

# S.C., STANFORD HIT BY CODE

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Boiled down to a mere shell of its former self, a digest of the Pacific Coast Conference's new rules on the recruiting of athletes and the giving of financial aid to them, has been distributed to universities of the circuit.

With one notable exception, the code hews closely to a line of complete fairness to every member. The rule in question—Section B, Article V, Item 2, prohibits the remission or cancellation of tuition fees.

Stanford and Southern California, the two private schools in the conference, have been

dealt a blow below the belt by this, their alumni and followers contend, because of high tuition rates.

And the Trojans suffer more acutely, since the conference previously permitted the school to handle such "remissions" through university funds in the form of alumni scholarships. Stanford, on the other hand, placed the financial burden directly on the alumni through its "buck-a-month" club.

As State institutions supported

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by the taxpayers, the other conference members receive much the better of the argument because of light tuition fees.

### FINANCIAL PROBLEM

Article V permits financial aid in the form of grants to the limit of each school's tuition fee. For example, this fee amounts to \$345 at Stanford for the year, \$310 at S.C., and only \$62 at California and \$54 at U.C.L.A. It is quite obvious, on the face of these figures that for every single athlete (beg pardon—student) aided in his tuition by grants at Southern California and Stanford, California and U.C.L.A. can pave the way for the entrance of five athletes.

The digest is divided into three general groups, the first being a basic rule which states that any assistance given a student before entering or after registration will be considered illegitimate if given for athletic reasons and any youth found to have received such aid will be declared ineligible.

### LIMITS WAGES

Section B, which deals in detail with the subject of financial assistance limits employment by the schools to 50 cents an hour and \$50 a month. It makes the one concession that athletes may be paid for time lost when injured or while on trips.

Scholarships are limited to those presented on a scholastic basis only and loans by the university may be granted, but athletic participation must not be a consideration.

Neither must athletic participation be a condition for the money obtained in the grants of funds for the coverage of tuition fees which the university will administer.

Most of the ambiguity is pretty well concentrated in the third section of the digest. This section includes:

### ENTERTAINMENT OFF

1.—A ban on the entertainment of high school or junior college athletes by the university or its alumni. The athletes found guilty of violating this will be declared ineligible to enter the school whose officials or alumni have been doing the entertaining.

2.—All correspondence between prospective athletes and athletic officials must be preserved for the commissioner to see.

3.—Coaches are forbidden to make trips to (a) recruit athletes, (b) interview them, (c) visit them or their family, (d) or visit them at their school.

4.—Universities are prohibited from providing pleasure trips for athletes, travel expenses, complimentary tickets or employment prior to their enrollment.

### TOUGH JOB

Commissioner Edwin Atherton, whose duty it is to administer the new rules, has favorably passed upon the condensed digest of them. Of the several ambiguous items under recruiting regulations the commissioner has admitted that it will be difficult to conform completely to the letter of these and that much will depend on the merits of the individual cases if and when they are brought to his attention.