

SAAC TIPS (generated at Spring 2011 meetings)

Here are some reminders about what we discussed (it's not too late for any of them):

1. Talk with your SAAC Advisor/AD about how SAAC reps are selected. Coach picked reps don't seem to be working--need to do more personal outreach by SAAC members to each team to encourage the best possible representative (i.e., one who is interested and willing to participate).

Possible strategies:

- have SAAC members assist with student-athlete move in days; introduce yourself as a SAAC member so they can put a name and face together
- wear t-shirts that identify you as a SAAC member at events on campus
- attend pre-season compliance meetings--ask for 5 mins. to talk about what SAAC does and encourage involvement (make it an articulate presentation--think of it as a sales pitch).

2. Schedule regular meetings (at least once a month, preferably every other week, e.g., the second and fourth Tuesday of every month). Randomly scheduled meetings lead to disorganization and poor follow-up. Additional strategies

- Have a definite agenda to cover--don't try to do a million things--focus.
- Have food.
- Publicize using email and publicity boards

3. Invite key campus contacts to speak at meetings on relevant topics (e.g., president/chancellor, faculty athletics rep, athletic trainer, SID). If you ask, they will come! Important for student-athletes to have a regular rapport with these folks.

4. Consider a champs cup program to encourage attendance at events (see attachment about what Medaille does). Also can include academic and community service criteria.

5. Participate in the NCAA Leadership Seminar and ask to attend the NCAA Convention as part of the conference grant program.

6. Get the word out to faculty. Strategies:

- Guest coach program
- Publicize academic all-conference team members.

7. Ask for help from your SAAC Advisor. The best SAACs are typically those with active and involved advisors. They should be supporting you. Ask for co-advisors if they are coaches--be sure they coach in different seasons so you have assistance year round. If you ask but still hit a wall, talk to your AD.