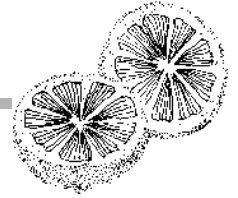


A Slice of Compliance

December, 2001



Tip of the Month

**WHAT A DEAL!!!
LET COACH COOK YOU A MEAL!!**

***A STUDENT-ATHLETE OR AN ENTIRE TEAM
IN A SPORT MAY RECEIVE AN OCCASIONAL
FAMILY HOME MEAL FROM AN
INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER OR BOOSTER
UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:***

- (A) The meal must be provided in an individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant) and may be catered;**
- (B) Meals must be restricted to infrequent and special occasions; and**
- (C) Institutional staff members may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.**

BYLAW 16.12.1.5

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Syracuse's 21 sports
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web at:
suathletics.com***

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Holiday Reminders

As the holidays quickly draw near, below are a few reminders to keep in mind. Contact the OAC if you have any questions. The OAC wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday!!

STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT

A student-athlete may obtain employment within seven days prior to the beginning of the institution's Christmas vacation period, provided it is a prerequisite to securing the employment. The income earned does not have to be computed in determining the student-athlete's maximum allowable financial aid. However, any earnings for work performed after classes resume shall be countable.

STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION ON OUTSIDE TEAMS

A student-athlete (other than Basketball student-athletes) may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in 17.23.2.

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off, which may be a vacation day.

FINAL EXAMS

Daily and weekly hour limitations apply to countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods and to all official preparatory periods leading to final-examination periods.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OAC

Out of Bounds

(Secondary Violations)

The following are not SU cases, but merely selected by topic.

Division: I

Facts: Women's golf coach had in-person, off-campus contact with prospective student-athlete (PSA) at a golf tournament prior to the completion of PSA's competition. PSA had already signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution and approached coach regarding freshmen orientation. Shortly after their brief visit, the coach realized that such contact was not permissible and notified the compliance office of the violation.

Institutional action: Director of compliance reviewed applicable NCAA rules with the coach.

Enforcement Action: The institution was required to issue a letter of admonishment to the coach.

Eligibility Action: Staff: Eligibility reinstated.

Rationale: Staff: Based on case precedent.

Division: I

Facts: Head coach had contact with PSA (who signed a National Letter of Intent [NLI] to attend the institution prior to the violation) at the site of PSA's competition. Also, head coach hit balls with PSA prior to PSA's competition.

Institutional/Conference action: Director of Athletics issued a letter of reprimand to head coach. Also, institution provided head coach applicable legislation relative to the NLI.

Enforcement Action: No further action. However, the institution was advised that future similar violations would result in recruiting restrictions.

Eligibility Action: Eligibility reinstated.

Rationale: Based on case precedent.

Key Definitions

"Prospect" for Tryout-Rule Purposes: For purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" or "prospect" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described.

Institution's sports camp or instructional clinic: Any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospects participate. It is a camp or clinic that:

- 1 Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction, practice or competition; or
- 1 Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or
- 1 Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

From the Interpretations File

Recruiting/Telephone Calls

1. Coach Receiving Collect and Toll-Free Calls from Prospects on Institutionally Issued Cellular Telephone. A coach may receive collect and/or toll-free calls via his or her institutionally issued cellular phone, provided the institution establishes appropriate oversight procedures to monitor the phone activity (that is, receives and reviews billing information). [

Eligibility/Practice/Partial Qualifier

1. Male Partial Qualifier Practicing with Women's Team.

A male student-athlete who is serving his academic year of residence as a partial qualifier may participate in practice sessions against a women's team on campus or at the institution's regular practice facilities, provided all the other applicable legislation and interpretations established for male student-athletes practicing with a women's team are satisfied (for example, full-time enrollment, inclusion on squad list, noncounter).

Otto's Orange Juicer

The November's Orange Juicer question was as follows: an SU coach arranges for employment at a SU booster's place of business for an incoming PSA. The employment will begin after the PSA has graduated from high school. Do NCAA regulations permit a SU coach to make employment arrangements for this PSA? If not, why? If so, what conditions must be met? Please state the applicable bylaw.

The answer to October's Otto's Orange Juicer is..... Yes-it is permissible for the coach to make employment arrangements for the PSA at a SU booster's place of business as long as the PSA has graduated from high school. (Bylaw 13.2.4.1)

November's winner is Allen Bradd. Allen will receive a gift certificate for lunch at Syracuse Suds! Congratulations Allen!

The question for December is as follows: One of SU's (high school) PSAs has signed an NLI during the early signing period. The SU coach plans to make unlimited evaluations and contacts with the PSA during the permissible recruiting periods. The coach attends a competition and speaks to the PSA prior to competition. Do NCAA regulations allow a coach unlimited contacts and evaluations with a PSA who has signed an NLI? Can the coach contact the PSA prior to a competition now that the NLI has been signed? Please state all bylaws that apply.

Please send your answer to Angie Bradd no later than December 31st. The winner will receive a gift certificate for lunch at Pastabilities.



Infractions Cases

Southern Methodist University was placed on probation for violations of NCAA legislation governing recruiting, extra benefits, academic fraud, and unethical conduct. The Division I Committee on Infractions has imposed the following on the university:

- 1 Two years probation from December 13, 2000
- 1 Self-imposed suspension and termination of the assistant football coach involved.
- 1 The former assistant football coach will be placed on a 7-year show-cause period should he apply for any athletically related position in a NCAA institution.
- 1 Self-imposed reduction of 4 football equivalencies for 2000-2001 academic year and four additional for the 2001-2002 year.
- 1 Self-imposed reduction of 8 expense-paid recruiting visits for the 2000-2001 year and 8 for the 2001-2002 academic year.
- 1 Self-imposed number of coaching staff permitted on off-campus recruiting was reduced by one for the 1999-2000 year and will utilize only 8 full-time assistant coaches for the 1999-football season.
- 1 The number of permissible off-campus recruiting for the 2000-2001 year will be reduced by one.
- 1 Only 38 official visits will be allowed for the 2001-2002 academic year.
- 1 The university will continue to develop and implement a comprehensive education program on NCAA legislation and submit periodic reports to the NCAA

Baylor University was placed on probation for two years for violating NCAA bylaws governing recruiting, extra benefits, and financial aid in the men's tennis program. The following are penalties imposed by the NCAA:

- 1 Two years of probation from December 21, 2000.
- 1 The total number of grants-in-aid in men's tennis will be reduced by twice the dollar amount of the total value of excess aid received by the two student-athletes involved for the 2000-2001 year.
- 1 The number of grants-in-aid received in the 2001-2002 year will be reduced by one.
- 1 The head men's tennis coach will be required to attend one NCAA compliance seminar at his own expense and have a letter of reprimand placed in file.
- 1 The university must issue a letter of reprimand to the assistant director of athletics for compliance. Rules education must be conducted with the men's tennis team.
- 1 The two student-athletes are declared ineligible and withheld from two matches and repay monies received from rent subsidies.
- 1 Individual reprimands on former head coach, secretary and academic supervisor.
- 1 The university must develop and implement a comprehensive educational program on NCAA legislation and submit periodic reports to the NCAA.

Quote of the Month

"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."

-Gail Devers



Voices From Within

How does the NCAA rule on a coach providing an "Occasional Home Meal" benefit you and your team?

Rachel Wrede, Swimming & Diving

"When my teammates and I usually get together it is either to practice or hang out in someone's apartment. However, before our first swim meet, we all went to our coach's house for a team dinner. Being in a house, eating a meal, and visiting put us in an entirely different atmosphere than we have been in together. It was as though we were a family."

Nicole Kendrick-Track & Field

"I feel like I get to know my coach and teammates outside of practice and we all grow closer. It's like my family away from home."

Kassida Plumley, Softball

"I feel like everyone gets to know the coach better and there is more team companionship. The girls on the team are like my family it makes adjusting easier."

Troy Weaver, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

"You can eat as a team and build camaraderie and team chemistry."

Important Dates to Remember

National Letter of Intent Signing Dates:

December 19, 2001 - January 15, 2002 (Only Football - Mid-year junior college)

Recruiting Dates

Football

Contact Period-November 25, 2001 through February 2, 2002- Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week. (Except 1 and 2 below)

1. December 16, 2001 (The Sunday after the third Saturday in December). Quiet Period
2. December 17, 2001 through January 1, 2002 Dead Period

Men's Basketball

Evaluation Period-November 22, 2001 through March 15, 2002-70 evaluation days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period. (except 1 below)

1. Quiet Period-Those days during November 22, 2001 through March 15, 2002 not designated above for evaluation purposes.

Women's Basketball

Evaluation Period-October 8, 2001 through February 28, 2002-40 evaluation days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period. (Except 1 below)

1. Quiet Period-Those days during October 8, 2001 through February 28, 2002, not designated above for evaluation purposes.

Softball

Quiet Period-November 22, 2001 through January 1, 2002(except (1))

1. Dead Period-November 28, 2001 (12:01 a.m.) through December 2, 2001 (12:01 a.m.).

Volleyball

Dead Period- December 12, 2001 through December 31, 2001 (Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship game through December 31).

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