



# COMPLIANCE BRIEF

September 2010



## **11 – CONDUCT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL**

### **Noncoaching Activities: [Bylaw 11.7.1.1.1]**

- **May perform** administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of institutions or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition).
- **Are prohibited** from participating in instructional activities with student-athletes and any on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice).  
And
- **Are prohibited** from participating with or observing student-athletes who are engaged in voluntary activities (e.g., pick-up games)

## **12 – AMATEURISM**

### **Professional Athletics Team: [Bylaw 12.02.4]**

A professional athletics team is any organized team that:

- Provides any of its players more than the actual and necessary expenses below:
  - ✓ Meals and/or lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for competition;
  - ✓ Apparel, equipment, and supplies;
  - ✓ Coaching and instruction;
  - ✓ Health/Medical insurance;
  - ✓ Transportation to and from practice/competition and from home to the training site at the beginning of the season and from the training site to home at the end of the season;
  - ✓ Medical Treatment and physical therapy;
  - ✓ Facility usage and entry fees;
  - ✓ Other reasonable expenses; or
- Declares itself to be a professional team.

## **13 - RECRUITING**

### **Complimentary Admissions/Entertainment: [Bylaw 13.6.7.2 & 13.7.2]**

#### **During an Official Visit:**

- Maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event may be provided to a prospect.
  - For the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued only through a pass list on an individual-game basis.
  - Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. **Allowing access (including during intermission) for the prospect or those persons accompanying the prospect in the facility's press box, or bench area is specifically prohibited.**
- Exception - Nontraditional Family
  - If a prospect is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospect in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospect (e.g., step-parents) to attend a home athletics event.

#### **During an Unofficial Visit:**

- Texas Tech may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list).

**\* All prospects and their guests must present a photo id in order to receive complimentary admissions.**

## **14 – ELIGIBILITY**

### **Freshman Academic Requirements: [Bylaw 14.3.1]**

In order for an incoming freshman to be immediately eligible for practice and competition and to receive athletics grant-in-aid from Texas Tech University, they must meet the following requirements (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center):

- Graduate from high school;
- Successfully complete at least 16 academic courses with a minimum grade point average (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2);
- Achieve a minimum sum SAT or ACT score (under national testing conditions, on a national testing date); and
- Be declared an amateur athlete for NCAA Division I athletics.

In addition, NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.1.1 permits some prospects to receive early academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you have questions regarding this or any of the requirements above, please contact the Compliance Office, your team's athletics academic counselor, or Matthew Jordan in Academic Services.



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## 15 – FINANCIAL AID

### Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution: [Bylaw 15.01.3]

Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by Texas Tech shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the NCAA’s rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is:

- Received from someone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;
- Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;
- Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students, of which athletics participation shall not be the major criterion (e.g., National Merit Scholarship), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.3; or
- Awarded through an established and continuing program for recognition of outstanding high school graduates, of which athletics participation may be a major criterion (e.g., honorary high school award), under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.4.

All scholarships, grants, or other forms of aid received by a student-athlete from sources outside of Texas Tech University must be reported to Shannon Crossland in the Office of Financial Aid (West Hall, Room 308).

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

### Miscellaneous Benefits for Student-Athletes: [Bylaw 16.11.1.12]

Texas Tech may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete:

- The use of a return ticket at any time after conclusion of a foreign tour;
- Receipt of frequent flyer points/miles earned while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition;
- Participation in receptions and festivities associated with championships, conference tournaments or all-star events hosted by and conducted on the institution's campus;
- Occasional meals to team members provided by the parent of a student-athlete at any location;
- Telephone calls in emergency situations as approved by the director of athletics (or his or her designee);
- Reasonable tokens of support and transportation, housing and meal expenses in the event of serious injury, serious illness, or death of a family member or teammate;
- Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their immediate family members) under specific, extreme circumstances:  
✓ **Please contact the Compliance Office prior to initiating any such fundraisers;** and
- The payment of admission costs or a meal for any student-athlete being honored at a non-athletics awards ceremony.

## 17 – PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS

### Voluntary Activities: [Bylaw 17.02.13]

During a team’s in-season (20 hours per week) and out-of-season (8 hours per week) segments, it is permissible for student-athletes to participate in voluntary workouts that do not count against the team’s weekly practice hour limitations. In order for athletically related activity to be considered voluntary, all of the following conditions must be met:

- No coaches may be present (coaches may recommend that student-athletes participate in voluntary workouts);
- Student-athletes must not be required to report information about voluntary workouts back to a coach or other athletics department staff members;
- Activities must be initiated and requested solely by student-athlete;
- Attendance and participation in activities may not be recorded for purposes of reporting information to coaches; and
- Student-athletes must not be penalized for not participating in the activity or rewarded for choosing to participate.

## ADDITIONAL TOPICS

### Official Visit Hotel Expenses Reminder

Please be reminded that Texas Tech may not pay for expenses other than the cost of a prospect’s hotel stay (i.e., no incidentals) in conjunction with an official visit. Please remember to review the hotel bill prior to paying for the hotel stay. If incidental charges are present on the bill, the prospect must pay for those expenses prior to checking out to avoid a violation.

### Recruiting Calendar September 1 – September 30

Football	Track/ CC	M Basketball	W Basketball	Softball	Baseball	Volleyball	Soccer	Tennis/ Golf
<b>Evaluation:</b> 9/1-9/30	<b>Contact:</b> 9/1-9/30	<b>Quiet:</b> 9/1-9/8 <b>Contact:</b> 9/9-9/30	<b>Quiet:</b> 9/1-9/15 <b>Contact:</b> 9/16-9/30	<b>Contact:</b> 9/1-9/30	<b>Quiet:</b> 9/1-9/9 <b>Contact:</b> 9/10-9/30	<b>Contact:</b> 9/1-9/30	<b>Contact:</b> 9/1-9/30	<b>Contact:</b> 9/1-9/30