

# Happy New Year!

## Sycamore Sentinel - January 2011



Grades from the Fall semester have been posted. Remember, you must have passed six (6) hours of credit (if you are in your 5<sup>th</sup> semester or beyond, those 6 hours must be DEGREE credit with a

grade of C or better) in order to be eligible in the Spring. By the end of the Spring semester, you must have earned eighteen (18) hours total during the Fall and Spring semesters. (Again, if you are in your 5<sup>th</sup> semester or beyond, they must be DEGREE credit hours). If you only passed 6 hours in the Fall, for example, you need to pass 12 in the Spring. You cannot make up either the 6 hour rule or the 18 hour rule in 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.

There is plenty of help available for ALL students if you are having problems academically. Don't be afraid to ask for help-that's what we are here for! Some of our best students use tutors and mentors, so take advantage of the assistance that is available to you! Please contact Steve Duzan at (812) 237-7061, Jeremy Ploch at (812) 237-7692, or someone in the compliance office for assistance or questions regarding academic eligibility.

### National Letter of Intent Signing Dates Approaching!

**Football (Midyear JC Transfers):** December 15, 2010 - January 15, 2011  
**Football (Regular Period):** February 2, 2011 - April 1, 2011  
**Soccer, Track & Field, Cross Country:** February 2, 2011 - August 1, 2011

Please submit your NLI/GIA requests to the compliance office prior to the signing dates if all possible, so they may be prepared and sent out on time.



### Where Did My Book Scholarship Go?

Were you on a book scholarship this Fall? Did you turn your books in on time? Before Christmas vacation? Or after? If you returned your books by Friday, December 17th, you will be receiving \$100 towards your spring book scholarship. If you didn't, you will not be receiving this added bonus! However, if you did not spend your entire book scholarship amount in the fall, the remaining balance will be available to you for the spring semester. If you did not return ALL of your books, you will not receive any book scholarship money for the spring. If you failed to return your books, you will be charged for them as well. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Gaal at (812) 237-4092.

### January Division I Recruiting Calendars



**M Basketball**  
1-31 Evaluation

**W Basketball**  
1-31 Evaluation

**Volleyball**  
1-14 Quiet  
15-31 Contact

**Football**  
1-3 Dead  
4-8 Contact  
9 - Quiet  
10-13 Dead  
14-29 Contact  
30 - Quiet  
31 - Dead

**Softball**  
1 - Quiet  
2-31 Contact

**Baseball**  
1-5 Quiet  
6-9 Dead  
10-31 Quiet

**Soccer**  
31 - Dead

**M/W Track & CC**  
1-2 Quiet  
3-30 Contact  
31 - Dead



# Compliance Hot Seat!

## The Situation:

A prospect student-athlete (PSA) was participating in an official visit. The PSA has a current student-athlete as his/her host, who received host entertainment money. In the evening, the host took the PSA off campus for dinner. Using the host entertainment money, the host paid for dinner and also purchased a souvenir for the PSA at the dinner, which was part of the overall bill.

## The Violation:

Host entertainment money *may not* be used for the purchase of souvenirs.

## NCAA Bylaw Involved in Violation: Bylaw 13.6.7.5 - Student Host.

A maximum of \$30 for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host (s) and the PSA, excluding the cost of meals and admission to cam-pus athletics events. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-Shirts or other institutional/non-institutional mementos.

## The Response:

Since the value of the souvenir was less than \$100, the PSA had to repay the value of the benefit to a charity of his/her choice. Rules education sessions would also be held with the appropriate coaching staff as well as with the student host.

**Remember:** Host money may not be used for any personal purchases (general items for the student-athlete or recruit) regardless of the reason (s). Host money must be spent during the visit, not before or after. The money must be completely accounted for and receipts provided at the end of the visit. Curfew is 11pm on days which classes are in session and 1am on non-school nights. If you have any question as to what you may or may not do during recruits visits, please see your coach and/or someone from the compliance office.

## Information to Pass Along: Testing Dates for ACT / SAT

Information to pass along to prospective student-athletes, parents and high school counselors: encourage your prospects to take the tests early and multiple times if scores are low. Remind your prospects to have ALL of their test scores sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing centers.

### SAT Registration Fees:

Regular \$47 or Late \$71

### ACT Registration Fees:

Regular \$ 48 or Late \$69

Date of Test	Test	Register By	Receive Scores by Web	Receive Scores by Mail
February 12	ACT	January 7	February 28	March 12
March 12	SAT	February 11	March 31	April 8
April 9	ACT	March 4	April 25	May 7
May 7	SAT	April 8	May 26	June 3
June 4	SAT	May 6	June 23	July 1
June 11	ACT	May 6	June 27	July 9

## Camp Question!



Blind Side is the Head Football Coach at Big Time University. He wants to conduct a camp this summer and hopes that all the local high school teams will attend. Coach Side wants to establish a good relationship with the high school coaches in the area, so he offers to reimburse any high school coach \$200 to the as an incentive for them to bring in 10 or more campers. Is this permissible?

NCAA Bylaw 13.13.2.2.1 states that institutions may not compensate or reimburse a high school, preparatory, or a two-year college coach based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp, therefore it is NOT permissible!

However you may offer discounts provided those discounts are available to everyone and are clearly stated in your camp brochure.

## “Secondary NCAA violations could carry suspensions for coaches,” article from USA Today online.

College football coaches now run the risk of being suspended by the [NCAA](#) for one or more games if they commit a secondary recruiting violation, such as exceeding phone-call limits or sending a text message to a recruit.

The move is part of an effort to implement enhanced penalties for recruiting violations. It was proposed by the [American Football Coaches Association](#) and approved in mid-September by the NCAA Division I and II Committees on Infractions. The membership was informed but no public announcement made. The penalties apply to both Division I subdivisions and Division II. A package of enhanced penalties for basketball, including a similar suspension element, was passed in October.

[Grant Teaff](#), executive director of the AFCA, said his group is making an effort to police its own when it comes to recruiting annually one of the most competitive and contentious periods among schools and fans. "This is our request: Anything that has to do with recruiting, if there's a proven violation, we want the ability for the NCAA to say this will cost you a week or a maximum of two weeks," Teaff said. "We as an association asked for that, and they granted that.

"We think that's a major step forward." Punishment could depend on the circumstances, and suspension is not automatic, said Stacey Osburn, an NCAA spokeswoman. She said NCAA staff would examine each situation. Osburn also said that to her knowledge this penalty has not yet been applied.

Secondary violations, which schools often self-report, normally bring lesser penalties such as reprimands. They include:

- Commenting on a recruit before he has signed a letter-of-intent, something [Lane Kiffin](#) did while at Tennessee on his [Twitter](#) page (the school said another employee actually typed the message); Kiffin also commented on an unsigned recruit while on a radio show.
- Posting comments on other public social media, which Virginia coach Mike London did last spring on a recruit's public [Facebook](#) page. It was deemed a secondary violation.

Having a game-simulation for a recruit, for example, having recruits run into a stadium with their name on the scoreboard and music playing and a PA announcer making them feel as if they were on the team already. The [University of Washington](#) had a similar infraction in 2009 that included renting a fog machine.

- Phone calls to a recruit that exceed the NCAA limit.
- Text messaging a recruit, which is not allowed at all.
- Off-campus face-to-face contact with a recruit during a non-contact period.

Major violations, such as paying money to a recruit, are handled by a tougher set of rules and often result in the school removing the offending coach.

### Monthly Compliance Rules Education

For ALL Coaches and Staff

All Meetings Are Located In HMSU 421

@ 10am

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 12



### Questions? Ask Before You Act! Contact Us

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