

UTEP Athletics

Recruiting Calendars

Cross Country/Track

Contact Period
December 1-14

DEAD Period
December 15-18

Quiet Period
December 19-31

Football

Contact Period
December 1 - 20

Quiet Period
December 21

DEAD Period
December 22 - 31

Men's Basketball

Evaluation Period
December 1-23
December 27-31

DEAD Period
December 24-26

Women's Basketball

Evaluation Period
December 1-23
December 27-31

DEAD Period
December 24-26

Softball

Quiet Period
December 1-8
December 15-31

DEAD Period
December 9-14

Volleyball

Contact Period
December 1-7

Quiet Period
December 8-16

DEAD Period
December 17-31

Compliance Corner



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CARA Reminder - Outside of Playing Season

For those sports that are currently outside of their declared playing season, the amount of time spent on CARA is limited to eight hours per week. These sports include Cross Country, Golf, Rifle (as of Dec. 4), Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track (as of Dec. 6) and Volleyball. In sports other than Football, a student-athlete's participation in CARA shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related work-outs.

In Football, any athletically related activities between the last contest and January 1st are limited to required weight training, conditioning and review of game film. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which no more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film.

All athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination periods for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams. Final exams begin December 8th and end December 12th; therefore, beginning December 1st, student-athletes may not participate in any CARA until after his/her final exam.

Book Returns

Please remind all student-athletes and student assistants of the following book return policy:

The University Book Store will be accepting books at their courtesy counter from December 1st through December 13th. Hours of operation are:

MONDAY – FRIDAY	8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
SUNDAY	12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM



Students on a book scholarship cannot accept cash for their books and they must inform the bookstore's staff that they are on athletics scholarship. Failure to return books by December 17th will generate a charge of 50%-100% of the cost of books assessed to their accounts.

Incidental Expense Wavier



An Incidental Expense Wavier may be filed with the Conference Office when there is an expense incidental to a student-athlete's participation in collegiate athletics, but the expense is not covered by NCAA legislation. Examples of permissible incidental expenses include sending flowers to a student-athlete who suffers a death in his/her family or to a student-athlete who had surgery or covering transportation expenses for a family member or a spouse to visit an injured student-athlete. Please keep this waiver in mind and contact the Compliance Office if you encounter any expenses that are not expressly legislated but are incidental to the student-athlete's athletics participation. Conference USA has a list of pre-approved expenses, but it is also possible to have other expenses approved. **Failure to process incidental expenses through the Compliance Office will result in a violation of NCAA extra benefit legislation.**

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Holiday Meals Reminder

Teams Outside Declared Playing Season: Occasional Meal rules apply for any institutional staff member or booster who wishes to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with a holiday meal. This includes team holiday parties. Please ensure that an Occasional Meal Request Form (available on the Compliance website) is completed and submitted to the Compliance Office **PRIOR** to the meal taking place.

Teams Within Declared Playing Season: Institutions may provide meals to all student-athletes required to stay on campus for practice or competition during UTEP's official vacation periods. If a meal is not provided, cash in lieu of that meal may be provided at the rate of \$12 per meal. A team may also provide an additional meal (not cash) to meet nutritional needs during each day of the vacation period, provided the student-athlete is required to remain on campus for practice or competition.

NEWS FLASH! Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities

Attending Local High School Sporting Events: Noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g. DOBO, Filmer, GA) may attend such events in their sport without affecting coaching staff or recruiting limitations under the following conditions:

- ◆ The staff member is an immediate family member of a prospect involved in the activity; OR
- ◆ The activity is conducted within the locale of the institution (within 30 miles of UTEP).

If one of these conditions is met, then the staff member's attendance shall not be for evaluation purposes, they cannot have direct contact with any participating prospects, and they do not report back to any coaching staff members about the performance of any prospects.



A Gift from the Compliance Office.....The UTEP Compliance Office is in a giving holiday mood and will NOT conduct its monthly Coaches' Education Sessions in the month of December. We know that this will disappoint all of you. Don't worry though, we will be back in January with more mind-blowing information on NCAA rules and regulations!!!.....



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Interpretation Questions and Answers



Question: If a prospect sends a picture of himself/herself signing an NLI can the athletic department use it in publicizing the signing?

Answer: Yes, Bylaw 13.10.9.1 permits an institution to show video clips of a prospect during its announcement of that prospect's signing. This would allow pictures of the prospect to also be presented at the signing announcement.

Question: Can I give a student-athlete a holiday gift?

Answer: No, all "extra benefit" rules still apply during the holiday season. Consequently, it is not permissible to provide holiday gifts to student-athletes.

Question: Can a transfer student from a four-year institution receive athletics aid if he/she left the previous institution academically ineligible?

Answer: No, Bylaw 14.5.5.4 allows a transfer student from a four-year institution to receive institutional athletics aid during his/her first academic year only if he/she would have been academically eligible to compete during the next regular academic term if they had stayed at the previous institution. If the student-athlete goes from a four-year to a two-year institution, he/she must complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year to be eligible for athletics aid at the second four-year school.

Question: Can UTEP Athletics pay the fee for a prospect's official ACT or SAT score to be sent to UTEP Admissions?

Answer: Yes, Bylaw 13.15.2.1 allows an institution to pay a fee to obtain a prospect's official ACT or SAT score.

Question: Can I send a greeting card to a prospect?

Answer: No, the only permissible card to send is an institutional note card as per Bylaw 13.4.1.1(j).