

TO: Operators of NCAA Certified Basketball Events/Leagues and Coaches Participating in NCAA Certified Basketball Events.

This info is being sent to make you aware that the criteria utilized in the background check required of those operating NCAA-certified events/leagues and of coaches participating in NCAA-certified events has been changed. The same information has been posted in some format on www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification.

Background Check Criteria Changed to All Felonies. As in years past, **ALL** individuals involved in the operating or managing of an NCAA-certified event or league and all individuals who engage in coaching activities at an NCAA-certified event must be approved through the NCAA Participant Approval Program. Beginning in spring 2011, the criteria utilized in the background screening will be changed and there will no longer be a distinction between violent and nonviolent felonies. In the past, if an individual had been convicted of a nonviolent felony and the charge was older than seven years, an approval could be granted. This is no longer the case. If the background screen returns a felony adjudication for any reason at any time in the applicant's history, that individual would be prohibited from receiving a participant approval number from LexisNexis and will not be permitted to operate an NCAA certified event/league or coach at an NCAA certified event. See: [Memorandum Re: Background Check Criteria Changed to All Felonies](#)

The LexisNexis web site will launch at the beginning of February for those who need to re-apply in 2011.

Additional information affecting those operating or coaches participating in NCAA-certified events include the following:

1. **Men's Basketball - Summer Recruiting.** At the end of October, the Board reviewed a request from the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA) to eliminate the summer evaluation period in men's basketball beginning in the summer of 2011. The Board did not support the immediate elimination of summer recruiting, rather it noted its intent to sponsor such legislation in the 2011-12 legislative cycle and, in the meantime, assigned the Leadership Council, along with appropriate stakeholders, the responsibility to evaluate and create a new comprehensive recruiting model for men's basketball. The Board also suggested that the Legislative Council not take action on proposals in the 2010-11 legislative cycle that impact the recruiting calendar in men's basketball.

Men's Basketball - Use of Division I Campus Facilities Update – Proposal No. 2009-100 is the proposed legislation that would prohibit institutions from hosting, sponsoring or conducting nonscholastic men's basketball practices, contests or events in which men's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs. Two variations of the proposal were discussed at the NCAA Convention in January and the proposals were forwarded to the NCAA membership for review and comment. The Legislative Council will look at this legislation again at their April 2011 meeting. Until then, as previously noted, contracts signed before October 28, 2009, may be honored. Any agreements reached after that date, if the rule is adopted, would constitute a violation for the NCAA institution if this rule is ultimately adopted.

iHoops Coached Education Program Available Soon - Set to launch in early 2011, the iHoops Coaches Education program provides experienced coaches and those new to the profession with substantive tools to improve teaching skills, coaching techniques and strategy, and knowledge of the game and its values. iHoops Coaches Education program offers innovative lessons and valuable continuing education for coaches who want to provide young players with fundamentally stronger instruction, develop their mentoring skills, be more organized, and understand the needs of a variety of age groups is focused on helping coaches teach the game positively, play the right way competitively and with enjoyment, while making the safety and well-being of young players a priority. For more information see [iHoops Coached Education Program Announcement](#) or check out www.iHoops.com.

If you have any questions, please refer to the www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification or [Contact Basketball Certification Staff](#).

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