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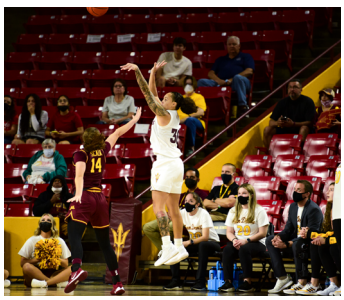

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Voluntary Athletics Activities

Allowed during the summer vacation period (which begins May 8, 2022) as long as the activities meet the definition of "voluntary" listed below.

"Voluntary" Defined

An activity can be voluntary (not countable) only if all of the following are true:

- Student-athletes request the activity;
- Coaches and noncoaching staff do not observe, supervise, or direct the activity;
- Information related to the activity is not reported to coaches;
- Attendance at the activity is not recorded; and
- There is no penalty for missing and no recognition/incentive for participating in the activity.

Summer Strength/Conditioning Exception

Strength coaches (not countable coaches) may design and conduct workout programs for student-athletes, but only if those workouts are voluntary (dictionary definition) and no countable coaches or noncoaching staff members are present.

Safety Exception

Coaches may be present and provide safety instruction when student-athletes practice, but the coaches may not provide non-safety-related instruction. Safety-exception sports include wrestling, gymnastics, swimming and diving, water polo, and certain disciplines in track and field and triathlon.

Individual Sports Exception

If student-athletes in an individual sport request assistance, coaches may be present and provide skill instruction. SDA individual sports are cross country/track and field, gymnastics, golf, swimming and diving, tennis, triathlon, and wrestling.

Incoming Student-Athletes

Before participating in any summer activities, incoming student-athletes must (1) be enrolled in and attend summer classes, (2) receive medical clearance, and (3) receive Compliance Office approval.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS

NCAA rules limit the type, value, and frequency in which student-athletes receive awards. SDA coaches and staff are responsible for tracking student-athlete awards to ensure that the annual limitations are not exceeded. The award categories and their permissible values are listed below. Please see Hayden in the Compliance Office with any questions. To view the full PDFs from the NCAA manual, click the titles below.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation — Underclassmen	$225	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	$425	Up to maximum value per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	$375*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — $375 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	$400 (Institution) $550 (Management of event)	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	$400*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

*The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Special attainments or contribution to team's season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)	$175	Once per category of award per year	Institution	1
Most valuable player -- special event*	$325**	Once per event	• Institution • Conference • Organization approved by institution or conference	Unlimited
Most valuable player -- bowl game or all-star contest	$350	Once per event	Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl	1
Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)	$325	Once per year per award	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing established national award	Unlimited	Once per year	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing conference "athlete of the year"	$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Trophy recognizing conference "scholar-athlete of the year"	$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)	$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)	Unlimited	• Conference • Outside organization (e.g., local business)	Unlimited
Hometown award	$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution's booster club) located in student-athlete's hometown	Unlimited

*The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.
**Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate $325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
National Championship conducted by NCAA	$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
National Championship not conducted by NCAA***	$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — regular season	$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament	$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2

* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate $415/$325 limit per award.
** Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.
*** Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a "national champion" by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.
# The combined value of both awards shall not exceed $325 if same institution wins conference regular-season and postseason championships.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

After the last game of the season, the head softball coach provided each student-athlete on the team with a Fitbit that tracked steps and activity. The Fitbits were linked to a team account which allowed the coaches to view each student-athlete's progress. The coaches checked in periodically on the student-athletes' activities over the summer. Before the team left for summer vacation, the coaches gave the team a schedule with dates and times the softball facility would be open for voluntary workouts over the summer. One day over the summer, a student-athlete asked the coach to throw batting practice to her during a voluntary workout. The coach was free that day, so the coach met the student-athlete at the field and threw batting practice to the student-athlete.

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IN THE NEWS

Jacksonville State – Tampering

Jacksonville State was penalized when an assistant football coach had impermissible contact with a student-athlete at a different institution who was not in the transfer portal.

During the individual's junior year in high school, the assistant coach was introduced to the student-athlete by a current Jacksonville State student-athlete. Because the assistant coach and student-athlete had shared beliefs and religious faith, the assistant coach became a mentor for the student-athlete during the student-athlete's junior and senior year in high school. Jacksonville State did not recruit the student-athlete, and the student-athlete enrolled at a different institution.

The assistant coach continued his relationship with the student-athlete over the next two years, regularly making phone calls and sending texts related to religious scriptures, motivational quotes, and general encouragement. The student-athlete entered the transfer portal when his father became ill, and he desired to move closer to home. Shortly thereafter, the student-athlete enrolled at Jacksonville State.

After the student-athlete's enrollment, Jacksonville State became aware of the violations and self-reported them. The violations were considered Level II, and penalties included one year of probation, a fine for the institution, and recruiting restrictions for the coach.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. **Strict liability**: If you talk to a student-athlete at another institution who is not in the transfer portal (other than asking them whether they are in the transfer portal), then it is a violation and everything else is mitigation.
   a. **There is no pre-existing relationship exception to the tampering rules.** Student-athletes must be in the transfer portal before you communicate with them, even if you are the student-athlete's mentor or you coached them at a previous institution.
   b. **The content of the conversation is irrelevant.** Conversations do not need to be recruiting related to result in a tampering violation. Seemingly harmless conversations including religious discussions and celebratory messages are treated the same way as recruiting conversations under the tampering rules.
2. Tampering violations are presumed to be Level II infractions (which go to the Committee on Infractions), and therefore carry significant penalties for the institution and involved coaches or staff.

BENEFITS TO PROSPECT COACHES

- The only benefits prospect coaches can receive are two complimentary admissions to regular-season, home athletics events (on a pass list).
- There is no pre-existing relationship exception that allows coaches or staff to provide benefits to prospect coaches. This includes a coach's status as an ASU alumnus under many circumstances. Please check with the Compliance Office before providing anything to an alum who is also a prospect coach.
- Prospect coaches cannot receive anything else (e.g., admissions to away games, gear, a round at the bar, free golf, money, meals, etc.).

AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

The softball coach violated vacation-period CARA legislation. The first violation occurred when the coach viewed student-athletes' Fitbit data from the vacation period. Although wearable devices may be provided for the student-athletes' own benefit or to be used during countable activities, any activities tracked by the device that are viewed by coaches or staff are countable and cannot occur during a vacation period when a sport is out of season. The second violation occurred when the coach threw batting practice to the student-athlete. A coach in a team sport may not be present during a student-athlete's voluntary workout, even if the coach's assistance is requested by the student-athlete. (Note, there are exceptions for individual and safety-exception sports. See page 1.) So when the coach observed and participated in the softball student-athlete's workout, it became countable and therefore impermissible during an out-of-season vacation period.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

For information about permissible dates for various recruiting activities, check out our Recruiting 101 tip sheet, available here. And please see sport recruiting calendars listed below.

APRIL 2022

CALENDAR KEY

EVALUATION PERIOD

CONTACT PERIOD
(Recruiting Period in MBB)

QUIET PERIOD

DEAD PERIOD

FOOTBALL

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MEN'S BASKETBALL

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7^	8*	9*
10*	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22*	23*
24*	25	26	27	28	29	30

^ Dead period ends at noon, at which time a recruiting period begins through the rest of the day.
* Evaluations only at NCAA certified events, ASU camps, and permissible governing body events.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15^	16^
17^	18^	19^	20	21	22*	23*
24*	25	26	27	28	29	30

^ Evaluations at NCAA-approved scholastic events only.
* Evaluations at NCAA-certified nonscholastic events only.

SOFTBALL

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Softball evaluations at scholastic practices and competitions only.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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10	11	12	13*	14*	15*	16*
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

* Dead period begins and ends at noon.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

					1	2
3	4	5	6*	7*	8*	9*
10*	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

* Dead period begins and ends at noon.

ALL OTHER SPORTS

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Please note this table has dates that run until April 30. Many of the periods run past April 30.

Visit the NCAA Recruiting Calendars website for full recruiting calendars and NCAA sport-specific recruiting guides.

ASK FIRST!