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UTEP ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

## COMPLIANCE HOT SHOT



**MIKA LAAKSONEN**  
TRACK & FIELD HEAD COACH

Mika does a great job of communicating with the compliance office to make sure that the track program is complying with the NCAA rules and regulations. We would like to thank Mika for his involvement with and support of the compliance staff.

# JANUARY RECRUITING CALENDARS

QUIET
EVALUATION
CONTACT
DEAD

EVALUATION / QUIET

### TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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### SOFTBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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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.



### FOOTBALL

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### SOCCER

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### VOLLEYBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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### OTHER SPORTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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## HOUSING AND MEALS - BYLAW 16.5

An institution is required to apply the same housing policies to student-athletes as it applies to the student body in general. During the academic year, the institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletics blocks within institutional or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings (when the institution arranges for the housing) on those days when institutional dormitories are open to the general student body.

**Athletics Dormitories** - Athletics dormitories shall be defined as institutional dormitories in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes.

**Athletics Blocks** - Athletics blocks shall be defined as individual blocks, wings or floors within institutional dormitories or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes.

**Exception - Nondiscriminatory Housing Policies** - The prohibition against the use of athletics dormitories or blocks does not apply when the institution demonstrates that its housing assignment policies do not differentiate between student-athletes and students generally.

Identified meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:

**Meals Incidental to Participation** - An institution may provide meals to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics. An institution shall not provide student-athletes with a meal and cash for the same meal.

(1) Cash for Missed Meal Due to Practice Activities - An institution may provide to a student-athlete the cash equivalent of a meal missed due to practice activities only if he or she has previously paid for the meal (either individually or through the board element of a scholarship).

(2) Meals in Conjunction With Home Competition - All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution's discretion beginning with the evening before competition and continuing until they are released by institutional personnel. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals during this time period. An institution, at its discretion, may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed \$15), but not both, to student-athletes at the time of their release by institutional personnel.

(3) Meals in Conjunction With Away-from-Home Competition - On each day associated with an away from home competition (from the time the team is required to report on call for team travel until the team returns to campus) an institution may provide meals to student-athletes pursuant to one of the following options:

(i) All student-athletes are permitted to receive a pregame or postgame meal as a benefit incidental to participation in addition to regular meals (or meal allowances per institutional policy). An institution, at its discretion, may provide cash, not to exceed \$15, in lieu of a postgame meal; or

(ii) All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution's discretion. If a student-athlete does not use team travel to return to campus, he or she may receive meals at the institution's discretion up to the point he or she is released from team-related activities by the appropriate institutional authority. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals under this option before their release. An institution may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed \$15), but not both, to a student-athlete at the time of his or her release by the institutional authority, regardless of whether he or she uses team travel to return to campus.

**Training Table Meals** - An institution may provide only one training table meal per day to a student-athlete during the academic year on those days when regular institutional dining facilities are open. A student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs.

**Snacks** - An institution may provide snacks to a student-athlete at any time.

**Nutritional Supplements** - An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, protein supplements, and vitamins and minerals.

## NCAA INTERPRETATIONS OF INTEREST

### Replacement of Counter Who Renders Themselves Ineligible After Exhausting Eligibility - December 06, 2017

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a counter whose aid is cancelled because he or she rendered themselves ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term, but after exhausting eligibility in the applicable sport (i.e., after the final competition of his or her final season) may not have his or her aid provided to another student in the ensuing term in that sport without that student becoming an additional counter.

### In-Person Contact with Prospective Student-Athlete During Football Bowl Subdivision December or January Dead Period After Signing a National Letter of Intent - December 06, 2017

The committee determined that, in bowl subdivision football, for a coaching staff member to have contact with a prospective student-athlete during the December and January dead period, the prospective student-athlete must have signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution.

### Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete - Countable Coach Reassignment- Bowl Subdivision Football - December 13, 2017

The committee determined that, in bowl subdivision football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete must be a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two full seasons to apply the reassignment exception. Further, a season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-field preseason practice and the institution's last regular-season contest.

## IN THE NEWS/SOUTH CAROLINA COMMITS RECRUITING VIOLATIONS IN FOOTBALL

By Stacey Osburn, NCAA.org  
December 20, 2017

Two University of South Carolina, Columbia, assistant football coaches leveraged relationships with a high school's coaches to create a built-in recruiting advantage, according to a Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

This case was resolved through the summary disposition process, a cooperative effort in which the involved parties collectively submit the case to the Committee on Infractions in written form. The NCAA enforcement staff, university and involved parties must agree to the facts and overall level of the case to use this process instead of a formal in-person hearing.

The violations stemmed from the assistant coaches' two separate visits to the high school to observe a football team's workout during an evaluation period. While this evaluation is otherwise allowed under NCAA rules, the high school head football coach and strength and conditioning coach handpicked four prospects to perform drills exclusively for the assistant coach at the assistant coach's request. One week later, the strength coach pulled three of the same four prospects aside to perform drills exclusively for the other assistant coach.

"Impermissible contacts and tryouts — no matter how few or brief — are an important matter to the membership," the panel stated in its decision. "The violations confer an unfair advantage in the recruiting process on institutions that engage in them to the detriment of institutions that comply with the legislation."

Penalties in the case include a \$5,000 fine and the following recruiting restrictions:

No recruitment of any of the prospects involved in the violations (self-imposed by the university).

Reduction of fall evaluation days by four, from 42 to 38, during the fall 2017 evaluation period (self-imposed by the university).

No engagement in off-campus recruiting activities at the involved high school from Sept. 1, 2017, to Aug. 31, 2018 (self-imposed by the university).

Suspension of each involved assistant coach from off-campus recruiting activities for 42 days during the fall 2017 evaluation period (self-imposed by the university).

Members of the Committee on Infractions are drawn from NCAA membership and members of the public. The members of the panel who reviewed this case are William Bock III, attorney in private practice; Carol Cartwright, president emeritus at Kent State and chief hearing officer; Stephen A. Madva, retired attorney; Joel Maturi, former Minnesota athletics director; Vince Nicastro, deputy commissioner and chief operating officer for the Big East Conference; Joe Novak, former head football coach at Northern Illinois; and Sankar Suryanarayan, university counsel, Princeton.

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