



Agenda for the
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Compliance Coordinators Conference Call

September 9, 2009
10 a.m.

Present: Kathy Heitzman (Bloom); Karen Hjerpe (Cal); Connie Hayes (Chey); Wendy Snodgrass (Clar); Carey Snyder (ESU); Todd Jay (Edin); Fran Nee (IUP); Michelle Gober (KU); Sharon Taylor, Peter Campbell & Efrain Cirilo (LHU); Kris Decker (Mans); Steve Roach (Mill); Jeff Michaels, Carrie Michaels & Time Verge (Ship); Amy Badorf (SRU); Kelli Milliner (WCU); Carlin Chesick & Steve Murray (PSAC).

1. Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Kathy inquired to the group how each school was coding their Board of Government grants in CAi. These grants should never count as a part of countable athletic related aid.
3. Wendy asked if anyone had ever had to certify an athlete who never took SAT/ACT because he joined the military directly out of high school. Kathy said that without an SAT/ACT he would be a partial qualifier. Fran agreed but also said there is a military waiver through the NCAA that could help and told her to look into this waiver. Carlin told Wendy she would ask Jenn, our NCAA contact, for more information concerning how to certify this athlete.
4. Steve Roach questioned how other schools were counting fall sport athletes during the spring season. Jeff stated that Shippensburg has a tryout in the spring and then everyone goes on the squad list. However, they are not counters under EADA. Sharon confirmed and added that they would be counters in the spring if they receive aid.
5. Fran confirmed with the group that they are all sending out written notification to PSA's for official visits, along with the graduation rates etc. (Bylaw 13.6.1.2.1). There is legislation being sponsored to drop the written notification and that schools must track the 5 official visits allowed by a PSA. There was not much support. In addition, schools may only provide one room for lodging for PSA's during an official visit. Jeff provided an interp from Jess Rigler stating that if a PSA decides to stay on campus, the parent/legal guardian may use the room. The room still needs to stay under that PSA's name and paid for by the institution (Bylaws 13.6.5 & 13.6.8).
6. Fran expressed concerns regarding the Tobacco policies on campus and at the NCAA level (Bylaws 11.1.5 & 17.1.9). Several schools are trying to make strides on this with little success. Some schools have issues more so with the coaches and faculty rather than the SA's. Keep in mind, a series of secondary violations with no corrections become major violations. Steve

Murray told the group to document the information because in the past this issue has been used to terminate individuals. In addition, for the PASSHE schools, not all campuses are smoke-free. The union fought this over the summer.

7. Fran reminded the group the APC is due at the end of November. In addition, if schools have transfers, they must be counted in the cohort where they initially began.

8. Other Business:

Jeff brought up an interp from the conference office about a tri-scrimmage men's basketball wanted to conduct. Each team competed against would count as one scrimmage. In addition, basketball counts contests rather than days, which could have been confusing for other sports in this interp.

Jeff also asked which schools are having coaches and SA's sign off on their CARA hours. Schools are keeping track in different ways.

Kris brought up a 2-4 transfer situation where her institutional policy limited the amount of transferable degree credits that could be transferred into the university. The SA had 72.5 hours however only 67 were usable. It was determined that she must certify him using only those credits that were transferable – 67.

Todd questioned if any other institutions had policies that mandated a student must complete their final 30 credits at their institution in order to obtain a degree. This is not a PASSHE regulation. Only KU spoke up about having this policy.

Lastly, Carey asked if any schools have institutional policies concerning the HINI virus, otherwise known as swine flu. No schools have policies but many are in the works. Additionally, the PSAC has constructed a draft on HINI for conference play but will have no influence over any institutional decisions.

9. Next Call – The compliance coordinators will not meet in person at the Athletic Administrators meeting in October. The next call will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 10 a.m. The call was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.