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IMPORTANT JULY RECRUITING DATES

July 1 - NCCA coaches in all sports except Div. I-A and II-AA football may make a phone calls to 2009 grads once per week and men's ice hockey coaches may make one call to a student from a foreign country who has completed his sophomore year in high school

RECENT ADDITIONS TO CPOA Pennsylvania

Zach Kenly – Baseball, Basketball And Football – Greater Latrobe
Andrew Edwards – Golf – Hopewell
Matt Vogt – Golf – Seneca Valley
Greg Langer – Football – Pine Richland
Eric Minerd – Football – Laurel Highlands

NCAA News

July 1 – Important Phone Date

Here's our semi-annual reminder regarding the July 1 telephone call to rising senior prospects.

In all sports other than basketball and football, July 1 is the first day that coaches in NCAA Division I may begin contacting seniors-to-be by phone one time per week.

Families need to understand, probably to their surprise, that it's getting late in the recruiting process. The calendar is moving forward in every sport and for kids who are not on enough recruiting lists now, they cannot afford to wait any longer.

Of course, not every coach picks up the phone on July 1 and begins ringing up prospects hour after hour. Coaches have a life too, and those that work on an 11-month contract are usually on vacation during the month of July. Still, this is the ultimate test for prospects to find out how many coaches know about them.

Stafford Loan Interest Rate Drops

For students who borrow through the Stafford Loan program, the interest rate is dropping 0.8% effective July 1st.

The new rate for Stafford Loans taken between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009, is 6.0 percent. The federal government is lowering the rate as part of a plan to cut it to a little more than three percent over the next three years.

The maximum amount a student can borrow through the Stafford Loan program has also been increased.

Rates for PLUS loans, those taken by parents to close the remaining cost gap after all financial aid has been offered to a student, remain at 7.9 percent.

Former Golf Clients Shine

Former CPOA clients have been making a mark in professional golf recently. Marva Hall, our European coordinator and one who keeps a watchful eye on her former clients more than anyone else, reported these results over the past month:

Robert Dinwiddie (Tennessee State) broke the course record at Wentworth Club in England, shooting a 63 during the second round of the European PGA Championship in May. In June, Robert qualified to play in the U. S. Open Championship at Torrey Pines in California. He finished tied for 36th, but was in the top ten as late as Saturday afternoon. At month's end, he was ranked 78th on the European PGA Tour.

Luke Donald (Northwestern) was headed for a high finish at the U. S. Open before withdrawing during the final round with a wrist injury. A favorite to make the Ryder Cup team in September, Donald is currently ranked 36th on the European Order of Merit and 25th on the PGA Tour FedEx standings.

Ross McGowan (Tennessee), former English Amateur champion, is ranked 64th on the Euro Tour. Also a U. S. Open qualifier, Ross made the cut and finished tied for 77th. He has two top ten finishes on the European PGA Tour since early May.

Chris Devlin (Alabama-Birmingham), playing on the NGA Hooters Tour here in the U. S., has one top five finish this season. Chris also qualified for the U. S. Open at Torrey Pines but did not make the cut.

Stuart Manley (West Florida), a former Walker Cup player for England, is 175th in earnings on the European Tour.

Karen Stupples (Florida State) tied for 31st at the U. S. Women's Open Championship that concluded on June 29th. A CPOA Board of Advisors member (along with Luke Donald), she is in the top 20 on the LPGA Tour's money list,

earning just shy of \$400,000 so far this season. Karen is a past champion of one of the major tournaments on the women's schedule, the British Open.

Becky Morgan, an NCAA All-American while at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, is 57th on the LPGA Tour money list this season and has one top 10 finish. She is third on tour in driving accuracy and ranked in the top 50 in putting.

New Wall of Famers

Tom Elias has nominated two former clients for the CPOA Wall of Fame.

Justin Masterson, a right-handed pitcher now in the Boston Red Sox starting rotation, attended high school in Beavercreek, Ohio and college at San Diego State. After a meteoric rise through the minor leagues, Justin made his major league debut in April 2008. He's been an effective starter, compiling a record of 4-and-1 with an ERA of 3.43 through the end of June. The six-foot-six, 250-pounder, born in Kingston, Jamaica, is only 23 years old. He is considered by many scouts to be one of the outstanding pitching prospects in the Red Sox farm system.

Jonathan Hufford, a 2005 high school graduate from Oxford, Ohio, was named the 24th Presidential International Scholar at Wofford University in Spartanburg, SC, in May. He's an offensive lineman on the Terriers football team. As the school's only recipient of the Presidential award, Jonathan will visit developing countries during his senior year of college and conduct research on an independent study project. Jonathan is a former National Merit Scholar and is president of his fraternity at Wofford. He plans to pursue a career in medicine. We are most pleased to induct these former clients into our Hall of Fame. Thanks, Tom, for submitting their names. If you have candidate for our HOF, send us their name and achievements. Then watch for them in a future newsletter!

“New” SAT Yields Similar Results

Paul Simon's classic song “The Boxer” features a lyric, “After changes upon changes, things are more or less the same”. The College Board, guardian of the SAT, says the “new” version of the test (which isn't so new anymore), yields results that are not unlike the previous version of the test. If this development counts as “news”, and that is questionable, it prompts applause from the test's proponents, scorn from its critics, and little surprise from admissions deans.

College Board officials say the revisions to the exam—including the addition of a writing section in 2005—did not diminish its value to admissions offices. It turns out the writing section is more predictive of freshman grade-point averages than the other two sections, critical reading and math. However, the best predictor, at least marginally, continues to be the student's grades in high school.

So far, colleges have had a mixed response to the writing section, which includes a 25-minute essay. The NCAA does not take the writing section into account when determining a prospective athlete's eligibility for college competition.

Perhaps the most significant changes in the SAT affect students—not colleges. The revised test lasts three hours and 45 minutes (45 minutes longer than its predecessor) and costs \$45, up from \$29.50. The College Board's research evaluated data on approximately 150,000 students at 110 four-year institutions.

Sports Sponsorships

High Point University, NCAA Division I in High Point, NC, has dropped both its men's and women's tennis program, effective immediately. (corrected)

Polytechnic University, NCAA Division III in New York City, will sponsor a women's lacrosse team beginning in 2009.

CPOAPA News

CPOA Clients Sign with Colleges

- Dan Sivak – Mt. Pleasant area will continue his Football career at Bethany College.
- Liz Donnelly – Derry Area will continue her Soccer career at Limestone College in South Carolina
- Cassie Sanderson – Elizabeth Forward will continue her Basketball career at Wheeling Jesuit University
- William Ferguson – Fairfax HS will continue his Football career at St. Vincent College
- Stephen Martinkovich – North Allegheny will continue his Baseball career at Allegheny College
- Lauren Cassler – Ligonier Valley will continue her Soccer career at Carlow University
- Coty Hainsey – Chestnut Ridge HS will continue his Soccer career at Westminster College
- Ashley Baughman – Hopewell HS will continue her Softball career at Carlow University
- Elena Reed – Elk County Christian will continue her Soccer career at Mercyhurst College

- Jason Timmons – Greater Latrobe will continue his Track career at Monmouth University
- Jordan Donaldson – Tussey Mountain will continue his Tarck career at Bucknell
- Ben Sollenberger – Northern Bedford will continue his Football career at Shippensburg University
- Glennis Robash – Mars HS will continue her Soccer career at Penn State Behrend
- Dan Matyas – Valley HS will continue his Ice Hockey career at Denison University
- Glenn Moyer – Greensburg Salem will continue his Football career at Washington and Jefferson College
- Cassie Nath – Ligonier Valley will continue her Soccer career at University of Pittsburgh Johnstown
- Sean Schetka – New Brighton will continue his Soccer Career at Southern Vermont University
- Jacob Gibas – Greater Latrobe will continue his Football career at Rose-Hulman in Indiana.
- Mike Godissart – Chestnut Ridge will continue his Baseball career at Mt. Aloysius College
- Mike Sawlsville - Mt. Pleasant area will continue his Football career at Bethany College.
- Harlan Funk – Mt. Pleasant Area will continue his Football career at Waynesburg College
- Katrina Kelly – Connellsville will continue her Soccer career at Waynesburg College.

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 all 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).