

Sycamore Sentinel

Compliance Newsletter

April 2013



Academic Eligibility

Remember, you must have passed six (6) hours of credit (if you are in your 5th semester or beyond, those 6 hours must be DEGREE credit with a grade of C or better) in order to be eligible in the Fall. You must have earned eighteen (18) hours total during the fall and spring semesters. (Again, if you are in your 5th semester or beyond, they must be DEGREE credit hours). You cannot make up either the 6 hour rule or the 18 hour rule in the summer. Freshmen, you need to pass 24 hours before the fall semester starts, with no more than 6 hours during the summer. GPA? After your freshman year, your eligibility each semester is in jeopardy if your GPA is below a 2.0, as it is certified at that time.

Summer School Applications: Deadline Approaching!

All summer school applications must be turned in to the Compliance Office by **April 10th**, 4:30pm in order to be considered for summer school athletic aid. The form must be completed entirely, with all signatures and information requested, filled in.

April Division I Dead Periods

Baseball
15-18

M - Basketball
4-11
15-18

W - Basketball
5-11
15-18

Softball
15-18

Volleyball
15-18

Golf
15-18

Important Reminder: Communicating with Boosters

Current Sycamore student athletes should NOT contact recruits in any fashion. The NCAA allows only our coaches to do any recruiting and specifically prohibits coaches from asking current Sycamore student athletes or former ones (boosters) to communicate with recruits.

Coaches remember that your recruits should not be giving interviews to people who are not affiliated with media outlets. For instance, they should not be contacted by fans, owners of message boards and ISU fan websites. That is a form of booster interactions that is forbidden by the NCAA. Unless the person reaching out to your recruit asking them about their recruitment is from a media entity such as Rivals.com, local TV and newspapers, etc., they should decline the interview as it could render them ineligible.

ARE YOU ON AN ATHLETIC BOOK SCHOLARSHIP?

You **MUST TURN IN ALL YOUR BOOKS** purchased by your scholarship to the Compliance Office at the end of the semester, on or before May 3rd. If you do not return them by Monday, May 6th, you will be charged for any book not returned and you will not get a book scholarship next year!



ACCEPTING AWARDS & BOOSTER INFORMATION

Reminder to all student-athletes, you may not accept gifts from boosters, athletic representatives, or coaches.

These include, but are not limited to the following: graduation, birthday, holiday or post-graduation education gifts. You may not accept loaned money, use of a car, or reduced cost housing. However, you may be employed by a booster as long as you perform the actual work and are paid at a commensurate rate with the going rate for similar services in the community.



Countable Athletically Related Activities

All Countable Athletically Related Activities (CARA) are PROHIBITED one week prior to the beginning of final exams through the conclusion of the student-athlete's final exams. The week prior to final exams begins Monday, April 22nd and final exams end Friday, May 3rd!
(Exceptions: Golf, Softball, Baseball, and Track)



Compliance Reminders for Coaches



Financial Aid: Renewals and Non-Renewals

Don't forget to start working on your renewals and non-renewals. Remember, you need to account for each student-athlete on athletic aid at any time during the 2012-2013 season. The compliance office will be having as many student-athletes sign their scholarships for the 2013-14 season before they leave for summer vacation. Therefore, the sooner you know who you're going to renew/non-renew the sooner we can have students sign their scholarships.

Camp Brochures/Forms

Please make sure to submit all camp brochures for approval as well as all pre-camp and post-camp forms. All camps and clinics must be pre-approved.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Please remind all incoming recruits to request final amateurism status. They need to login to their account at www.eligibilitycenter.org with their email address and password. Then click on the black cell phone icon and a red box on the right of the screen will appear for them to click on. Also, it would be wise to have them remind their counselors to submit final high school transcripts with proof of graduation upon graduating. All test scores (ACT and/or SAT) need to be sent directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency.

Next Monthly Compliance Rules Education

April 10th @ 10:00am in HMSU

May 8th @ 10am in HMSU

Compliance Text Message ListServ

Join the Compliance Text Message ListServ by sending the message "@sycamores" to 917-746-3732. ListServ is used to provide important deadlines, emergency notifications, reminders, etc. from the ISU Compliance Office.

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**Remember: Ask
Before You Act!**

A decorative graphic featuring a cluster of colorful tulips in shades of red, yellow, and purple.