NCAA new substitution role should help Montana Grizzlies next fall

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MISSOULA, MONTANA--The NCAA's new substitution rule that allows one player to enter a game at any time without restrictions should help the Montana Grizzlies next fall, grid mentor Ray Jenkins commented in Missoula this week. "We're happy with the new ruling, and feel that we can make better use of our personnel because of it," the coach said.

"Numerically speaking, we probably will have the smallest squad in the Skyline next season. This means that we will have fewer performers who can go both ways. But the new rule will allow us to use some men who may be weak in one phase of the game without hurting ourselves."

Jenkins said he would have preferred a resumption of two-platoon football, but feels that the new NCAA rule is a step in the right direction. "In a sense, we can two-platoon one position whenever the ball changes hands. In a long series of plays, either on offense or defense, we can gradually get our best performers into the game."

The coach emphasized, however, that most of his gridders will still be expected to go both ways.

Under former NCAA rules, one "wild card" substitute was allowed to go into the game whenever the clock was stopped, providing the player had not used his two charged entries during a single quarter. The 1960 stipulation says one player may enter at any time during the game without restriction.

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