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Monthly NCAA Rule Reminders

Student-Athlete Awards:

A student-athlete award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Student-athlete awards are subject to the limitations set out in NCAA Bylaw 16.1. Below are some highlights of NCAA Bylaw 16.

Participation Awards:

Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number. Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition (NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4.1).

NCAA limitations on participation awards:

Annual Participation, Underclassmen: \$225 - Once per year, per sport - Institution award

Annual Participation, Senior: \$425 - Once per year, per sport - Institution award

Participation in Post-Season Conference Championship - \$375 - Once per event- Institution and Management of Event (can include Conference Office)

Participation in Post-Season NCAA Championship - \$415 - Once per event - Institution and NCAA (no limit on amount of NCAA award)

Participation in All-star Game or Post-Season Bowl - \$400 (Institution) and \$550 (Management of Event) - Once per event

Participation in Other Established Meets/Tournaments - \$400 - Once per event- - Institution and Management of Event Combined

For more information refer to Figures 16-1, 16-2, and 16-3 in the NCAA Division I Manual

Special Achievement Awards:

Awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, honors and distinctions, limited in value and number.

NCAA Limitations on special achievement awards:

Special attainments (scholar athlete, most improved, MVP) - \$175

MVP (special event) - \$325 Once per event—Institution, Conference, Organization approved by institution or Conference

MVP (bowl game or all-star contest) - \$350 Once per event—Sponsoring entity

Interps of Interest

Campus Tours in Conjunction with Camps or Clinics

The NCAA determined that it is not permissible for an institution to conduct a campus tour in conjunction with an institutional sports camp or clinic. The committee noted that a PSA may participate in a campus tour that is generally available to all prospective students, provided the athletics department is not involved in conducting or arranging the tour and does not encourage participation in the tour. In addition, the institution may conduct a tour of facilities that are utilized during the camp or clinic (e.g., residential hall, cafeteria, training room).
3/13/2015

Contact Restrictions for Student-Athletes and Enrolled Students

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that the legislation governing contacts between student-athletes and PSA's also applies to other enrolled students. Further, the contact restrictions at a PSA's practice or competition site apply to student-athletes and other enrolled students.
3/19/15

Institutional Press Release Including Content From a Recruiting or Scouting Service

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may include a quotation by a recruiting or scouting service about a PSA in a media release regarding the PSA's commitment, provided there is no indication that the institution endorses the recruiting or scouting service and the PSA has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. It is not permissible for an institution's website to include a hyperlink. Also, it is not permissible for an institution to post a video on its website if the video includes the name or logo of a recruiting or scouting service.
3/13/15

Graduate Assistant Coach, Undergraduate Assistant Coach or Manager During a Prospective Student-Athlete's Official Visit

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a graduate assistant coach, undergraduate student assistant coach or student manager may receive a meal with a PSA during the PSA's official visit, within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Further, these Individuals may provide ground transportation to a PSA and the PSA's parents, relatives or legal guardians between the campus and any bus or train station or airport during an official visit. Finally, they may also provide ground transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to campus on the student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes for a regular term or to participate in preseason practice, or for initial enrollment in the institution's summer term for a prospective student-athlete who has been awarded athletically related financial aid for his or her initial summer term.
12/12/14

New NCAA Legislation

2016 Division I New Academic Requirements Initial-eligibility standards for NCAA Division I college-bound student-athletes are changing. College-bound student-athletes first enrolling at an NCAA Division I school on or after August 1, 2016, will need to meet new academic rules to practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year.

Full Qualifier	Academic Redshirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 16 core courses:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school▪ Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math, or science• Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300• Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page)• Graduate high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 16 core courses• Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000• Earn the ACT/SAT score matching your core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale (see back page)• Graduate high school

Definitions:

Full Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarship during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt: College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes cannot practice, receive athletics scholarships or compete during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Compliance Limelight

The Compliance Office would like to congratulate our Women's Basketball Programs for excellence on and off the field. Thanks for all that you do and for promoting a compliance conscience.

Compliance Quote of the Month

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

- Vince Lombardi

Compliance In the News

LeBron James Donates Free Beats Headphones for Buckeyes, Ducks

"LeBron helped facilitate the connection with Beats By Dre," Buckeyes spokesman Jerry Emig told the Associated Press in a text message. "The headphones were donated to Ohio State (and I'm told also to Oregon as well) and were distributed within permissible NCAA limitations on awards." Schools are allowed to give their players gifts worth \$400 for the national championship game, and the winning team can give an additional \$415 in gifts to its players. The value of the Beats By Dre headphones will be deducted from that amount. (Full story [here](#)).

LSU Punished for Violating Recruiting Rule After Prospect Backs Out

The Louisiana State University football program will have recruiting privileges taken away for the second time in four years for continued engaging in unlimited contact with offensive tackle Matt Womack, a prospective early enrollee from Senatobia, Miss., after he changed his mind about signing with LSU last fall and signed with Alabama, the Southeastern Conference has punished LSU. (Full Story [here](#)).

Former Assistant Coach Violated NCAA Rules

An assistant women's basketball assistant coach at Southeast Missouri State University knowingly broke NCAA rules when he provided recruits with free gifts at a team camp and made impermissible contact with recruits on three occasions, the school disclosed in a report. The gifts provided to the athletes included what the report termed "camp leftovers" after the team's Elite Camp, which was held on campus June 22 and 23. The recruits, according to the report provided after the meeting, received "four camp T-shirts and four water bottles to take home with them free of charge even though (Margenthaler) had reminded (the assistant coach) to be sure payment was received for the items." (Full Story [here](#)).

NCAA Says It's Investigating Academic Fraud at 20 Colleges

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is investigating allegations of academic misconduct on 20 campuses. The cases are at various stages, from preliminary inquiry to awaiting a hearing with the Division I Committee on Infractions, and they involve a variety of missteps, including allegations that players received impermissible assistance from professors, academic advisors, or people outside of an athletic department. (Full Story [here](#)).

NCAA Cites Potential Basketball, Golf Improprieties at SMU

Infractions involved sending impermissible text messages to recruits and giving school apparel to prospects. Additionally, it was alleged that a recruiting assistant pressured a high school physics teacher to raise a potential student-athletes grade to make them eligible at SMU. (Full Story [here](#)).

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April Recruiting Calendars

Contact Period

Evaluation Period

Quiet Period

Dead Period

Football

April 1- 14; 19; and 26: Quiet Period
 April 15-18; 20-25; 27-30: Evaluation Period

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Cross Country/Track & Field

April 1- 12; 17-30: Contact Period
 April 13-16 Dead Period

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Men's Basketball

April 1; 23; 27-30: Quiet Period | April 2-9 (ends at noon);
 13-16: Dead Period | April 10-12; 24-26: Evaluation Period
 April 9 (from noon-11:59pm); 17-22: Recruiting Period

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Women's Basketball

April 1-2: Contact Period | April 3-9; 13-16: Dead Period
 April 10-12; 17-23; 29-30: Quiet Period
 April 24-28: Evaluation Period

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Baseball & Softball

April 1- 12; 17-30: Contact Period
 April 13-16 Dead Period

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Volleyball

April 1- 12; 17-30: Contact Period
 April 13-16 Dead Period

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Soccer

April 1-30: Contact Period

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All Other Sports

April 1- 12; 17-30: Contact Period
 April 13-16 Dead Period

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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