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UTEP ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

## COMPLIANCE HOTSHOT



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The Compliance Office would like to thank Linda for her efforts to make sure all of our sports' recruiting visit expenses are in line with NCAA rules. Linda and the ABO do a great job of reporting any issue and bringing any questions to the compliance office.

## 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.



## February RECRUITING CALENDARS

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

### FOOTBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

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### MEN'S GOLF

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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### VOLLEYBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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### SOFTBALL

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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### OTHER SPORTS

SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
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## Super Bowl Gambling Reminder

Whether you like the Bengals or the Rams, don't bet on it! UTEP staff, coaches, and student-athletes cannot participate in sports wagering activities related to the Super Bowl that have entry fees or other associated costs (e.g., point squares, prop bets, daily fantasy).

## Nonchampionship Segment Reminders

### Season of Competition

In Soccer, Volleyball, and Softball, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete remains academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

### Academic Requirements

Student-athletes are not permitted to miss class time in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).

### Maximum Number of Contests

Soccer is limited to 5 contests during the nonchampionship segment. Volleyball is limited to 4 contests during the nonchampionship segment.

### Travel Restrictions

Travel to and from competition is restricted to ground transportation and must be within 400 miles of UTEP.

## Wearable Technology - When is it CARA?

Use of wearable technology must be either:

- Counted within CARA hours (maximum of 20 hours in-season/8 hours out of season); or
- Voluntary athletically related activities (Bylaw 17.02.19).
  - o **NOT** required to be reported back to a coach or other athletics department staff member by a student-athlete; or
  - o **NOT** reported back (recorded) to the coach through the use of the device;
  - o Initiated by student-athlete; and
  - o No penalties for non-participation.

What is wearable technology?

- Examples include: digital watches (e.g., Apple Watch, Fitbit) or any other wearable device which transmits or records physical workout data (e.g., heart rate, steps taken)
- Coaches may not access data generated from wearable technology used by student-athletes during voluntary activities or summer activities. If strength/conditioning coaches or athletic trainers view data generated from wearable technology, they must keep all data private between student-athletes and the staff member. Data may only be shared with coaches if activity was part of CARA or there is a specific health and safety issue that is identified during the workout. Student-athletes are allowed to personally share any generated data on Facebook, Twitter or any other online forum for their followers, provided this is not done at the direction of the coaching staff.

## Ed Column: Benefits Related to Graduation Awards and Incentives

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the NCAA Division I membership in its understanding the NCAA's recent injunction in the Alston case and specifically benefits related to graduation awards and incentives legislation.

### #1

**Q:** Are there minimum or maximum limits on the value of academic or graduation awards/incentives?

**A:** At the national level, the annual minimum limit may not be less than the maximum value of awards an institution or conference could provide an individual student-athlete in an academic year in participation, championship and special achievement awards (combined) listed in Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3. The injunction uses Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3 as an equivalency to establish an amount for academic/graduation awards. A December 2020 clarification to the injunction made by the court states that the limit on the academic and graduation awards and incentives currently permitted may not be less than \$5,980 in an academic year. The district court noted that the NCAA may set an amount less than \$5,980 provided the NCAA decreases the maximum amount that a student-athlete could receive in athletics participation awards by modifying Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3. In addition, a conference (individually) or an institution may set limits lower than the national minimum as described by the order clarifying the injunction.

### #2

**Q:** Is the academic or graduation awards/incentives a separate limit from the participation awards in Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3?

**A:** The academic or graduation awards/incentives is a separate limit from the individual limits in Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3. The \$5,980 limit is specific to academic or graduation awards/incentives.

### #3

**Q:** What type of academic or graduation awards/incentives may be provided?

**A:** The awards and incentives may be financial payments or tangible items of equivalent value.

### #4

**Q:** Are there specific academic criteria for providing academic awards/incentives?

**A:** The injunction does not establish parameters around the academic criteria for offering these benefits. This is an area in which you should consult legal counsel, as well as your faculty athletics representative or provost and staff with knowledge of tax and Title IX implications.

### #5

**Q:** Is the award permitted by the district court's decision in addition to a student-athlete's Grant-in-Aid and cost of attendance?

**A:** Yes.

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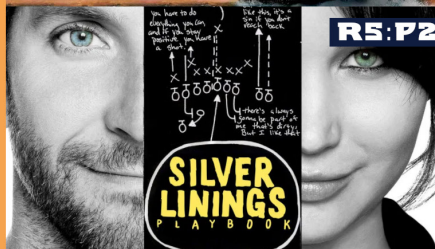
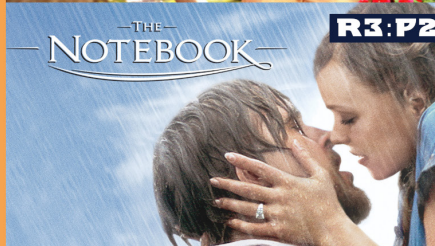
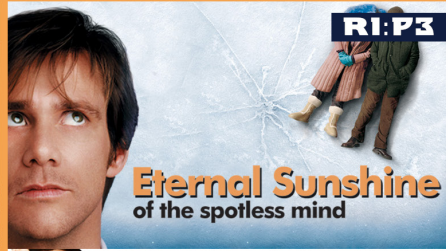
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