NCAA Current Event

Report: Duke players banned from locker room and wearing school apparel

According to an ESPN report, Blue Devils players have been banned from the team's locker room and are not allowed to wear school apparel. The decision handed down by Krzyzewski came during a team meeting at his home this week.

Duke is just 2-3 with Jeff Capel serving as interim coach since Krzyzewski coached the team on Jan. 4.

The latest defeat came at home Monday against North Carolina State after Duke had led by seven points with less than five minutes left. It was the first victory by the Wolfpack in Durham since 1995.

Capel did not confirm the bans, but alluded to it during a radio interview.

According to the ESPN article, the player punishment would stay in place "until they start living up to the standards of the Duke program."

The apparel sanction is something that has happened numerous times in Krzyzewski’s career when he has been unhappy with the team, former player Mike Gminski said.

The prohibitive No. 1 team in the preseason, Duke is just 15-5 overall and 3-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The team has dealt with multiple injuries to key players, the suspension of Grayson Allen and now the loss of its Hall of Fame coach.

Krzyzewski is expected to return to the team at some point in February.

Student Alumni Partnership Fee Opt-Out

Just reminder, if you have not already, that you can opt-out of the Student Alumni Partnership Fee. It is a $40/yr ($20/semester) fee charged to your account. Below is the link to do so:

http://alumni.albany.edu/student_optout

Spot the Violation

A few members of the UAlbany Women’s Lacrosse team have asked their coach if they would be allowed to purchase tickets for the NCAA tournament if they are selected to participate. Is it permissible for this arrangement to be made?

Answer on next page.
Know Your Practice Rules

NCAA has strict guidelines for managing practice hours. As a student-athlete your time demands are much higher than the average student. It’s important to be aware of what is counting in your practice hours. Here are a few tips:

• During the in-season period practice hours are limited to 20hrs per week with one required day off.
  • Competition days are designated as 3hrs regardless of actual duration;
  • A week is defined as 7 consecutive days and is sport specific;
  • Only countable athletically related activities (CARA) are counted in the 20hr limit;
  • A day off is not required during a week of a conference or postseason event;
• CARA cannot occur between midnight and 5am.
• During the in-season period there are no practice hour limitations during a vacation period.
• No class time can be missed for practice activities

Important Dates

• February 3rd – Last day to add a course and drop a course without receiving a “W”
• February 12th – Last day to drop semester length courses with 50% financial liability
• February 16th – Career Networking Event 6-8PM (Mandatory for Freshman)
• February 17th – Applications due for Spring 2017 undergraduate graduation
• February 20th – Second SAAC Meeting
• February 22nd – Last day to drop 8 week 1 course with “W” assigned

Spot the Violation Answer:

Yes with conditions. Bylaw 16.2.1.4 states that an institution may arrange for student-athletes to purchase tickets at face value for a postseason event in which his or her team participates.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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