



COMPLIANCE BRIEF

February 2011



11 – CONDUCT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

Coaches Off-Campus Recruiting Limits ~ At Any One Time [Bylaw 11.7.4.3]

Please be reminded of the limits in your sport regarding the number of off-campus recruiters at any one time (Bylaw 11.7.4).

It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus recruiting before another coach who is off-campus actually returns to campus, under the following conditions:

- You do not exceed your total limit for off-campus recruiting at any time;
- A coach being replaced must complete their recruiting activities before another coach begins recruiting; and
- A replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until they return to campus.

*** The newly adopted exception for limitations on number of off-campus recruiters at any one time for sports other than basketball ONLY applies to the months of June, July & August.**

12 – AMATEURISM

Expenses, Awards, & Benefits [Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4]

- Actual and necessary expenses may be received for participation in athletics competition from the parents/legal guardians, and the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition.
- An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses for travel, room and board, apparel and equipment from an outside amateur sports team or organization, for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition.
- An individual **jeopardizes** his or her intercollegiate eligibility, if any excessive or improper expenses are accepted.
 - Includes expenses **donated** directly to the individual from outside sources **not** permitted under NCAA legislation.
 - An individual may **not** receive money donated to an amateur team or organization earmarked for the individual's use. *(1/2/08 Ed Column)*

13 - RECRUITING

Local Sports Clubs [Bylaw 13.11.2.3]

Sports other than basketball

- In Women's Volleyball see bylaw 13.1.8.12 for additional regulations regarding local sports clubs.
- Coach may be involved in the **same** sport or a sport **other than** the coach's sport;
- Must be located in the institution's home community; and
- All prospects participating are legal residents within a 50-mile radius of the institution.

Basketball

- Coach may only be involved in a sport **other than** the coach's sport for a local sports club;
- Must be located in the institution's home community; and
- All prospects participating are legal residents within a 50-mile radius of the institution.

Athletics staff members involved in local sports clubs in any capacity MUST notify the compliance office on an annual basis and complete a registration form (if club involves prospects).

Recruiting Case Study

Post Up is a senior in high school and signed a National Letter of Intent with College USA in November. Post is a finalist for a few awards, but he needs a few letters of recommendations for the awards committee to review. Post asks the Head Men's Basketball Coach at College USA to write a letter of recommendation for him.

Is this permissible?

No. NCAA Staff Interpretation- 10/29/97- Coach Writing Recommendation Letter for Prospect- states that the provisions of NCAA Bylaws 13.2.1 and 13.11.2 would preclude an institution's coach from writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., writing a letter of recommendation for consideration of an award). [References: 13.2.1 (general regulation -- offers and inducements) and 13.11.2 (comments prior to signing)]

For more information, please contact Chad Mandrell in the Compliance Office.

14 – ELIGIBILITY

Seasons of Competition [Bylaw 14.2.3]

- Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport.
- Applies to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.
- Exceptions:
 - Participation in a scrimmage at a two-year college provided it meets the requirements listed in bylaw 14.2.3.1.1;
 - During the initial year of enrollment, competition in preseason exhibition or practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) is not countable as a season of competition; and
 - Soccer & Volleyball – a SA may participate in a competition in the spring, without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible for competition in the fall.



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- A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17.

15 – FINANCIAL AID

*****PLEASE REMIND YOUR ATHLETES TO APPLY FOR OUTSIDE AID ASAP*****

Have your athletes contact Ben Montecillo with any questions about applying for institutional aid at 806-742-3487 ext. 227 or ben.montecillo@ttu.edu.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Allows all students to apply for need-based financial aid.
- Helps in determining financial aid packages.
- For more information, or to submit an application, please go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Special Assistance Fund for Student-Athletes (SAFSA)

- Funded by the NCAA and distributed through the conference office.
- To determine eligibility for SAFSA, a domestic student-athlete must complete a FAFSA application.
- International student-athletes must submit an application for the SAFSA to the compliance office.
- Student-athletes may use the money to purchase clothing or other essential items.

For more information, please contact Megan Graham in the Compliance Office.

16 – AWARDS, BENEFITS, AND EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

Occasional Meals [16.11.1.5]

A student-athlete or the entire team may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.

A student-athlete or an entire team may receive an occasional family home meal from a booster on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions:

- The meal must be provided in an individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant) and may be catered;
- A booster may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that representative;
- Per Texas Tech policy, an occasional meal form (located in Compliance Manual) **must be completed and approved prior to the meal**; and
- Per Texas Tech policy, boosters may provide one occasional meal per student-athlete, per year. Coaches and staff members may provide a maximum of 4 occasional meals per semester per student-athlete and a maximum of 3 per student-athlete in the summer (total of 11 August - July).

For more information, please contact Will Collier in the Compliance Office.

17 – PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS

Vacation Periods & In-Season Activities

- Daily and weekly limitations do not apply during institutional vacation periods for sports in-season (within the 20hrs/wk segment).
 - However, practice records need to be submitted.

Vacation Periods & Out-of-Season Activities

- Countable athletically related activities are **NOT** permitted outside the playing season (outside the 20hrs/wk segment) during any institutional vacation period and/or summer.
- Department-wide strength and conditioning coaches may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts:
 - * Are voluntary; and
 - * Are conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited after Competition [17.1.6.3.2.1]

Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multi-event competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament).

For more information, please contact Will Collier in the Compliance Office.

Recruiting Calendar February 1 – February 28

Football	Track/ CC	M Basketball	W Basketball	Softball	Baseball	Volleyball	Soccer	Tennis/ Golf
Dead: Feb. 1 - 3	Dead: Feb. 1 - 3	Evaluation: Feb. 1 - 28	Evaluation: February 1 - 28	Contact: Feb. 1 - 28	Quiet: Feb. 1 - 28	Contact: Feb. 1 - 28	Dead: Feb. 1 - 3	Contact: Feb. 1 - 28
Quiet: Feb. 4 - 28	Contact: Feb. 4 - 28						Contact: Feb. 4 - 28	