



## Faculty/Staff Education - (NCAA Rule Reminders) Texas Tech Athletic Department



*Generally, please be aware that prospective student-athletes (students who have started 9<sup>th</sup> grade or are enrolled in a two-year college or prep school) and student-athletes may not be treated differently than prospective students or Texas Tech students. Actions contrary to NCAA rules can cause ineligibility for athletics competition, loss of athletic scholarships, fines and forfeiture and public relations issues.*

### **Recruiting Contacts, NCAA Bylaw 13**

***Institutional staff other than coaches may not:***

- Make phone calls to prospects or their relatives. If a prospect calls a staff member, the conversation cannot be for recruiting purposes, and any questions about the athletics program must be directed to a coach;
- Text message or instant message a prospect to encourage him/her to attend TTU;
- Have any contact with a prospect at a prospect's high school or club contest;
- Contact a prospect or his/her coach, principal, or counselor to evaluate the prospect and may not visit a prospect's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect; or
- Give anything of value to a prospect as an inducement to sign with TTU.

**Admissions Program Exception:** Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospects is permissible.

### **Benefits and Preferential Treatment, NCAA Bylaw 16**

Only benefits that are authorized by NCAA legislation shall be provided to and accepted by a student-athlete. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive a benefit that is the result of a "special" arrangement by an institutional employee, booster, employer or fan. **Non-permissible** benefits include but are not limited to:

- Use of fax machines or telephones to place long distance calls for personal use;
- Free or reduced-fee housing/rent including the use of vacation or seasonal homes;
- Free or reduced-fee meals;
- Loans or cash advances in pay or salary;
- Tuition costs or school supply expenses;
- Gifts or presents of any type regardless of the occasion or purpose;
- Use of telephone for long distance or use of telephone cards and cell phones;
- Free use of any motor vehicle, boat or recreational vehicle;
- Free use of services (e.g., automobile repair, hair care, laundry, copying, faxing, etc.); and
- Free or reduced memberships at golf courses, health clubs.

### **Academic Fraud, NCAA Bylaw 10**

- An institution is required to report a violation of unethical conduct any time an ***institutional staff member*** (e.g., ***coach, professor, tutor, teaching assistant***) is knowingly involved in arranging fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or enrolled student-athlete, regardless of whether the institutional staff member acted alone or in concert with the prospective or enrolled student-athlete.
- An institution is required to report a violation of unethical conduct any time a student-athlete, acting alone or in concert with others, knowingly becomes involved in arranging fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts, regardless of whether such conduct results in an erroneous declaration of eligibility
- **Consequences:**
  - The student-athlete will be rendered immediately ineligible;
  - The student-athlete will lose a year of eligibility; and
  - The student-athlete will have to be reinstated in order to compete again.

***Contact the compliance office with any and all questions at 742-3355.***