



COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

*VIA CCC Confer
11:00AM – 12:00PM*

A. CALL TO ORDER Kathleen Hodge, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen Hodge at 11:00AM.

Board members present:

Rosa Carlson, Robert Deegan, Ned Doffoney, Dave Evans, Thomas Fallo, Jackie Fisher, Sr., Gary Lewis, Logan McKechnie, Richard Rose, Andreea Serban, Pamela Walker, and McKinley Williams.

Unable to attend: Dave Bolt and Brian King.

Others present: Carlyle Carter and Rina Kasim.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA..... Kathleen Hodge

- ❖ Addition of agenda item C.5. Cost Containment Meeting Report from September 24 and 25, 2009. It was moved, seconded, and motion carried (MSC) to approve the addition to the agenda.

C. BUSINESS

1. Santa Barbara City College Case

In response to the Board's request to receive consultation from Commissioners (both north and south) regarding a review of sanction comparisons of previous cases, the COA Executive Director read the Commissioners' recommendations to the Board. (Please see attached supplement for letter of recommendations.)

During the discussion, Santa Barbara City College (hereafter SBCC) President Andreea Serban voiced her concern over the COA appeals process. She stated that the SBCC had followed all the necessary procedures and it was not appropriate for the college to receive additional sanctions after it has served its probation for four months. In addition, COA Appeals Board's ruling to its appeal had led them to believe that the decision was final and no additional sanctions would be added.

Conference Commissioner Logan McKechnie explained that COA Executive Director indeed does not have the authority to impose additional sanctions however the COA Board does have the authority to do so. Commissioner McKechnie stated that it is within COA Executive Director's responsibilities to review the rulings made by conference commissioners regarding the Constitution and Bylaws and conference rules and regulations to ensure consistency and equity

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(see Article 3.2.M). Therefore, the Executive Director may make sanction recommendations to be reviewed and/or assessed by the COA Appeals Board or the COA Board.

It was **MSC** to impose the following additional sanctions to SBCC:

- place SBCC football program on three-year probation,
- rescind SBCC's redefinition of permissible recruiting area beyond the Santa Barbara CCD and contiguous CCD's applicable to all SBCC sports.

SBCC will be required to re-apply to the Board for consideration of reinstatement of the *Redefinition of Recruiting Area* as outlined in Bylaw 2.3 C. of the COA/CCCAA Constitution.

2. Sacramento City College Appeal

It was **MSFailed** to approve the appeal request for Gregory Taylor of Sacramento City College with Logan Mckechnie, Andreea Serban and COA Appeals Board members sitting on the Board (Jackie Fisher, Sr., Ned Doffoney, Gary Lewis, and Pam Walker) abstained from voting.

3. Staff Compensation

The COA Board recessed into Closed Session to discuss this business item.

4. COA Board Chair Election

It was **MSC** to approve the appointment of Antelope Valley College President Jackie Fisher, Sr. as the new COA Board Chair. The Board commended and thanked Past Chair Kathleen Hodge for her contribution and work.

5. Cost Containment Meeting Report from September 24 and 25, 2009

An emergency Cost Containment Meeting was held on September 24 and 25, 2009 in Ontario. It was attended by Management Council, Competition Committee, and Postconference Competition Review Committee members. Recommendations/Proposals from the two-day meeting will be presented to the COA Board at the 2009 COA/CCCAA Fall Meetings.

D. REMINDER

2009 COA/CCCAA Fall Meetings, Crowne Plaza Hotel, SFO - October 28 -30, 2009

Thursday, October 29, 2009 6:00pm – 9:00pm Board Dinner
Friday, October 30, 2009 8:00am – 10:30am COA Board Meeting

Hotel reservation cut-off date: October 4, 2009

For detail, please check out <http://www.coasports.org/meeting.asp>

E. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 12:06PM.

Carlyle Carter
COA Executive Director

Prepared by Rina Kasim, Executive Assistant

September 28, 2009

To: COA Board
From: Dale Murray, Commissioner Coast Conference
Dean Crowley, Commissioner Foothill Conference
Re: Sanctions/Santa Barbara City College

Executive Director Carlyle Carter has forwarded the Board request that we review the sanctions placed on Santa Barbara City College and compare the level of sanctions with cases involving “similar” infractions.

We have reviewed the information associated with the violations that occurred involving the SBCC football program. The infractions were significant and major violations of the constitution committed by and with the knowledge of the program administrator and head football coach. There can be no mistake that the infractions committed were done so knowing that these were violations of the Constitution and therefore these were acts of commission.

Every case in which infractions are committed contains unique circumstances making a direct comparison virtually impossible. You may however compare the severity and level of infractions as well as the individuals involved to find “some” similarities. The following are some examples:

1. Foothill College Football. Recruiting and subsidizing (second violation). Loss of post season competition for 2 years, and a reduction of allowable contest by 20%
2. DeAnza College Athletic Department. Recruiting (second violation). Loss of post season competition for the entire department for one year.
3. Monterey Peninsula College Athletic Department. Subsidizing. Providing lodging (the old Fort Ord), meals, free ASB cards, transportation etc. (first violation). Loss of post season play for entire department for a year. The college volunteered to eliminate the Fort Ord program.
4. Foothill College Men’s Basketball. Subsidizing (first violation). Forfeit two years of wins and conference championship. Loss of post season play. Athletes ruled ineligible. Foothill also suspended the program for a year.
5. San Jose City College Men’s Basketball. (first violation). Participated in a shoot out the day after being told that that it would be a violation. Loss of postseason competition that season.
6. Gavilan College. Coast Conference took away their out-of state recruiting exception (in the “old” Code the request could be granted or denied by the conference). The request was to help all sports, especially women’s programs, but was being utilized to only benefit football.

7. Central Valley Conference Men's Basketball. Three colleges were found guilty of subsidizing. Athletes were ruled ineligible, all conference, state and personal awards were taken away, and the programs were suspended for a year by the conference commissioner.
8. Modesto College Men's Basketball. Three years probation for recruiting violations.
9. Porterville College. Loss of post season, probation, and an "agreed" suspension of out of state recruiting exception for a year.
10. Santa Monica Football. Head coach involved in illegal recruiting, falsification of residency and assistance in housing. Head Coach relieved of coaching duties, forfeiture of contests over a 3 year period, 3 years probation and 1 year PC prohibition. All self-imposed by institution.

As is evident from the above, seldom are violations identical, and logically neither are the sanctions. Articles 7.4.12.10.1, and 7.4.12.10.2 identify minimal mandatory sanctions, but also allows conferences, and other bodies to impose additional sanctions appropriate for the violation. Where special waivers existed, there was a pattern of the ruling body to eliminate the waivers. As a result of the review and knowledge of infraction cases we offer the following:

1. The 1 year probationary period assessed Santa Barbara City College is not equitable given case history and "similar" major infractions.
2. The waiver granted Santa Barbara City College for a "Redistribution of Recruiting Area" by the COA Board should be rescinded as a consequence of violations involving out of district student athletes.