

## 2011-12 NCAA DIVISION I COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### **Recruiting-Test Outline**

This recruiting-test outline is intended to serve as a rules-education tool for the conference and the institution, and as a study guide for coaches. The 2011-12 test includes legislation contained in NCAA Bylaw 12.02.4 (definition of a professional team, Bylaw 12.1.1 (amateur status); Bylaw 13 (recruiting); Bylaw 14.02 (definitions and applications of eligibility terms); Bylaw 14.3 (freshman academic requirements and eligibility); Bylaw 14.4.3 (continuing eligibility); Bylaw 14.5 (transfers); Bylaw 15.02 (definitions and applications); Bylaw 15.3 (institutional financial aid) and Bylaw 30.10 (recruiting calendars). Please note that the following bylaw citations refer to the 2010-2011 NCAA Division I Manual.

[Note: Items marked with an asterisk (\*) apply only to football, basketball, lacrosse, softball and/or women's volleyball.]

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