NONRECRUITED WALK-ON

NCAA Bylaw: 17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination
Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning in basketball or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete’s medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete’s participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

Forms Used for Documentation:
1. Non-Student-Athlete Athletics Liability Release and Waiver Form

Individuals and Departments Involved:
1. Head Coach
2. Non-Student-Athlete
3. Compliance Office
4. Athletic Trainer
5. Athletics Communication office

Policy:
1. No VCU student may participate in a tryout/clinic until he/she completes the “Non-Student-Athlete Athletics Liability Release and Waiver” form.
2. Coaches must make themselves aware of information regarding what issues have to be addressed before a walk-on student is cleared for participation beyond the one time tryout/clinic, including:
   a. Full-time enrollment and eligibility remaining in the five-year clock
   b. Qualifier status for freshmen, if applicable
   c. Amateurism status for freshman, if applicable
   d. Transfer documentation from a previous institution, if applicable
   e. Insurance form on file with the Athletic Department Insurance Coordinator
   f. Physical exam form completed and on file with Sports Medicine

Note: Any student who walks on without clearance from Sports Medicine is not insured nor approved to participate. Moreover, per NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5 it is impermissible to allow any participation until such documentation has been obtained.

Procedure:
1. The Head coach will inform the Compliance Office of his/her desire to hold a tryout/clinic for non-student-athletes.
2. The coach will work with the Department of Athletic Communications to post information about the tryout/clinic on the VCU Athletics website.
3. The posting must be approved by the compliance office before going “live” on the VCU athletics web site.
4. Prior to participation in Athletic Activities, non-student-athletes will obtain and fill out “Non-Student-Athlete Athletics Liability Release and Waiver” form and present it to an Athletics Trainer.
5. Following the conclusion of the tryout/clinic, the head coach will provide a list of selected walk-ons to the Compliance Office.
6. The Compliance office will hold a meeting with selected walk-ons for the completion of NCAA and VCU paperwork.
7. Walk-ons must satisfy all NCAA academic as well as amateurism regulations and be certified by the eligibility center prior to further participation, as necessary, dependant on the students circumstance.
8. When all paper work has been completed, the compliance office in coordination with the registrar’s office will determine the student’s eligibility for practice and competition. An updated certification of eligibility list (CEL) will be sent to the coach informing him/her of the decision.