



Solid Orange Newsletter

Compliance Newsletter - May 2013

Board of Directors Update

Hot Topic – Board of Directors Updates

The Board of Directors met on May 2, 2013 to review the suspended legislation discussed in the March compliance newsletter. In doing so the Board of Directors endorsed the Rules Working Group’s recommendation that all recruiting legislation be evaluated as a group during Phase II.

Those proposals that were suspended by this action were

- **Proposal No. RWG 11-2**, which eliminates the rules defining coordination functions that must be performed only by a head or assistant coach.
- **Proposal No. RWG 13-3**, which eliminates the modes of communication between a coaching staff member and a prospective student athlete.
- **Proposal No. RWG-13-5-A**, which eliminated restrictions on printed materials sent to prospects other than general correspondence.

As a result of the Boards’ actions the above proposals will no longer become effective on August 1, 2013 and will be reevaluated by the rules working group to determine what changes need to be made to the proposals to create more acceptable legislation for the membership. As such, all current legislation concerning recruiting communication (who may recruit, how they may recruit, and what printed materials may be sent) remain controlling for the 2013-14 academic year.

Additionally, the Board of Directors declined to change their position on the proposal prohibiting live scouting of opponents. This proposal will now go to a full vote of the membership through an online process. If you have concerns about this proposal please inform compliance so we may prepare to make our institutional vote on this legislation.

Finally, the Board decided to retain the current sliding scale required to qualify for financial aid, practice and competition and not move forward with the proposed increased scale for PSAs enrolling in 2016. The NCAA will move forward with the implementation of an “academic redshirt” as we had previously discussed through the year, and will use the current scale to determine who will require a year of readiness before competing for the University. Additionally, the proposed change to only accept the 16 best core courses when calculating the PSAs qualifying GPA starting in 2016 has been approved.

The full articles regarding the recent Board of Directors’ actions can be found at the following links:
<http://ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/ncaa/resources/latest+news/2013/april/board+suspends+changes+to+recruiting+communications+rules>
<http://ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/ncaa/resources/latest+news/2013/april/di+board+retains+current+initial-eligibility+sliding+scale>

Men’s Basketball Calendar Change

The Board of Directors approved the change to the preseason calendar proposed for Men’s Basketball. Under the new legislation the Men’s Basketball Program will be permitted to begin their preseason practices 42 days prior to their first date of competition. During these 42 days the program is limited to 30 days of practice.

A full article detailing the process of the legislation and its impact can be found at:
<http://ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/ncaa/resources/latest+news/2013/april/calendar+moves+forward+for+midnight+madness>

Recruiting Calendar

BASEBALL

Mar 1-Apr 15	Contact
Apr 15-18	DEAD

XC/ TRACK & FIELD

Feb 3-Mar 7	Contact
Mar 8-10	DEAD
Mar 11-June 5	Contact

FOOTBALL

Feb 8-Apr 14	Quiet
Apr 15- May 31	Evaluation

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Oct. 6-Mar 31	Recruiting
Apr 1-3	Quiet
Apr 4- 11	DEAD
Apr 11-24	Recruiting*
*Except Apr 15-18	DEAD
*Apr 19-21	Evaluation

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Mar 1 –Apr 4	Contact
Apr 5-18	DEAD*
*Except 1 certified event and Apr 12-14 Evaluation	
Apr 4- 11	DEAD
*Apr 19-21	Evaluation

VOLLEYBALL

Feb. 1-July 31	Contact
Apr 15-18	DEAD
May 1-24	Quiet

GOLF/ ROWING/ TENNIS/ DIVING

Apr 15-18	DEAD
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What Does This Mean For Clemson?

Q) What impact does the suspension of RWG 11-2 have on Clemson?

A) The rules remain the same as in previous years regarding the functions of operations and administrative staff. ONLY those designated as a head or assistant coach may participate in any recruiting activities (i.e. in-home visits, recruiting phone calls, etc). Administrators or staff with sport specific responsibilities (i.e. Director of Operations) may not take part in any recruiting activities with a PSA.

Q) Can coaching staff members communicate with PSAs through any medium that would like?

A) No. All regulations regarding the timing of communication and modes of communication used when communicating with a PSA remain the same as they were for the 2012-13 academic year. The NCAA did not push the timing up for the first initial contact, nor did they open up the modes of communication used. As such you are still prohibited from mentioning a prospect via the @username function on twitter or posting on their Facebook wall. If you have any specific questions on the communication limitations for your sport please contact Compliance Services as each sport differs regarding the frequency of communication between coaching staffs and prospective student-athletes.

Q) Can the coaching staff mail anything they would like to a PSA during the recruiting process?

A) No. With the suspension of RWG 13-5A the regulations regarding what printed materials may be sent to PSAs remains the same as the 2012-13 academic year. We will not be able to send Fatheads, life-sized cutouts of coaching staff members, or game programs to PSAs as many coaching staff members had proposed during our discussions on this proposal in the spring semester.

Q) What happens next regarding the proposed change to ban live scouting of competition outside of a tournament setting?

A) There will be an online vote for all of the membership to decide on the future of live scouting through the NCAA's membership website. If you feel that Clemson needs to vote against the prohibition of live scouting please let one of the Compliance Services staff members know by 5/20/2013 so that we may submit our institutional position on this legislation.

Q) What recruiting class will the new sliding scale impact and how will it impact them?

A) The new sliding scale will affect those PSAs enrolling as freshmen in the fall of 2016. If their core course GPA or their qualifying Test Score fall below the 2.3 and 900 SAT/75 ACT threshold then that PSA will need to serve an academic year of readiness where they may receive financial aid and practice but they may not compete for the University. Additionally, the board approved the proposed change to only accept the best 16 core courses when determining the core GPA for initial eligibility.

If you have any other questions regarding the actions taken by the Board of Directors and how they affect Clemson moving forward please contact Compliance Services.