

2011 Holiday Edition

Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Holiday Gifts

Please remember, holidays are not exempt from the extra-benefit rules. It is impermissible to provide holiday gifts to student-athletes, their friends or relatives.

Dead Period Reminders

Basketball: December 24th – 26th
Football: December 19th -31st
Track & Field/CC: December 12th – 15th
Volleyball: 14th – 31st

Occasional Meals

Occasional meal rules still apply for any institutional staff member who wishes to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with a holiday meal. Team holiday parties are considered occasional meals. Please complete an **Occasional Meal Form** and submit it to the Compliance Office before the meal occurs.

Academic Eligibility

In order for a student athlete to remain eligible for the spring semester, they must pass six (6) credit hours. If the student athlete is in his or her fifth full semester (junior year) or beyond, those six (6) hours must be degree applicable!

Remember: Football student-athletes must pass 9 hours this fall in order to be eligible to play in the first four games next fall. Those 9 hours must be degree applicable if he is in his fifth full-time semester or after.

Compliance Rules Education Mark Your Calendars!

January 23rd at 10am in HMSU 421

February 13th at 10am in HMSU 421

March 19th at 10am in HMSU 421

Compliance Around the Globe

Check out the following sites by clicking on the name of the story.

[University of Oklahoma Men's Basketball Cited for Violations](#)
[Letter Accuses Hawaii Football Players of Point Shaving](#)
[Penn State Scandal](#)
[North Carolina Expanding Academic Misconduct Investigation](#)

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Textbook Reminder:

All student athletes on an athletic book scholarship must return those books purchased by the athletic scholarship, to the athletic department on or before **December 16th**! Books not returned will be charged for the cost of the book to the student athletes' account and will not receive a book scholarship in the spring. If any books were rented, please take them back to the rental counter at the bookstore.

NCAA Committee on Academic Performance Update

Following Dr. Emmert's Division I Presidential Retreat in August, the NCAA's Committee on Academic Performance has continued its review of three critical areas; initial-eligibility, two-year college transfer requirements and the APR penalty structure.



Initial-eligibility concepts being discussed:

- Increasing initial-eligibility requirements once again;
- Requiring greater academic thresholds for competition than for practice and receipt of athletics aid;
- Raising the grade-point average floor from 2.0 to 2.3 with the current sliding scale;
- Raising the core course grade-point average on the current sliding scale by one half of a grade point higher for any given test score;
- Requiring students to complete 10 core courses prior to the start of the seventh semester of high school;
- Effective date for changes possibly as soon as August 1, 2015.

Two-Year College Transfer Academic Requirements being considered:

- Increasing the required minimum transfer grade-point average that is currently in place (e.g., 2.0 to 2.5).
- Require a limit of two credits of countable physical education activity credit that can be used in the transfer requirement calculations;
- Require – in addition to the current 6 transferrable English and 3 transferrable Math credits – 3 additional transferrable credits of natural/physical science.
- Provide an academic year in readiness during the initial year of two-year collegiate enrollment;
- Effective date for changes would not impact any students currently enrolled in a two-year college.

APR Penalty Structure directives being debated:

- Institute a postseason competition ban in the first level of APR penalties for teams with a multiyear APR below 930;
- Effective date imposed during 2012-13. This would mean that postseason competitions and bowl games conducted in 2012-13 would be impacted.
- Suggested a two-year implementation for the new higher benchmark - require a 900 APR for 2012-13 and 2013-14 and championships conducted in 2014-15 would require the 930.

Holiday Greeting Cards

As the holiday season approaches please note that the only permissible cards a coach may send to a prospect are institutional note cards and blank postcards issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

Institutional note cards may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full. Note cards may only contain the institution's name and institutional logo or an athletics logo on the outside and may not contain any pre-printed information (e.g., greetings, words, pictures) on the inside.

Traditional holiday cards are not permissible. Please note this legislation applies not only to prospects, but to coaches of prospects and any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved.

Athletically Related Activities

If your sport is not in season, only 8 hours or less of workouts are permitted (2 hrs may be individual skill instruction) with 2 days off per week. Football players, only two of the eight hours may consist of film review. If your sport is in season, no more than 4 hours a day, 20 hours per week, with one day off per week.

Welcome Marlon!
**Athletic
Studies
Director**



Happy Holidays!

A small, decorated Christmas tree with lights and ornaments, positioned between the words "Happy" and "Holidays!" in the large text.