Orientation Overview

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Origin of Athletics Certification

- Approved at the 1993 Convention.
  - Five-year cycle.

- Second cycle began in 1999.
  - 10-year cycle.
Purpose

- Open up affairs of athletics to university community and public.
- Set standards, called operating principles, for operation of Division I athletics programs.
- Establish tough sanctions for failure to conduct a comprehensive self-study or correct problems.
Benefits

• Self-awareness

• Affirmation

• Opportunities to improve
Second Cycle Issues

• Implementation of required actions and plans from first cycle will be evaluated.
• Program area checklists will be used to evaluate gender issues, minority issues and student-athlete well-being areas.
• All institutional plans must include all required elements.
Second Cycle Issues

- Commitment to Equity area has been expanded to be Equity and Student-Athlete Well-Being.

- Additions have been made to Academic Integrity operating principle.

- Technology initiatives
Technology

• Athletics Certification Web-based System

  – Benefits:
    • Increases efficiency.
    • Reduces costs.
    • Adds greater consistency

• ID and password-protected.
Step No. 1
Orientation videoconference and institution begins self-study process (Sept-Nov).

Step No. 2
Institution develops self-study report.

Step No. 3

Step No. 4
NCAA staff liaison reviews report for preliminary issues.

Step No. 5
Full committee (CAC) reviews self-study report and approves issues.

Step No. 6
Institution has option to respond to CAC analysis.

Report developed September - April

July 15 – August 15

May 1 – June 30
Step No. 7
Peer-review team conducts campus visit (Sept 15 – Dec) and writes report on Web-based system

September 15 - December

Step No. 8
Peer-review team report styled at NCAA office.

October - January

Step No. 9
PRT report sent to the president or chancellor for response on Web-based system

February 2008

Step No. 10
CAC deliberates and issues a final decision for all institutions.

Athletics Certification Process
“Players” in Certification

• Committee on Athletics Certification
Committee on Athletics Certification

• 15 members
  – College presidents
  – Athletics administrators
  – Faculty athletics representatives
  – Conference administrators
Committee Philosophy

Assist institutions in identifying mechanisms to ensure intercollegiate athletics programs are operating to their fullest potential.
“Players” in Certification

- Committee on Athletics Certification
- Peer-Review Team
Peer-Review Team

• Typical team:
  – Maximum of four members.
  – Chaired by a president or chancellor whenever possible.
  – Random selection approved by committee.
  – Will not include peer-reviewers with potential conflicts of interest.
Peer-Review Team

Responsible for:

– Verifying **A**ccuracy of the self-study.

– Verifying **B**road-based participation.

– Evaluating **C**onformity with the operating principles.
“Players” in Certification

- Committee on Athletics Certification
- Peer-Review Team
- Steering Committee
- Self-Study Subcommittees
- Campus Liaison
- Chief Report Writer
- NCAA staff
The Certification Decision

- Materials Reviewed During Deliberations
  - Self-study report.
  - Initial issues identified by CAC.
  - Institution’s response to CAC analysis.
  - Peer-review team’s report.
  - Institution’s response to peer-review team’s report.
Certification Categories

- Certified
- Certified with Conditions
- Not Certified
Measurable Standards

- Clarifies expectations for each operating principle.
- Brings more consistency to the process.
- Used by institutions, NCAA staff, peer-review teams and the committee.
Plans for Improvement

- Stand-alone and in writing
- Broad-based campus participation
- Issues/problems
- Measurable goals
- Steps to achieve the goals
- Specific timetable(s)
- Individuals/offices responsible for carrying out the specific actions
- Institutional approval
Available Resources

- NCAA staff liaison
- www.ncaa.org (athletics certification link)
  - Handbook (PDF)
  - Self-study instrument (PDF)
  - Orientation materials
    - Self-study checklist
    - Measurable standards
  - Peer-reviewer candidate information
Athletics Certification

• Questions?