Cheyney University Policy OP-AACC-2014-0123

Policy on Prospective High School or Transfer Athlete Tryout

Approved by:  Athletic Academic Compliance Committee, 9/17/2014
               President’s Cabinet, 10/29/14

History:      Issued- 10/29/14
               Revised-

Related Policies:

Additional References:

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that accurate records are maintained in the office of compliance in regards to tryouts for prospective student-athletes [high-school and transfers].

B. Scope:

This policy applies to head coaches and their staff.

C. Key Word(s) & Phrases:

PSA: Prospective Student-Athlete

NCAA Bylaw 13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaw 13.11.1.1) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. [D]
(Revised: 6/22/11)

NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school and only under the following conditions

(a) Not more than one tryout per prospective student-athlete per institution per sport shall be permitted;
(b) The tryout may be conducted only for high school prospective student-athletes who are enrolled in a term other than the term(s) in which the prospective student-athlete’s high school’s traditional season in the sport occurs or who have completed his or her high school’s traditional season in the sport; for a two-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season or anytime, provided the student has exhausted his or her two-year college eligibility in the sport; and for a four-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season, provided written permission to contact the prospective student-athlete (Bylaw 13.1.1.2) has been obtained;
(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05,
4/11/06, 1/19/13 effective 6/15/13; for any prospective student-athlete entering his or her junior year in high school 6/15/13 and thereafter, 7/23/13)
(c) Prior to participation in a tryout, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in the tryout. A medical examination conducted by a physician within six months prior to practice, competition or out of season conditioning activities during a prospective student athlete’s junior or senior year in high school that was accepted by the prospective student-athlete’s high school for his or her participation in athletics during the academic year in which the tryout is conducted may be used to satisfy the requirement. The medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution’s regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the tryout; (Revised: 7/24/07 effective
8/1/07, 10/18/11, 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/16/13 effective 6/15/13; for any prospective student-athlete entering his or her junior year in high school 6/15/13 and thereafter)
(d) The tryout may include tests to evaluate the prospective student-athlete’s strength, speed, agility and sport skills. Except in the sports of football, ice hockey, lacrosse and wrestling, the tryout may include competition. In the sport of football, the prospective student-athletes shall not wear helmets or pads; (Revised: 1/10/05)
(e) Competition against the member institution’s team is permissible, provided such competition occurs during the academic year and is considered a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1;
(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/11/94)
(f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to the length of the institution’s normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than two hours; and
(g) The institution may provide equipment and clothing on an issuance-and-retrieval basis to a prospective student-athlete during the period of the tryout.

D. Policy & Procedures:

If the coach wishes to have a prospective student-athlete tryout for their respective program the coach must submit the student’s name and all paperwork to the office of compliance no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled tryout date.

The following conditions must be met:

1. No more than one tryout per prospect per institution per sport shall be permitted;
2. The tryout may be conducted only for high school seniors who are enrolled in a term other than the term in which the prospective student-athlete’s high school’s traditional season in the sport occurs or who have completed season or anytime, provided the student has exhausted his or her two-year college eligibility in the sport; and for a four-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season, provided written permission to contact the prospective student-athlete (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2) has been obtained;
3. The tryout may include tests to evaluate the prospective student-athlete’s strength, speed, agility and sport skills. Except in the sports of football, ice hockey, lacrosse and wrestling, the tryout may include competition. (Revised: 1/10/05)

4. Competition against the member institution’s team is permissible, provided such competition occurs during the academic year and is considered a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1.1;

5. The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to the length of the institution’s normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than two hours; and

6. The institution may provide equipment and clothing on an issuance-and-retrieval basis to a prospect curing the period of the tryout.

7. All medical information should be up to date and no older than 6 months.

8. The PSA must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center, and must have the fee paid.

Tryout checklist:
Completed medical packet, includes:

- Sickle Cell Results and/or Sickle Cell Waiver (Results will be required for ALL student-athletes in 2014)
- Up-to-date medical (within the past 6 months)
- Copy of current insurance card (front and back)
- Academic Evaluation from the Compliance Office OR a copy of the Official Transcript
- Current Class Schedule (needs to be printed on day of tryout)
- Signed copy of Cheyney University Tryout Policy Form