



# PAYDIRT PRESS

UTEP ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

## COMPLIANCE HOTSHOT



Ric Romero

### General Manager - Van Wagner

The compliance office would like to thank Ric for his attentiveness to compliance issues. Ric is always working with the compliance office to make sure Van Wagner and their advertising partners are in compliance with NCAA rules.

## 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 with or over the athletics department, and student-athletes from wagering anything of tangible value on intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition.



## December RECRUITING CALENDARS

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

### FOOTBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### MEN'S GOLF

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### VOLLEYBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### SOFTBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### OTHER SPORTS

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Vacation Period Reminder

**Winter Break: Dec. 11th, 2020 through Jan. 17th, 2021**

### In Season Sports

Normal daily and weekly hour limitations for CARA activities apply throughout finals week. There are no limitations on the number of CARA activities that occur during the institution's official vacation period. The 20-hour rule is not in effect but student-athletes are still required or be given one day off per week. When classes resume on January 18th, CARA hour limitations are once again in effect.

### Out-of-Season Sports

Except in football, all countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of the final exam period. Additionally, during a vacation period, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season.

## Vacation Period Expenses

During a vacation period, student-athletes may receive meals provided by the institution or "per diem" not to exceed the amount provided to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips. Additionally, room and board expenses can be provided in the following circumstances:

- Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition during the institution's official vacation period;
  - Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (not including vacation period between terms) from institutional competition. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided beginning with the student-athlete's arrival on campus until the institution's regular dormitories and dining facilities reopen;\*
  - Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period between regular academic terms (e.g., summer vacation period) from institutional competition that occurs at the end of the institution's playing and practice season or segment thereof. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided for not more than a 48-hour period, beginning with the student-athlete's return to campus; or\*
  - In basketball, student-athletes who remain on campus during the three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year.\*
- \*Student-athletes who live at home cannot be provided the cost of room and board.

## Holiday Cards

Holiday cards sent to prospects must comply with the recruiting materials restrictions. All sports may provide holiday cards to high school juniors, seniors, and junior college prospects. Holiday cards must meet NCAA size restrictions relating to general correspondence (e.g., may not exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches when opened fully). Note: the rules above also apply to any individual linked to a prospect (e.g., coach, mentor, family member).

## Holiday Gifts

NCAA rules prohibit coaches and other staff members from providing gifts (regardless of value or type) to student-athletes. If your team hosts a Secret Santa or White Elephant event, please make sure student-athletes only exchange gifts with other student-athletes (no coaches or staff permitted) and participation is voluntary.

## Competing While Not Representing UTEP

Competing while not representing UTEP athletics allows student-athletes in individual sports to maintain redshirt status or not use a date of competition if the student-athletes:

- Represent only themselves and not a club, team, or other organization;

- Receives no coaching from UTEP staff members and does not wear any UTEP apparel or uniform;
- Pay all their own expenses, including travel costs and participation fees.

A student-athlete who is competing as an individual may accept prize money that does not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses.

**Compliance Approval:** All student-athletes must fill out an Outside Competition Approval form with the Athletics Compliance Office in order to assure they are in compliance with NCAA rules and to prevent any loss of eligibility.

## ED Column // On-Campus Contact with Former Student-Athletes

Date Published: July 11, 2017

**Bylaw 13.1.2.2 ... (i) Former Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's family members, and/or other individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during a campus visit are permissible.

### #1

**Q:** How is a "former student-athlete" defined?

**A:** As it relates to recruiting, a former student-athlete is an individual who was a student-athlete at the institution but no longer is.

### #2

**Q:** Would contact be permissible if the former student-athlete is a representative of the institution's athletics interests?

**A:** Yes. Such contact would be permissible.

### #3

**Q:** May recruiting conversations occur between the former student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete?

**A:** Yes.

### #4

**Q:** May contact occur between a former student-athlete's parents and a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's parents?

**A:** No.

### #5

**Q:** May contact occur at a regular home facility that is located off-campus (e.g., boathouse)?

**A:** Yes.

### #6

**Q:** May the institution arrange contact between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete?

**A:** Yes.

### #7

**Q:** May the athletics department pay expenses to bring the former student-athlete to campus to meet with prospective student-athletes?

**A:** No. An institution is generally not permitted to provide expenses to former student-athletes for any purpose. However, an institution may provide expenses to a former student-athlete to attend an event in which he or she is being honored.

### #8

**Q:** During an official or unofficial visit, may a former student-athlete participate in recreational activities with a prospective student-athlete?

**A:** Yes, provided the former student-athlete's participation in the recreational activities is not organized or directed by the athletics department coaching staff. Additionally, the former student-athlete may not report back to the athletics department coaching staff regarding the prospective student-athlete's participation in the recreational activity.

Contact the  
Compliance  
Office:

David Kooger  
Assistant AD/Compliance  
915-747-8024  
dkooger@utep.edu

Jacob Heuett  
Assistant Director of Compliance  
915-747-6873  
jjheuett@utep.edu

Fadia Rouhana  
Athletics Aid Coordinator  
915-747-8607  
frouhana@utep.edu



**GET TO  
KNOW YOUR  
COMPLIANCE  
OFFICE**

**CHRISTMAS  
MOVIE  
DRAFT**

**FADIA**

**DAVID**

**JACOB**



Contact the  
Compliance  
Office:

David Kooger  
Assistant AD/Compliance  
915-747-8024  
dkooger@utep.edu

Jacob Heuett  
Assistant Director of Compliance  
915-747-6873  
jjheuett@utep.edu

Fadia Rouhana  
Athletics Aid Coordinator  
915-747-8607  
frouhana@utep.edu