006-82	Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – No Missed Class or Final Exam Time During Nonchampionship Segment – Field Hockey, Women’s Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball [B]
2006-85	Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Practice – Limit on Number of Participants – Football Championship Subdivision
2006-100	Committees – Division I Presidential Advisory Group – Duties and Authority – NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Legislation [B]
2006-112	Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualification – Women’s Rowing

Tabled

The following proposal was tabled during the Board’s April 26, 2007, meeting:

Proposal No.	Title
2006-17-B	Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities – Pools and Fantasy Leagues

Moot

The following two proposals were made moot by adoption of other proposals during the Council’s April 16 and 17, 2007, meeting:

Proposal No.	Title
2006-63-B	Eligibility – Criteria For Determining Season of Eligibility – Tennis and Swimming and Diving – Participation in Elite Events – Olympic Games
2006-65-B	Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Core-Curriculum Time Limitation – No Exception After Graduation

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