

The Interpreter

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Making the Grade

In order to practice and compete in intercollegiate athletics, student-athletes must meet several standards for academic achievement. Specifically, a student-athlete must remain in good academic standing, maintain satisfactory progress towards a degree and meet minimum GPA percentage and credit hour requirements.

Good Academic Standing

All students at Florida State must remain in good academic standing and student-athletes are treated no differently. "Good academic standing" is defined by Florida State and varies depending on the student-athlete's major field of study. For additional information regarding good academic standing, please consult your team's academic counselor.

Percentage of Degree

Satisfactory progress requirements set forth by the NCAA require that student-athletes are not eligible for competition unless they have completed 25% of the requirements for their declared degree by the beginning of their third year of enrollment. They must achieve 50% of their degree requirements by the beginning of their fourth year and 75% by the beginning of their fifth year. Student-athletes in their first two years of enrollment who have not designated a degree program may use classes that apply toward any FSU degree program.

Credit Hour Requirements

All student-athletes must complete an average of at least 12 hours per semester during each of the previous academic terms in which the

student-athlete was enrolled, with not more than 25% of those hours being earned during the summer terms.

GPA Requirements

For GPA requirements, the NCAA states that a student-athlete entering his/her third year must have a minimum GPA that equals no less than 90% of the minimum GPA required to graduate, and 95% of the minimum GPA by the beginning of his/her fourth or subsequent year of enrollment.

Student-athletes who do not meet the requirements for good academic standing, percentage or degree and credit hour requirements are NOT ELIGIBLE for intercollegiate competition.



New President at Florida State

The Florida State University Board of Trustees has selected alumnus and former president of Tallahassee Community College T.K. Wetherell to serve as the university's 13th president. Wetherell, 56, succeeds Talbot H. "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who has been president since January 1994.

Wetherell earned a doctorate in education administration from FSU in 1974 and held numerous positions in higher education, including vice president and provost at Daytona Beach Community College and assistant professor of education at Bethune-Cookman College. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1980 to 1992, the last two years as House Speaker, and was president of TCC from 1995 to 2001. Most recently, he was a lobbyist with the Southern Strategy Group before resigning to seek the FSU presidency.

After his legislative service, Wetherell was a visiting eminent scholar at Florida State University's Gus A. Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education.

Wetherell had previously been a finalist for the FSU presidency in 1993. On December 10, 2002, The 13-member Board of Trustees selected Wetherell from a slate of three finalists forwarded by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Reminders

- ◆ All coaches must receive a practice clearance list before any athlete is to practice in spring semester.
- ◆ All coaches must set up a time with Compliance for a squad meeting with all newcomers.
- ◆ Recruiting Logs and Practice Calendars are due at the Monthly Coaches Meeting.
- ◆ Submit Countable Contests for individual/team participation to Compliance.
- ◆ Submit Student-Athlete signed forms for Individual Voluntary Instruction to Compliance.
- ◆ Official visit letters, transcripts and test scores are to be submitted to Compliance prior to the prospect's official visit.
- ◆ Fall sports—submit requests for Hardship Waivers to Brian Battle.

From the Interpretation File

Travel to NCAA Championships and Postseason Bowl Games during Vacation Period.

NCAA institutions should note that an institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, national governing body championship in emerging sports or a postseason bowl game and back to campus. The following are exceptions to this principle:

1. Student-athlete does not use team transportation. If the student-athlete goes home during

the vacation period, the institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the greater of the transportation cost for the student-athlete to travel from:

- a. Campus to the event site and back to campus;
- b. Campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or
- c. The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home.

2. Student-athlete uses "leg" of team transportation. An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation must deduct the value of the actual transportation

cost of that "leg" from the allowance provided to the student-athlete in No. 1 above.

3. Second trip home. If a student-athlete either uses team transportation to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus, or participates in an event that takes place in the institution's home community, and also has personally paid for a round-trip ticket home during that same vacation period, the student-athlete may be provided actual transportation expenses to travel between campus and home on a second occasion during that same period.



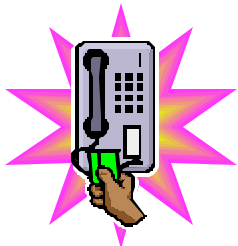
In the News....



Clemson Suspends Forward

Clemson has suspended Tomas Nagys for eight games because of several secondary violations.

Nagys used a university calling card to make \$553.20 in long distance telephone calls and received trips to and from the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport.



Summer League Violation Costs the 'Cats

Kentucky forward Erik Daniels has been suspended for four games because he played in two summer basketball leagues.

NCAA rules allow college basketball players to participate in one sanctioned league per summer.

NCAA Uphold Bowl Ban, Restores Scholarships

The NCAA upheld its one-year bowl ban on California's football team but restored nine scholarships it revoked after finding academic fraud and other infractions in 1999.

Rec League Hampers Syracuse

The NCAA ruled that Syracuse point guard Billy Edelin must sit out the first 12 games of the season because he violated outside competition rules.

Edelin was penalized for participating in recreational basketball leagues while serving a university-imposed suspension last year. The NCAA prohibits student-athletes from participating in outside competition during the school year.



Sports Agents Strike Again

Two former Fresno State basketball players said they accepted cash and other benefits from sports agents in violation of NCAA rules.

Tito Maddox said he accepted about \$30,000 from relatives of a Las Vegas sports agent during the 2000-01 season. Terrance Roberson stated that he accepted at least several hundred dollars from middleman Nate Cebrun during the 1999-2000 season.

Both cases violate NCAA rules, which prohibit student-athletes from receiving extra benefits.

Hogs Add Infractions, Limit Scholarships

Arkansas has extended scholarship penalties for two years after acknowledging to the NCAA that a booster's overpayment to players he employed was more serious than previously stated.

Twenty athletes who worked for booster Ted Harrod's J&H Truck Service in Dallas were overpaid \$4,300 from 1994-99, an average of just over \$200 each.

As a result, the university is to extend football scholarship penalties from two years to four years. The university will also impose one year of sanctions in basketball.

The NCAA has made an official inquiry of Arkansas over this matter. The NCAA asked the school to show why it shouldn't be subjected to punishment as a repeat violator—including sanctions under the NCAA's death penalty.

The NCAA cited 1997 violations in the basketball program. Because the basketball violations were less than five years old, the school could be punished as a repeat offender.

A hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2003 in Atlanta.

RECRUITING CALENDAR JANUARY

Football

Dec 23-Jan 2	Dead Period
Jan 3-5	Quiet Period
Jan 6-9	Dead Period
Jan 10-11	Quiet Period
Jan 13-Feb 1	Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Jan 1-31	Eval/Quiet Period
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Women's Basketball

Jan 1-31	Eval/Quiet Period
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Volleyball

Jan 1-31	Quiet Period
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Softball

Jan 1	Quiet Period
Jan 2-31	Cont/Eval Period

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