

The Interpreter

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Playing Seasons

Complimentary Admissions

Declaration of Playing Season

According to **Bylaw 17.1.3**, every sport at Florida State is required to declare, in writing, the playing season at the beginning of the academic year. These declarations will be kept on file in the Athletic Director's office.

Countable Practice Hours

NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.1 limits the amount of time student-athletes may participate in countable athletically related activities. This bylaw states that a student-athlete's participation in athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

The NCAA defines countable athletically related activities as practice, meetings or any other instruction or activity involving sports-related information. Further, practice is considered to have occurred if one or more coaches and one or more student-athletes engage in activities such as chalk-talks, film study and weight training.



NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.2 states that outside the playing season during the academic year, a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is further limited to eight hours per week. Additionally, not more than two of the eight hours may be spent on individual workouts and in football, not more than two hours may be spent on viewing game film.

However, during the playing season, **NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.3.6** states that daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's official vacation period. These limitations do apply during examination periods.

As set forth in **Bylaw 16.2.1.1**, an institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away contests to a student-athlete in the sport in which he or she participates (either practices or competes).

Bylaw 16.2.1.1.2 states that an institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a conference championship, NCAA championship or bowl game with six complimentary admissions.

Complimentary admissions will be issued through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. The individual utilizing the complimentary admission must present identification at the pass gate.

Student-athletes may not receive payment or any other item of value for his or her complimentary admission.



WHAT IS NCAA COMPLIANCE?

Principles of Institutional Control

It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA. The institution's chief officer is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including the approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.

Principles of Institutional Responsibility

The institution's responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the

athletics interests of the institution.

Principles of Rules Compliance

Each institution shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the NCAA and the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. It shall monitor its programs to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved. In any such instance, the institution shall cooperate fully with the NCAA and shall take appropriate corrective actions. Members of an institution's staff, student-athletes and other individuals and groups representing the

institution's athletics interests shall comply with the applicable NCAA rules, and the member institution shall be responsible for such compliance.

REMEMBER...

COMPLIANCE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



From the Interpretation File

Bylaw 14.16.1: Requirement for Practice-Male Students Practicing with Women's Teams

A student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree to be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions.

Male students who practice on a regular basis

with the institution's women's teams must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations.

In addition, the following issues also apply:

- It is permissible for an institution to provide apparel to male students for the purpose of practicing with the institution's women's team.

- It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students financial assistance in return for practicing with the women's team.
- It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students with room and board to remain on campus during vacation periods.
- It is not permissible for an institution to allow male students who are nonqualifiers to participate in practice sessions with the women's team.



In the News.....



NCAA Upholds Penalties

The NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee has upheld penalties against two Southeastern Conference institutions.

The University of Alabama was seeking restoration of six scholarships and its bowl eligibility for the next two years. These penalties were in addition to the university's self-imposed reduction of 15 scholarships. Alabama was cited for illegal recruiting practices by boosters.

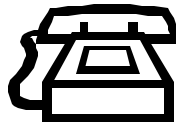
The University of Kentucky asked the NCAA Infraction Committee to repeal the postseason competition ban for the football team. Kentucky's case was centered on illegal recruiting, unethical conduct and lack of institutional control.

Oregon Investigating Players

The University of Oregon is investigating allegations that two football players traded complimentary tickets for breaks in rent. The investigation has centered on two football players and one landlord. The university is trying to determine the amount of the discount the student-athletes received. A report is due out in the next few weeks.

Stanford QB Suspended for Extra Benefits

Quarterback Chris Lewis was suspended for one game due to personal phone calls he made with an athletic department access code. The calls took place in the summer of 2001 while Lewis was working in the athletic department. The calls were considered a secondary infraction because of their limited financial scope, resulting in the one-game suspension.



Phone Card at Center of Nebraska Investigation

A woman who had employed Nebraska football player Thunder Collins reported that she gave him a phone card to be used for emergencies. She claims that Collins ran up \$116 of charges on the phone card and only repaid \$50 of it. The woman was not considered a booster of Nebraska, so there is no apparent violation by the school. It would be considered an individual violation of NCAA extra benefit legislation. Collins has been suspended for four games.

NCAA Investigates the Gamecocks

An NCAA enforcement representative has interviewed at least three South Carolina men last month about their knowledge of potential NCAA rules violations including:

- ◆ Whether parents of players were given jobs because their sons played for South Carolina.
- ◆ Whether a parent of a player was given improper benefits.
- ◆ Whether a parent of a player cashed thousands of dollars in checks after her son signed to play for USC.

In 2001, the NCAA investigated South Carolina's Derek Watson on allegations of academic improprieties. The investigation uncovered a secondary violation involving Watson driving a USC alumni's \$62,000 sports utility vehicle.

Bulldog QB Sits For Opener

Mississippi State's quarterback, Kevin Fant, was suspended for one game for using a booster's credit card number to hold tires for his car. His mother paid for the tires shortly afterwards.

The same tire store has been the focus of a recent investigation by the University of Mississippi into improper benefits for a player.

Recruiting Calendar ~ SEPT

Men's Basketball

Sept 1-Sept 8.....Quiet Period
Sept 9-Oct 5.....Contact Period

Women's Basketball

Sept 1-Sept 8.....Quiet Period
Sept 9-Sept 29.....Contact Period
Sept 30-Oct 7.....Quiet Period

Football

Sept 1-Sept 30.....Quiet/Eval Period

Softball

Sept 1-Sept 30.....Cont./Eval Period

Volleyball

Sept 1-Sept 30.....Cont./Eval Period

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