



## **Division I Educational Document: Proposal 2005-131**

### **Proposal 2005-131:**

- Includes all sports.
- Specifies that all athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams.
- Specifies that more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 through April 15.
- No more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility during the remainder of the academic year.

### **Rationale In Support of Proposal 2005-131:**

- Legislation would provide student-athletes more time during finals week.
- Legislation would provide better quality of life for coaches as they would be able to cut down on the amount of time they spend practicing with groups of four.
- Legislation would provide more flexibility for coaches who share facilities with other programs.
- Legislation may provide more level playing field between quarter and semester school systems.
- Legislation would be consistent for all sports other than football.

### **Rationale Opposed to Proposal 2005-131:**

- Legislation may hinder quarter schools as they would not be able to practice the week before finals and the week of finals ending the third quarter (typically in the middle of spring semester).
- Legislation would decrease the amount of time student-athletes were afforded individual attention and small group interaction.
- Legislation would create a situation where programs are able to practice with their entire teams outside playing season.

### **Point of Clarification**

#### **Hypothetical Scenario:**

Coach Sue has scheduled her non-traditional season (non-championship season) to start on March 20<sup>th</sup> to end on April 29<sup>th</sup>. If Proposal 2005-131 was adopted, Coach Sue could work with her student-athletes from the start of spring semester (or quarter) classes until March 20<sup>th</sup> with more than 4 student-athletes but only 8 hours a week with no more than 2 hours a week spent on individual skill instruction. (Bylaw 17.1.5.2)

From March 20<sup>th</sup> until April 29<sup>th</sup>, Coach Sue can practice with her team a maximum of 20 hours per week with no more than 4 hours per day as the playing season legislation dictates. (Bylaw 17.1.5.1)

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After April 29th until the end of the academic year, Coach Sue is only allowed to practice with no more than 4 student-athletes at any one time in any facility.