



Recruiting Calendars

Cross Country/Track

Contact Period
February 1
February 6-28

DEAD Period
February 2-5

Football

Quiet Period
February 1
February 6-28

DEAD Period
February 2-5

Men's Basketball

Evaluation Period
February 1-28

Women's Basketball

Evaluation Period
February 1-28

Softball

Contact Period
February 1-28

Volleyball

Contact Period
February 1-28

Soccer

Contact Period
February 1
February 6-28

DEAD Period
February 2-5

The Mighty Roster Add/Delete Form

Anytime a student-athlete is added to or deleted from your roster, an Add/Delete Form must be submitted to the Compliance Office; this is the only way we know who is on your team for purposes of athletics aid and academic eligibility....**WE ARE NOT MIND-READERS!!!**....One of our sports failed to submit an Add/Delete Form for two student-athletes who were on athletics aid who left UTEP after the fall 2008 semester. Since the Compliance Office was unaware of the departure of these student-athletes, we disbursed cash-in-lieu checks to them for January resulting in a **violation of NCAA rules**. The moral of this story is that Add/Delete Forms have a significant purpose in preventing NCAA violations. So, please ensure that you submit these vital Forms for any Roster changes and you indicate the appropriate status for a student-athlete who is on athletics aid or should be placed on such aid. Note that the Add/Delete Form has recently been updated to include an area for the training room to verify that any new additions have received a physical. The Form, like all Compliance Forms, is available on the Compliance website.

Legislation to Remember

Pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.2, beginning August 1, 2009, all JC transfer students who were not qualifiers out of high school and enroll on or after August 1, 2009 are eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition their first academic year in residence at the four-year institution ONLY if the student satisfies ALL of the following provisions:

- a. Has graduated from the two-year college;
- b. Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48-semester or 72-quarter hours of transferable -degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, **including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit;**
- c. Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and
- d. Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.

As indicated above in bold, the change to this rule now requires nonqualifiers who went to a JC to have completed six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit before being eligible for aid, practice, or competition at the certifying four-year institution. Again, this amended rule applies to those student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2009.

Entertaining Prospect's Coaches

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.8.1, entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved is limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to HOME (not away) intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospect's coach on or off the member institution's campus.



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Recent NCAA interpretation

National Team Tryouts & Exception to Outside Competition Regulations

In order for a student-athlete to use the U.S. national team exception to the outside competition regulations to participate as a member of an outside team in an official national team or junior national team tryout, the official tryout must be one in which all student-athletes (as opposed to all athletes) are directly selected to a national team or are required to participate in order to qualify for a subsequent event from which participants will be named to a national team or junior national team that will represent their nation in international competition. The exception is applicable to an official tryout that is structured as a series of events in which student-athletes must participate in each event (or at least one event in each level) of the series in order to be selected to the national team. The exception does not apply to events in which student-athletes are only identified for further evaluation at unrelated events for a future national team, such as league competition or events in which no elimination of potential national team participants occurs. An event still may qualify as an official tryout if the appropriate national governing body has established exemptions based on objective standards (e.g., former Olympic medalists, current World Champion) by which a student-athlete who qualifies for such an exemption is not required to participate in that particular event (or level of events). [1/15/09, Official]

Compliance Education Sessions

The Compliance Office will be holding MANDATORY Coaches' Education Sessions on Tuesday, February 10th at 8:30 am and Wednesday, February 11th (NOTE DAY CHANGE) at 10 am in the LKD Hall of Champions during which we will review NCAA gambling legislation. All coaches are required to attend at least one of these sessions, which will not last more than one hour.



Interpretation Questions and Answers

Question: Can a UTEP coach donate funds to his/her former high school? **Answer:** Yes, an institution's coaching staff member is permitted to make financial donations to the high school he or she formerly attended as a student (regardless of whether the donated funds are intended to benefit athletics or nonathletics programs), provided the coaching staff member acts independently of the institution, the donated funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or organization conducting the fund-raising activity and the donated funds are not earmarked for a specific prospective student-athlete. [3/27/00, Official]

Question: Can a graduate assistant go to a meal with a prospect on campus for an official visit? **Answer:** Yes, a restricted coach or a graduate assistant coach may receive a meal with a prospect during the prospect's official visit within a 30 mile radius of the campus. For sports that have program coordinators, the same rule applies. [10/14/98, Staff]

Question: Can a prospect on an official visit to campus go to a UTEP dinner theater production as entertainment? **Answer:** Yes, a dinner theater production would be permissible official visit entertainment. But, a portion of the ticket cost must be taken out of the host's entertainment money. A ticket covers both dinner and the show; the dinner portion could be considered one of the three permissible meals, but the cost of the show must come out of the host money. For this academic year the dinner price is \$14 and the rest of the ticket price would come from the host money.

Question: Is it permissible for a partial qualifier to sit on the bench during a contest? **Answer:** It is NOT permissible for a partial qualifier to sit on the bench because he/she is still considered a nonqualifier even if they are able to receive benefits approved by an Initial Eligibility Waiver (IEW). [2/25/92, Official]

Question: Can a student-athlete be supplied a list of boosters so he/she can contact them to raise money for a personal mission trip? **Answer:** It is NOT permissible for an institution to provide a student-athlete with a list of its athletics representatives (i.e., boosters) for the purpose of contacting such individuals to participate in fund-raising activities related to the student-athlete's participation on an outside organization's competitive tour. [5/8/1995, Official]