



# COYOTE CHAMPION



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## Recruiting Calendar

**February 2010**

Men's Basketball

Women's Basketball

Feb. 1-28 Evaluation Period

Football

Feb. 1-4 Dead Period

Feb. 5-28 Quiet Period

Softball

Feb. 1-28 Contact Period

Track/Cross Country

Feb. 1-4 Dead Period

Feb. 5-28 Contact Period

Soccer

Feb. 1-4 Dead Period

Feb. 5-28 Contact Period

Volleyball

Feb. 1-28 Contact Period

All other sports

Feb. 1-28 Contact Period



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**USD COMPLIANCE**

## Division I Legislative Process

As the University of South Dakota makes the transition to a NCAA Division I Institution, it is important for all stakeholders to be aware of changing legislation. For Division I athletics the NCAA has developed a detailed process for updating and proposing new rules for adoption.

During the month of January the NCAA Legislative Council and Board of Directors conduct meetings to consider proposed legislation. Below are highlights of newly adopted Division I proposals, which are effective immediately.

- **Prop. 2009-33:** Prospects may now be shown or provided audio/video materials that are not created for recruiting purposes and consist only of general information relating to the institution and/or its athletics program
- **Prop. 2009-51-B:** Institutional camps/clinics in sports other than football must now be conducted within a 100-mile radius of campus. This does not impact a coach's ability to work a non-institutional camp outside of the 100-mile radius in sports other than football and basketball.
- **Basketball Only:**
  - **Prop. 2009-30-A:** In basketball, non-coaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities may no longer attend local prospects' athletics events (unless the staff member is a parent/legal guardian of a participant in the event).
  - **Prop. 2009-37:** Women's basketball evaluations at non-institutional non-organized events, such as pick-up games and open gyms, are now prohibited during the summer evaluation periods.

Other proposals were adopted by the Legislative Council, but will not be effective until August 2010. These proposals are open to DI member institutions for comment/amendment until March 17, 2010. In addition, many other Division I rules proposals are still out for comment and will be finalized (adopted or defeated) at Division I Board of Directors meeting in April.

It is important for all Coyote student-athletes, coaches, staff members and even boosters to stay up-to-date on new rules, in order to help athletes remain eligible. Contact the USD Compliance Office with any questions.

## Rules of Importance

**NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.1** limits the amount of time student-athletes may participate in countable athletically related activities. This bylaw states that a student-athlete's participation in athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

Countable athletically related activities are defined as practice, meetings or any other instruction or activity involving sport-related information.

**NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.2** states that outside the playing season during the academic year a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is further limited to eight hours per week. Additionally, in sports other than football, not more than two of the eight hours may be spent on individual workouts. In the sport of football, not more than two hours may be spent on viewing game film.

## Knowledgeable Coyotes

**It is an exciting time in February and then again in April when high school recruits can sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) and scholarship offer to attend USD to get their college education and compete for the Coyotes! A recruiting-rules reminder to our USD athletics representatives (boosters, alumni):**

**Q:** May a USD booster, fan or alumni member e-mail or post messages on a prospective student-athlete's Facebook (or similar social network website) to try to convince him/her to attend USD or to congratulate him/her on signing with USD?

**A:** No. An athletic representative may not e-mail or post messages on the webpage or website of any prospective student-athlete.

### Coyote Reminders

The NCAA states that teams may depart campus no earlier than 48 hours prior to the start of actual competition and must return no more than 36 hours after the conclusion of the actual competition. Some relevant exceptions include:

- Travel prior to/from contests in Hawaii or Alaska
- Travel prior to/from regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year
- Travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events or postseason football games
- Travel prior to/from regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's summer-vacation period



### Congratulations Coyotes!

Rob Gregoire and Bethany Buell were named Great West Conference Track Athletes of the week for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Terry Rolfe and Elizabeth Hoffman were named Summit League Swimmers of the week for the weeks of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Tyler Cain was named Men's Basketball Great West Conference Athlete of the Month for December.

Amber Hegge was named Women's Basketball Great West Conference Athlete of the Week for January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **NCAA Infraction Appeals Update**

### **Infractions panel penalizes Georgia Southern**

*Article provided by NCAA News*

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions has penalized Georgia Southern University for major violations involving the school's men's basketball program.

The case centers on unethical conduct by members of the men's basketball staff stemming from academic fraud and the provision of false and misleading information. The committee also found that the university failed to monitor its men's basketball program.

Penalties in this case include two years of probation, scholarship reductions, recruiting restrictions and a vacation of records. A former assistant coach received a five-year show-cause order and a former director of basketball operations received a two-year show-cause for his involvement.

The show-cause penalties limit these individuals' recruiting and other duties at their present and any future employing institutions.

During the 2007-08 academic year and 2008 summer and fall academic terms, the former assistant coach provided substantial portions of course work, and in some instances completed course work, for two men's basketball student-athletes. This assistance included providing answers; participating in required online chats for one of the student-athletes; and providing papers, essays, and tests for both student-athletes.

In addition, the former assistant coach directed the former director of men's basketball operations to be responsible for one of these student-athletes' required course work. This impermissible assistance included submitting substantial portions of course work, including writing papers, essays and short-answers and completing tests. The former director of operations recalled writing two or three papers, eight to 10 pages long, and spending many hours in the library researching topics.

The committee also found the former assistant coach knowingly furnished the NCAA with false and misleading information about his involvement in and knowledge of the academic-fraud allegations when questioned by the university and NCAA enforcement staff on two separate occasions.

The committee found the university failed to monitor its men's basketball program. The committee noted several factors for this finding, including that it assigned the former assistant coach with oversight responsibility of academics for the men's basketball program. The committee stated in its report, "This responsibility went beyond normal boundaries for a coach and included unfettered access to the men's basketball student-athletes' online academic accounts and contact with professors." Among other factors, the committee found the evidence reflected that the university's compliance program resources were limited, resulting in a lack of time and personnel to monitor the former assistant coach.

The penalties, some of which were self-imposed by the institution and adopted by the committee, include:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Two years of probation (January 20, 2010, to January 19, 2012).
- Five-year show-cause order for the former assistant coach (January 20, 2010, to January 19, 2015).
- Two-year show-cause order for the former director of basketball operations (January 2010, to January 2012).
- Reduction of basketball scholarships by one for the 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years.
- During the 2009-10 academic year, the number of official recruiting visits for men's basketball shall be reduced by four from the maximum of 12 (self-imposed by the university).
- Vacation of all wins in which the two academically ineligible student-athletes competed during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 men's basketball seasons (self-imposed by the university).