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2015 Regional Rules

DIVISION II AND III INSTITUTIONS WITH DIVISION I SPORTS – FOUNDATIONAL

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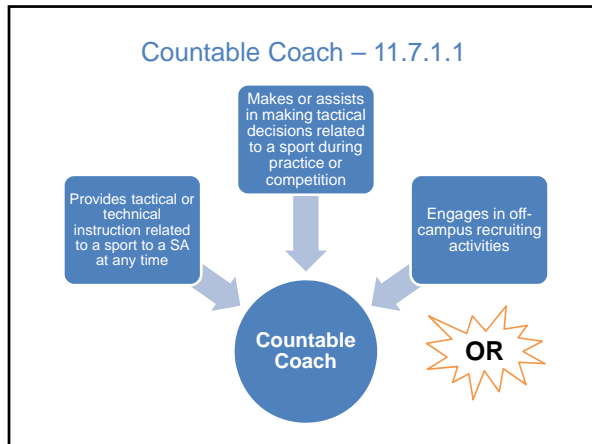
Positions

Position	Definition
<i>Head Coach & Assistant Coach</i>	Individuals designated by the institution to fill the coaching limits for a sport
<i>Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach</i>	A coach who is an undergraduate student-athlete that has exhausted eligibility in her sport or has become injured and is unable to practice or compete ever again
<i>Volunteer Coach</i>	A coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from athletics or an organization that is funded by or promotes athletics
<i>Manager</i>	An undergraduate or graduate student who performs traditional managerial duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration)
<i>Weight or Strength Coach</i>	A coach who conducts flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities
<i>Noncoaching Staff Member (Sport Specific)</i>	An individual who performs administrative duties for a sport program and is prohibited from participating in on-court or on-field activities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant)

Limitations on Number & Duties					
Position	Limit	Contact & Evaluate	Scout	Criteria	Instruction
Head Coach & Assistant Coach	Yes (11.7.6)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach	Yes (11.7.6.2.2)	No	No	Yes (11.01.5)	Yes
Volunteer Coach	Yes (11.7.6.2.3)	No	No	Yes (11.01.6)	Yes
Manager	No	No	No	Yes (11.01.7)	No
Weight or Strength Coach	No	No	No	No	No
Noncoaching Staff Member (Sport Specific)	No	No	No	No	No

Program Example – Ice Hockey	
Position	Limits on Number
Head Coach & Assistant Coach	3
Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach	3
Graduate Assistant Coach	0
Volunteer Coach	1
Manager	No Limit
Weight or Strength Coach	No Limit
Noncoaching Staff Member (Sport Specific)	No Limit

Limitations Case Study	
Question: May your women's ice hockey program employ a graduate assistant coach?	Answer: No, DI only permits graduate assistant coaches in FBS football and women's rowing. Would need to classify the coach within permissible coaching limits based on duties regardless of title.



Countable Coach Case Study

<p>Question:</p> <p>May a director of basketball operations referee during basketball practice?</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>No, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities is prohibited from participating in on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assisting with drills).</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">July 24, 2014, Educational Column</p>
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Countable Coach Case Study

<p>Question:</p> <p>Your institution hires a free throw shooting consultant to attend basketball practice, observe the student-athletes' shooting technique and discuss her observations with the coaching staff.</p> <p>Does this trigger countable coach legislation?</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>No, provided the outside consultant does not provide any technical or tactical instruction to the student-athletes at any time.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">July 24, 2014, Educational Column</p>
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Bylaw 11.6 Scouting of Opponents

Off-campus, in-person scouting is prohibited.

- Future opponents in the same season.
- Exception for the same event at the same site (Bylaw 11.6.1.1).
- Exception for conference or NCAA championships (Bylaw 11.6.1.2). **Check Sport's Championship Policies**

Bylaw 11.6.1 Scouting of Opponents

Your Team's 2015-16 Schedule		
Non-Championship Segment		
September 14	Tech	Home
Championship Segment		
February 17	Tech	Away

Tech & University are competing on September 20

Question: May your head coach or assistant coach scout the Tech & University game on September 20?

Answer:

No, because your team is scheduled to compete against Tech on February 17, so Tech is considered a future opponent.

Bylaw 11.6.1.1 Scouting of Opponents

Fact Pattern:

Your ice hockey team won their first tournament match and the team is staying at the site after the competition to watch a future opponent.

Is it permissible for your undergraduate student-assistant coach and volunteer coach to remain with the team?

Answer:

Yes, the entire travel team may observe a future opponent at the same site on the same date that the institution's team competes.

No observation permitted at any other sites or on any other days that the institution does not compete.

- March 17, 2014, Staff Interpretation.

Bylaw 11.6.1.1 Scouting of Opponents

Fact Pattern:

Your ice hockey team is competing in a tournament that has three separate sites (A, B & C). Your team is only competing at site A and B but wants to scout a future opponent at site C.

Is this permissible?

Answer:

No, a head coach or assistant coach may only scout future opponents at the sites the team has played or will play during the course of the event/tournament.

- No same day requirement
- Multiple fields or gyms at a facility constitutes a single site

Division I Transfer Directive

- Immediate eligibility will no longer be provided for undergraduate student-athletes who are not eligible to use a transfer exception
- A one-year extension of the five-year clock for mitigating circumstances may be provided
- Effective for all undergraduate transfers seeking immediate eligibility during the 2015-16 academic year and thereafter

Non-Athletic Promotional Activities Post Enrollment

• Scenario

- A student-athlete comes into your office and wants to discuss a new project. She has decided that she wants to take her singing talent out of the shower and to the next level. She wants to know if she can produce, sell and perform her own music while still maintaining eligibility. She figures it's OK since she has a friend on another team that started selling her paintings online.

Non-Athletic Promotional Activities Post Enrollment

- DI Bylaw 12.5.2.1(Advertisements and Promotions after becoming a Student-Athlete)
 - Can't use name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of commercial product or service.
- DI Bylaw 12.4.4 (Self Employment)
 - May establish own business;
 - But, the student-athlete's name, photograph, appearance or athletics reputation can not be used to promote the business.

Non-Athletic Promotional Activities Post Enrollment

- Options for SA
 - Pseudonym
 - Waiver

21st Birthday Hockey and Skiing

- DI Bylaw 12.1.8.3.5
 - Lose seasons of competition for competition during each 12 month-period after 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment in a collegiate institution.
 - Enrollment in nontraditional institutions (i.e., no semester/quarter) is not appropriate initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

Open Forum:
Financial Aid and Awards and Benefits

- Questions?
