

# CIAU takes fight out of hockey

TORONTO (CUP) — The Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union is trying to take the fight out of its hockey players.

Beginning this season, any

player involved in a fight will receive a major penalty, a game misconduct and a one-game suspension. The instigator, if determined, must serve an extra

minor penalty and an extra one-game suspension.

The new, harsher rules, which were approved at the CIAU annual meeting held this summer in Guelph, represent what CIAU preident Gib Chapman called "a clear attempt to change the image of university hockey".

"We are trying to give a clear message that we are not prepared to put up with the type of play that has been happening the last few years," said Robert Steadward, chair of the University of Alberta athletics department and a member of the CIAU administrative committee.

Other changes include disciplinary action above and beyond game penalties for players who accumulate misconduct penalties over the course of the season. This may include indefinite suspensions.

Enforcement may be difficult, however, since each regional conference must still elect to adopt the formula for its own schedule. It is possible that the new rules will only apply at the national championships.

The CIAU also tightened up age restrictions for students playing varsity hockey. While players have traditionally enjoyed five years of CIAU eligibility regardless of age, players over 26 year of age are now no longer eligible. In other words, a 21-year-old starting college or university will have the full five years to complete, but a 27-year-old just beginning post-secondary studies will be completely ineligible.

"The goal is to change university hockey to be developmental hockey," said Chapman.

Many coaches, however, disagree with the new restrictions.

"Is the notion of developmental hockey really practical?" asked Paul Titanic, U of T men's hockey coach. "The best young players either go to Junior 'A' or accept scholarships (to American schools). We're dreaming a little if we think we're going to get the top 18-year-olds to come to a Canadian university."

Others, like Ontario University Athletics Association President Ray Johnson, fear that the age restrictions will be open to challenges in court on the basis of age discrimination.

The summer meeting also announced a decision, also in effect this season, to drop gymnastics and diving as national sports. The decision followed the termination of gymnastics and/or diving programs at a number of Canadian universities.

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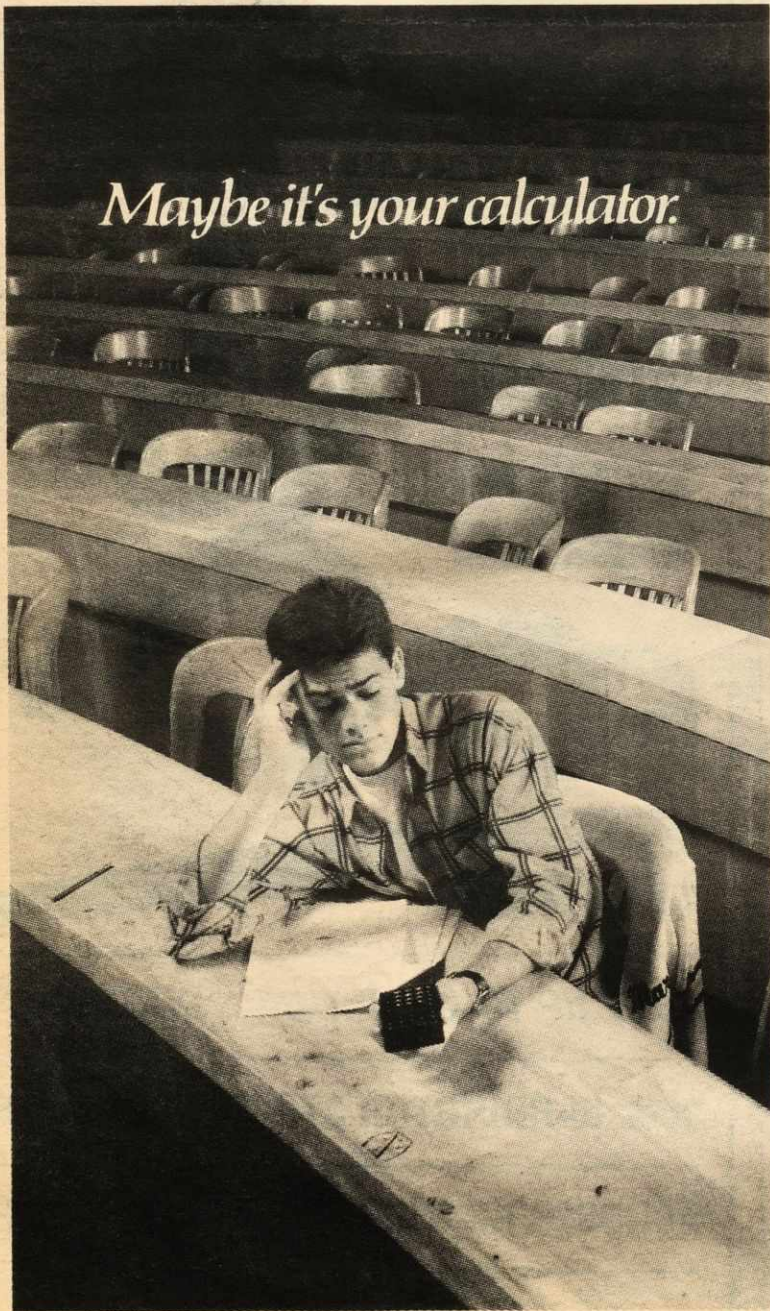
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Tues., Sept. 15	Black and Gold AGM		
Wed., Sept. 16	Women's Soccer	Aca at Dal	4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 17	Men's Soccer	Aca at Dal	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 18	Women's Soccer	MUN at Dal	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19	Men's Soccer	Dal at MUN	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19	Cross-Country	AUAA at UDM	TBA
Sun., Sept. 20	Women's Soccer	MUN at Dal	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 15	Men's Soccer	Dal at MUN	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26	Women's Soccer	SFX at Dal	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26	Men's Soccer	UCCB at Dal	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 27	Women's Soccer	Dal at MTA	1:00 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 29	Men's Soccer	SFX at Dal	4:00 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 30	Women's Soccer	Dal at SMU	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 3	Cross Country	AUAA at UNB	TBA
Sat., Oct. 3	Men's Soccer	Dal at SMU	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 3	Women's Soccer	Dal at UCCB	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 4	Women's Soccer	Dal at UCCB	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 7	Men's Soccer	Dal at SFX	4:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 9	High School Volleyball Tournament		
Sat., Oct. 10	High School Volleyball Tournament		
Wed., Oct. 14	Swimming Black and Gold Intrasquad Meet		6:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 17	Swimming Ninth Annual Alumni Meet		3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 17	ALUMNI WEEKEND		
Sun., Oct. 18	Women's Soccer	MTA at Dal	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 18	Men's Soccer	Dal at Aca	2:00 p.m.

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