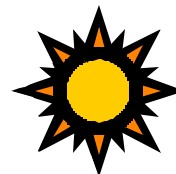


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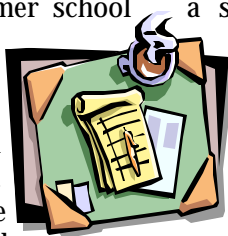
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Summer Employment



Summer Workouts

With the summer almost upon us, it is time to address the subject of student-athlete summer employment. NCAA Bylaw 15.2.7.3 states that a student-athlete may receive legitimate summer employment earnings without any restriction on the amount of compensation received, even if the student-athlete is attending summer school as a recipient of institutional financial aid. Further, such employment earnings are not considered in determining the amount of athletically related financial aid the student-athlete may receive for the summer term.



Despite the flexibility of this rule, one must keep in mind that all other rules and regulations governing the employment of student-athletes apply. This includes Bylaw 12.4.1, which states that any compensation must be for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. Also, athletic reputation of the student-athlete may in no way be used to promote the organization with whom he or she is employed.

With the exception of football, student-athletes may also be employed as counselors at sports camps or clinics, provided the wages are in line with the going rate.

In the sport of football, student-athletes may not be employed by his own institution's football camp. It is, however, permissible for a football student-athlete to be employed by a football camp at an institution other than his own.

Athletes and coaches should be aware that Bylaw 13.2.4.2 precludes coaches as well as other representatives of the university from providing student-athletes with free transportation to and from summer jobs, unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

Please contact John Lata, Coordinator of Student Services, at 644-3281 for more information about employment opportunities for Florida State student-athletes.



Generally, team practice cannot be held during the summer outside of the declared playing and practice season. All workouts must be voluntary. A few exceptions do exist:

- * If a team is participating in a foreign tour, they can have up to ten days of practice before the foreign tour.
- * Individual summer workout sessions may be conducted for student-athletes in the following sports: **Cross Country, Golf, Swimming & Diving, and Track & Field**, as long as the activity is at the request of the student-athlete and the institution does not pay any fees for the use of the facility.

The NCAA defines "voluntary" as:

- * The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member any information related to the activity.
- * The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletics staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities.
- * The student-athlete's attendance and participation (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purposes of reporting such information to coaches.
- * The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity.

Athletic Staff Members in Sports Camps or Clinics

Hoop it Up!!

Division I institutions should note that athletics department staff members may be involved in sports camps or clinics subject to the following provisions:

- * No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospects. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp.
- * An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps. In the sports of football and basketball, participation in such camps/clinics is limited to the months of June, July and August.

- * Pursuant to Bylaw 13.13.1.3, institutional camps may not be conducted during a dead period. Therefore, institutional athletics department personnel may not be involved in a noninstitutional privately owned camp or clinic that occurs during a dead period.
- * An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions:
 - a. The camp or clinic is designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);
 - b. The camp or clinic is open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);
 - c. The camp or clinic is conducted primarily for educational purposes and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes);
 - d. Participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and
 - e. All participants reside in the state in which the camp/clinic is located or within 100 miles of the camp/clinic.

Recruiting is an on-going process. Our coaches work tirelessly to bring Florida State the best talent.



Here are some reminders of the rules that our basketball coaches must follow while recruiting:

In men's basketball, all evaluations during the academic year are limited to regularly scheduled high school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices, pick-up games and open gyms conducted under the supervision of the high school or two-year college coach. Evaluations during the April contact period are limited to events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high school or two-year college association. These contacts may occur at sites other than the prospect's educational institution only on Saturday, Sunday or both, but not on any weekend during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered. Further, during the April contact period, it is permissible for authorized coaching staff members to contact a prospective student-athlete during his junior year in high school on one occasion, provided the contact is on the campus of the high school that the prospect attends and is included in the five permissible recruiting opportunities for that year.

During the summer, men's and women's basketball coaches may attend noninstitutional, nonorganized events (e.g., pick-up games), institutional basketball camps and noninstitutional organized events that are certified. It is permissible for coaches to attend organized team practices in preparation for a certified event only if such practice time has been designated by the organizer as part of the event.

In men's basketball, evaluations at sites other than the prospect's educational institution are prohibited during the September contact period. Evaluations at a prospect's educational institution in conjunction with an off-campus contact remain permissible.



From the Interpretation File

Attachments to General Correspondence and E-mail. It is permissible for an institution to attach information to general correspondence, provided the attachment is printed on plain white paper with black ink. Further, it is permissible for an institution to attach information to e-mail correspondence that may include color, provided the attachment does not include any animation, audio/video clips and there is no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached to the e-mail correspondence.

Summer Camp Advertisement—Nonscholastic Competition Program. It is not permissible for an institution to place camp or clinic advertisements in a publication related to any competition in which prospective student-athletes are participants.

Commercial Advertisement on a Schedule Card. It is not permissible for a commercial company's advertisement (other than the commercial company's officially registered regular trademark or logo) to appear on the same side of an unfolded multi-panel schedule card that also includes the name or picture of a student-athlete with eligibility remaining.



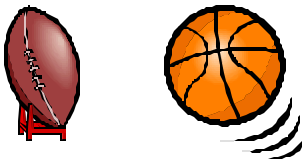
In the News....

NCAA Investigates Miss State

The NCAA is investigating Mississippi State's football program for possible rules violations over the past five years.

According to the letter of preliminary inquiry, the NCAA is investigating possible violations including improper contacts and offers to prospective student-athletes by current and former members of the coaching staff.

The NCAA intends to complete the investigation by July.



A-10 Keeps St. Bonaventure

The Atlantic 10 will not dismiss St. Bonaventure from the conference.

The issue of removing the Bonnies from the A-10 arose after the school used ineligible player Jamil Terrell. The Bonnies offered to forfeit six A-10 victories, but the conference banned the school from the A-10 tournament. Upon learning of this, the players decided not to play the last two games of the regular season. The school agreed to pay Massachusetts between \$50,000 to \$100,000 in lost revenue for failing to show up for the regular-season road game.

The A-10 also announced that the Bonnies offered to reimburse Richmond and the conference for any financial losses for Richmond's missed home game.

Missouri Suspends Basketball Staff Member

A third basketball staff member at Missouri has been disciplined this year, this time after reporting he failed to turn in two players who used coaches' phones to make \$452 in calls.

The university suspended Lee Rashman, Director of Basketball Operations, for four weeks without pay. In the fall of 2001, Rashman learned that two players at Missouri had made \$452 in calls using coaches' office phones. He ordered the players to stop making the calls and took steps to prevent further usage, though he did not report the incidents to compliance officials.

A newspaper reported that phone records indicate Missouri may have also violated NCAA rules by calling the mother of a player before he was released from the Virginia Military Institute. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* said members of Missouri's basketball staff called the mother's cellular and office phones at least six times before her son sought a release from VMI.



NCAA Names Two Corporate Champions

The NCAA has announced that Pontiac, through the General Motors Corporation, and Cingular Wireless have signed multiyear contracts to become NCAA corporate champions. Pontiac and Cingular join Coca-Cola as participants in the enhanced corporate partnership program, which is administered by CBS Sports.

Telephone Calls



In sports other than football and basketball, telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. Thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

In Division I-A football, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to a prospect may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the prospect's senior year in high school. Thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside a contact period. During a contact period, such telephone contact may be made at the institution's discretion.

In men's basketball, an institution may make one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] during the month of March and one telephone call on or after June 21 during the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with not more than one telephone call per week. Thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

In women's basketball, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week. Thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

May Recruiting Calendar



Football

April 15-May 31

Eval/Quiet

* Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the institution for evaluation.

Men's Basketball

May 1-31

Quiet

Women's Basketball

May 1-31

Quiet

Softball

May 1-19

May 20-27 (noon) Dead

May 27 (noon)-June 2

Cont/Eval

Quiet

Volleyball

May 1-23

May 24-31

Quiet

Cont/Eval

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