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IMPORTANT JUNE RECRUITING DATES

June 2: SAT Test

June 9: ACT Test

June 15: Division II coaches may begin making telephone calls to all 2008 grads

RECENT ADDITIONS TO CPOA Pennsylvania

Corey Jenkins – Kiski Area – Soccer
Ben Sollenberger – Northern Bedford – Football
Nicholas Stultz – Chestnut Ridge - Track

2007 CPOA PA College Signings

Matt Riddle – Kiski Prep – Football –University of Dayton
Elizabeth Robinson – Greensburg Central Catholic – Soccer – Duquense U.
Ryan Goodman – Greater Latrobe – Wrestling – West Virginia
Maurielle Blake – Freeport – Soccer – Carlow College
Steven Moyemont – Mt. Pleasant Area – Football – Clarion
Alex Bearer – Mt. Pleasant Area – Football – Duquense
Ashley Bates – Greater Latrobe – Soccer – Chatham College
Andrew Armstrong – Trinity – Baseball – University of Charleston
Brent Heckel – Greater Latrobe – Football – Waynesburg College
Jessica Berardino – Peters Township – Softball – Muskingum College
Mike Deems – New Brighton – Baseball – Thiel College
Stefan Firmstone – Mt. Pleasant Area – Wrestling – Washington and Jefferson College
Donald Mignogna – Kiski Area - Football – Carnegie Mellon

Colby Bigam – Connellsville – Football – St. Vincent College
Jordan Zuenges – Derry Area – Softball – Slippery Rock
Seth Menart – Mt. Pleasant Area – Soccer – Cal State
Ryan Lehman - Mt. Pleasant Area – Soccer – W&J
Mathiew Olshewski – Marion Center – Football – Lake Erie College
Nick Sorice – Greater Latrobe – Football – Westmister
Tom Randazza – Pine Richland – Football – Lehigh
Josh Hopkin – Yough – Soccer – Allegheny
Nick Hogue – Greater Latrobe – Baseball – WCCC
Derek Taylor – Kittanning – Football - W&J
Andrea Fischione – Franklin Regional – Track – Case Western
Adam Nyswaner – South Fayette – Baseball - Bethany

NCAA News

NCAA Tightens Regs For Core Courses

The NCAA has approved a change in how core courses can be used to satisfy eligibility requirements for Division I. The change is not dramatic like the increase to 16 core courses required from the current 14 for all students who enroll at a Division I school after August 1, 2008, but it is nevertheless important.

The bylaw as it was written only specified that core courses completed in grades nine through 12 could be used to satisfy core course requirements, with a few exceptions.

The new bylaw to go into effect this August specifies that a prospective student-athlete complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of his or her 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]. This slight change in the language could affect someone who, for example, repeats a grade in high school from meeting eligibility requirements. Of course there is a waiver system that can be used in the proper circumstances (i.e., students with a certifiable reason for repeating a year with an extended illness), but the NCAA is clearly trying to make certain prospects are graduating with the high school class with which they began 9th grade.

Here are a few FAQ's that could be relevant:

Question: Will the amended legislation affect prospective student-athletes whose expected date of graduation is in 2007?

Answer: Yes. Prospective student-athletes whose expected date of graduation is with the 2007 class, but failed to meet graduation requirements, will not be able to use coursework completed after the 2006-07 academic year.

Question: How will this legislation affect prospective student-athletes with disabilities?

Answer: The legislation does not impact prospective student-athletes with a diagnosed disability that is approved by NCAA Disability Services. These

prospective student-athletes may use coursework completed prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution.

Question: May an initial-eligibility waiver be filed for a student-athlete who does not meet the requirements?

Answer: Yes. The initial-eligibility waiver process is available for situations in which a prospective student-athlete is required to repeat a grade which results in an inability to meet the requirements. These waivers will be considered by the eligibility center and governance committees.

Question: If an individual completes a core course after his or her expected date of graduation, may it be considered in the initial-eligibility certification process?

Answer: Only those individuals who graduate within the appropriate timeframe (eight semesters) may take advantage of the additional core course considered in the initial-eligibility certification process. Prospective student-athletes who do not graduate in eight semesters with their class may not use any courses taken after eight semesters, unless they have a documented and approved disability. This latest bylaw change simply continues the trend of raising the academic bar for prospects. It certainly will not be the final move in this direction.

Our thanks to CPOA rep Bret Shambaugh in Indianapolis for his assistance in tipping us to this amended bylaw and helping us understand its impact through the Frequently Asked Questions.

SPORTS ADDITIONS / DROPS

Eastern Illinois University, NCAA Division I located in Charleston, IL, is discontinuing its wrestling program, effective immediately. The university's president cited poor academic performance by the wrestlers as the reason, noting that the team would be losing scholarships under the NCAA's Academic Progress Report (APR) scores.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC, is adding a men's volleyball team that will begin competing during the 2008 season.

Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA, is reinstating three women's sports that it dropped last year. Swimming, water polo and field hockey are back in the athletic fold along with a promise to contribute \$300,000 over three years toward the programs.

University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX, will field a football team beginning in the fall of 2009. The major benefactor of the program is New Orleans Saints owner and San Antonio businessman Tom Benson, who is paying for a 3000-seat on-campus facility for the team.

CPOA PA News

Penn/Ohio College Softball Showcase - July 13th

Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA

2nd Annual CPOA Softball Showcase to be held on Friday, July 13th at the W&J Softball Complex

CPOA PA News – Speaking Circuit

- Mr. Rock will speak at Tom Alper's Kicking Camp on Monday June 18 at the Elizabeth Forward H.S.

CONTACT SHEETS

Remember to keep track of all questionnaires, calls, etc from college coaches with the contact sheets found in your STUDENT PACKET. Email me at martin.rock@cpoapa.com if you need additional copies!

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE

Every CPOA PA Student-Athlete has received a NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete as part of the STUDENT PACKET you received when you joined the program. In this guide, you find instructions on how to apply for your NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse Number. Eligibility is based on what core courses have been completed, SAT scores and overall GPA in core courses. NCAA approved core courses, by high school, can be found at <http://actrs7.act.org/ahs>.

STUDENTS APPLY FOR THEIR NCAA ECN AT THE END OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR. HOWEVER, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO REVIEW ELIGIBILITY AS EARLY AS THE SOPHOMORE YEAR TO ENSURE THE CORRECT COURSES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED! For more information about the process, email martin.rock@cpoapa.com for a NCAA Guide or call 888-ASK-CPOA (CPOA Program Members Only).

INTERNET UPDATES

If you have update information for your Internet profile, please forward to martin.rock@cpoapa.com. Remember that you automatically receive (2) two free updates per year. If you've upgraded your program to receive unlimited updates you can send updates every day/week if you'd like. Updates take approximately 72 hours to be made online.

REFERRAL PROGRAM

Do you know of a high school student athlete with the ability to perform at the collegiate level? A teammate from high school? Club team? From the newspaper? If so, contact your CPOA representative at martin.rock@cpoapa.com and if that athlete signs with CPOA PA, **you receive a \$50 referral fee!**

Season End Updates

Attention fall sport athletes, your season end update forms which were mailed to you are **now overdue**. There are hundreds of coaches out there awaiting an update on your stats, awards and accomplishments from the past season. Please complete these and return to your CPOA representative immediately.

RECRUITING SEMINARS

CPOA Pennsylvania is planning to conduct several recruiting training sessions over the next few months. These sessions will include the basics of the recruiting process, how to choose the right college, review of NCAA rules and regulations, and how to best navigate this important process of college selection. Please let us know if you have interest in hosting one of these sessions for your teammates (students/parents) or teams/booster clubs (coaches).