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IMPORTANT MAY RECRUITING DATES

5/1: SAT Test

5/7: ACT registration postmark date for June 12th test.

5/13: SAT late registration postmark date for June 5th test.

5/19: Basketball (late) final signing date for National Letter of Intent

5/21: ACT late registration postmark date for June 12th test.

Financial Aid News

DII schools offer athletic scholarships. The number of athletic scholarships vary by sport and if it is mens or womens. For example DII mens basketball programs are allowed up to 10 full athletic scholarships and womens are allowed up to 10 full athletic scholarships. If the program holds only 10 on a roster then each can receive a full ride. If the program holds more than 10, than the coach can split the full athletic scholarships. DIII programs do not offer athletic scholarships and it is against DIII rules to provide additional merit or aid based on athletic ability. For all schools no matter the division or association you can receive academic scholarships. The amount awarded will vary by school, as each school has different policies and requirements. We have seen some student-athletes receive full academic scholarships to cover the cost of attendance. The schools typically grant academic monies off of GPA, test scores and class rank. Schools may also have department or presidential scholarships than can be anywhere from \$500 to \$25,000

RECENT ADDITIONS TO CPOA Pennsylvania

Ben Wilt – Hampton – Soccer

Ian Helsel – Ferndale – Baseball

Alex Franc – Vincentian – Baseball

Anthony Deni – Jeannette – Football

CPOA Clients / College Decisions

Evan Kelly – Seton LaSalle will continue his Football career at the University of Richmond

Sara Scheidmantel – Beaver Area will continue her Golf career at Youngstown State University

Max Pawk – Sewickley Academy will continue his Lacrosse career at Franklin & Marshall College

Morgan Sharick – Burrell HS will continue her Soccer career at the University of Pittsburgh

Jessie Vilkofsky – Elizabeth Forward HS will continue her Soccer career at the Wheeling Jesuit University

Zachary Carter – Hampton will continue his Soccer career at Johns Hopkins University

Jenn Stefano – Connellsville will continue her Softball career at Chatham College

Christopher Hunkele – Hampton will continue his Soccer career at California University of PA.

Chelsy Cosentino – Kiski Area will continue her Softball career at St. Francis University

Jenna Dunlay – McKeesport will continue her Softball career at Chatham University

Tyler Lukart – Norwin will continue his Football career at Clarion University

Corey Spegal – Bethel Park will continue his Football career at Mercyhurst College

Adam Kelly – Mars will continue his Baseball career at Mt. Union College

Drake Greer – Bishop Canevin will continue his Football career at the University of Pittsburgh

Adam Lazenga – Bethel Park will continue his Football career at the University of Pittsburgh

Sarah Sandin – Yough will continue her Basketball career at Point Park University

Lacie Rosensteel – Connellsville will continue her Soccer career at Seton Hill University

Alyssa Ross – Thomas Jefferson will continue her Soccer career at St. Vincent College

Tenesha Corrales – Kiski Area will continue her Soccer career at St. Vincent College

Quinn Hood – Baldwin will continue his Football career at the College of Wooster

Nate Campbell – Greater Latrobe will continue his Baseball career at Capital University

Bryce Whittingham – Beaver Area will continue his Football career at Thiel College.

TJ Dovie – Greater Latrobe will continue his Football career at Waynesburg University

Mara Shingleton – Butler will continue her Golf career at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida

Brenna O’Leary – Peters Township will continue her Soccer career at Seton Hill University

NCAA News

Title IX Policy Reversed

Surveying female college students on their interest in playing sports is no longer a suitable method for satisfying Title IX compliance according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The federal department has withdrawn the policy, which was created to allow schools to help determine what sports teams would be fielded for female athletes. Their position now is that survey results alone are not sufficient evidence of a lack of student interest in sports.

The reversal is a victory for advocates of gender equity in sports who viewed the policy as a damaging loophole to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination at institutions that receive federal funds. For decades, the department has used a three-part test to determine whether colleges are in compliance with Title IX. Under that test, a college must meet one of three requirements: have the proportion of female athletes be the same as the proportion of female students; have a history and continued practice of expanding athletics programs for women; or demonstrate that the women's athletic program fully and effectively accommodates the interest of current and prospective female students. Though the survey plan was intended to satisfy the third element of the test, it never gained traction on college campuses or the support of the NCAA. Ironically, the Title IX amendment itself makes no specific mention of athletics, but the law is best known for its application to high-school and college sports: Since the 1970s, the rosters of the nation's college sports teams have swelled with women, growing from about 16,000 not long before the law was passed to more than 180,000 this year.

NCAA Chooses New President

The NCAA chose a man considered to be a dark-horse candidate during the selection process as its new president.

Mark A. Emmert, president of the University of Washington, becomes the fifth chief executive of the NCAA. His term is expected to begin November 1. He becomes the second university president to be tapped for the job. He replaces Myles Brand, who died of pancreatic cancer seven months ago.

Over three decades in higher education, Emmert's various stops include former chancellor at Louisiana State University and other posts at the University of Connecticut, Montana State University, and the University of Colorado.

Emmert's task is unenviable. Many athletics programs are reeling from budget cuts and, within Division I, the divide between the wealthiest programs and those that struggle mightily to keep up has grown larger. Some athletes in high-profile sports still lag in the classroom. And talk of major conference realignment has dominated sports headlines for weeks. He does inherit an incredibly rich, brand-new television agreement between the NCAA and CBS/Turner Sports to televise the NCAA basketball tournament, and he arrives at a time when NCAA sports have never been more popular with fans.

Emmert's initial goals are to "stay the course with academic requirements for athletes" that Myles Brand had championed. He said he would help campus leaders navigate the tough economic circumstances, added that he aims "to help those outside the world of college sports better understand what athletes' experiences are like", and to deal with challenges athletes face in devoting long hours to excel at their sports while also putting in "the time required to be a serious student."

Emmert's history at LSU and Washington suggest he's an aggressive CEO in support of big-time college football, more so than his predecessor who was not universally liked in the college sports community. Two years ago, after the storied Washington football team completed a winless season, Emmert supported hiring a new coach at a \$2-million a year salary. But he has made tough choices too. Last year, in an effort to close a nearly \$3-million budget shortfall, Washington's athletics department eliminated its nationally ranked men's and women's swimming program, shaving \$1.2-million off a budget of around \$65-million. Emmert came out in favor of a football playoff system in a 2008 but has since downplayed that interview. He has also publicly opposed the "one and done" rule where freshmen basketball players jump to the pros after one season, and he plans to talk to the NBA about the future of the rule. However, Emmert will almost certainly make no major announcements now. The NCAA annual convention takes place two and a half months after he officially begins his new job. That may be the first glimpse into some of the new president's plans for the future.

Recruiting Rule Relaxed for Hoops Coaches

College basketball coaches no longer need to shy away from potential recruits during summer camps and clinics on their own campus. The NCAA Division I Legislative Council has announced it will allow coaches to have "recruiting discussions" on campus, loosening a rule that was nearly impossible to enforce. The change does not mean coaches can go into a full-court press recruiting mode, but they can chat with players they are recruiting. The rule does not permit full campus tours or some other activities permissible on an Official Visit, but the reins are certainly loosened.

The Council rejected a number of other proposed changes, including one that would have banned all "outside" coaches from working summer camps or clinics and one that would have reduced the regular season limit on the number of games played by one game.

Sports Participation Rates Continue to Climb

According to the NCAA's latest [Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report](#), more than 421,000 young men and women participated on more than 17,800 college teams last year. The total number of student-athletes represents about a 2 percent rise from the year before and maintains an approximate 2 percent growth in the last five years and in six of the last seven. Much of the growth came in women's sports, which saw an increase of 90 teams. Combined with an increase of 42 men's teams, the number of teams in sports for which the NCAA sponsors a championship exceeded the previous all-time high from 2007-08.

While more of the overall team total comes from women's teams (53 percent), males account for more of the participants (57.2 percent). Almost 65,000 of that total are football players.

The number of women's teams has increased each year for the past 26 years. While men's teams have decreased in three of the last 10 years, the number has increased steadily since 2003-04 and is at a record high in 2008-09 (8,344 teams).

In 2008-09, just as in the past two years, the average NCAA member institution sponsored about 17 teams, eight for men and nine for women. The trend of sponsoring more teams for women than for men began in 1997-98. Compared to 1981-82, the average NCAA school in 2008-09 sponsored about two more women's teams and one fewer men's team.

In 2008-09, there were 157 men's teams and 197 women's teams added at NCAA member institutions. Since 1988-89, there have been 2,947 men's teams and 4,282 women's teams added. Conversely, 63 men's and 57 women's teams were dropped at NCAA schools last year. Since 1988-89, there have been 2,605 men's teams and 1,748 women's teams dropped.

The most frequently added women's sport was golf with 36 new teams, followed by lacrosse, tennis and indoor track and field. The women's sport that has been added the most since 1988-89 is soccer with 617 new programs.

On the men's side, the most frequently added sports were indoor track and field and tennis with 19 new programs each, followed by golf and cross country. The men's sport that has been added the most since 1988-89 is indoor track and field with 377 new teams.

Ironically, the most frequently dropped sports last year were the same as the most popular add-ons, with 11 women's golf programs and 19 men's tennis teams being eliminated.

Since 1981-82, there have been more women's basketball teams sponsored than any other women's team. Volleyball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, and track and field are the next most highly sponsored sports for women, in that order.

As is the case with women's sports, there have been more men's basketball teams sponsored than any other men's sport. The next most highly sponsored sports for men are (in order) cross country, baseball, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and football.

The proportion of male to female student-athletes participating in NCAA championship sports is highest in Division II, with 60 percent of participants being male.

In 2008-09, the average NCAA member institution had approximately 399 student-athletes (228 males and 171 females). Since 1981-82, football has had the most participants of any men's sport. That trend continued in 2008-09, with football having more than twice as many participants as baseball.

Sports Sponsorships

Wagner College, NCAA Division I on Staten Island, NY, adds women's diving. The school already has a women's swim team.

University of California – Davis, NCAA Division I, is dropping four programs effective July 1. Men's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, wrestling and women's rowing are being cut. 153 athletes are affected. UC Davis will still offer 23 varsity sports.

Tennessee Tech, NCAA Division I in Cookeville, Tenn., will discontinue its rifle and women's tennis teams at the end of the school year.

Ohio Wesleyan, NCAA Division III, adds women's golf to its sports offerings beginning this fall.

After announcing in March that it was dropping five sports, **Wheaton College** (Division III) in Illinois now says enough money has been raised privately to reinstate four of those teams. As a result, men's golf, women's golf, men's tennis and women's water polo have been reinstated at least through the 2013-14 school year.

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!

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 spring 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).