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COMPLIANCE HOTSHOTS

30 FOR 30 RECRUITING TEST PERFECT SCORES

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AGENTS REMINDER

Any agreement with an agent, in writing or verbally to market his or her athletic skills will render a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletic competition. Additionally, any athletics department staff member that introduces an agent to a student-athlete is in violation of NCAA Bylaw 10.1.



SPORTS WAGERING (GAMBLING)

The NCAA prohibits any athletics department staff members, staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department, and student-athletes from wagering anything of tangible value on intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition.



SEPTEMBER RECRUITING CALENDARS

- QUIET
- EVALUATION
- CONTACT
- EVALUATION / QUIET
- RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
- DEAD

FOOTBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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TRACK & CROSSCOUNTRY

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VOLLEYBALL

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SOFTBALL

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OTHER SPORTS

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Caring about CARA

CARA stands for Countable Athletically Related Activity, which includes any required activity with an athletics purpose, involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, any member or members of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations. Administrative activities (e.g., academic meetings, compliance meetings) shall not be considered as countable athletically related activities. During either the academic year or during the declared playing season student-athletes are limited in the amount of time they can be required to attend practice, attend required strength and conditioning, participate in film review, attend required meetings with coaches, and compete.

In Declared Playing Season

- 20 hours max per week
- 4 hours max per day
- 1 off day per week from all required athletically related activities
- A competition counts as 3 hours of CARA
- Additional CARA cannot occur after a competition

Out of Declared Playing Season

- 8 hours max per week
- 4 hours max of skill instruction (up from last year's 2-hour cap)
- 2 days off per week from all required athletically related activities

There are no CARA limitations during an institutionally declared vacation period for sports that are in their declared playing season. One day off per week must still be required for teams practicing during a vacation period.

Coaches must submit the previous month's CARA logs on JumpFoward by the end of the first week of each new month.

Pop Quiz: Is this CARA? Is this permissible?

1. Jessica, a pitcher on the Softball team, is asked to be a student host this weekend, her coach requires her to attend all 6 meals with the visiting prospect, join the prospect and her family at the football game on Saturday night and take the prospect to Top Golf Sunday afternoon? This this CARA? If so, it permissible?
2. During their playing season and during Spring Break, the Track & Field team holds practice each day, Monday through Friday, for 8 hours a day. Is this CARA? If so, is this permissible?
3. During their declared playing season, the entire Football team has weightlifting in the morning for an hour, then the team heads to Glory Field for a 2 hour practice. In the afternoon, all the players are required to attend film review for 90 minutes. Is this CARA? If so, is this permissible?

Answers:

1. No, this is not CARA. Student Host activities are not categorized as practice, strength and conditioning, film review or competition. (As a note, Jessica could not be required to fulfill these Student Host duties on her off day.)
2. Yes, because the activities are team practice, they are categorized as CARA and must be reported on the CARA logs. This practice is also permissible, despite going for more than both 4 hours a day and 20 hours in the week, because these hour limitations do not apply to practice during a vacation period such as Spring Break.
3. Yes, all of these activities are considered CARA (strength and conditioning, practice and film review) and as such must be reported on the team's CARA logs. This schedule would be impermissible because only 4 hours of CARA is permissible each day and this schedule exceeds that limit.



Volunteer Coaches

A volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution's athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics' department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution's athletics program.

Permissible Benefits for Volunteer Coaches

- Complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities, other than training table meals, or in conjunction with official visits
- May receive complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit.
- May receive camp compensation from athletics department
- Receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletic contests in the coach's sport
- Apparel incidental to coaching duties
- The individual with entertainment provided to student-athletes per bylaw 16.7.
- Reimbursable expenses
 - Away games (room, board, and transportation)
 - Parking expenses associated with practice and competition

Volunteer Coaches are prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or from scouting opponents off campus and may not perform recruiting coordination functions. Volunteer Coaches cannot coach the same sport at the high school level.

Compensation or remuneration from athletics department is prohibited.

- Volunteer Coaches may receive compensation from the institution for duties actually performed outside the athletic department and from sources outside the athletic department.
- Volunteer Coaches may receive compensation for participation at an institutional camp or clinic.
- Football and Basketball may not use volunteer coaches.

All Volunteer Coaches must have paperwork on file with the Athletics Office of Compliance.



Official Visit Transportation

The institution may only pay for the actual transportation costs of a prospective student-athlete's official visit from any location. However, the PSA must return to their original point of departure or their home, educational institution or a site of competition.

For Basketball, the institution may pay the travel expenses for a maximum of 2 parents or legal guardians. For Football, the institution may pay for the travel expense for a maximum of 2 family members.

Use of a limousine or helicopter for transportation purposes is prohibited.

Travel by Automobile

- Reimbursement must be at the same mileage rate which institutional personnel are reimbursed.
- The automobile used cannot be provided by or have its use arranged for by a representative of the institution's athletics interest.
- Special parking for the PSA can be arranged.
- Travel by Air
- Must be commercial transportation at coach-class airfare.
- Prospective student-athletes or their family members cannot take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or any other benefits associated with a ticket purchased by the institution.

Travel On-Campus

- Transportation for Prospective Student-athletes and those accompanying them can only be through one of the following means:
 - Institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective student-athletes while visiting the campus.
 - Institutional vehicles normally used to transport the institution's athletics teams.
 - The personal vehicle of an institutional staff member.
 - The personal vehicle of a student-host.

Transportation for Unofficial Visits

The institution cannot pay for the transportation costs to the university for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit. Once on campus, the institution may provide transportation around campus to a PSA on an unofficial visit in the same manner as a prospect on an official visit; however, there can be no transportation in a student-host personal vehicle and an institutional staff member must accompany the prospect during any on campus transportation.

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