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BEGINNING-OF-THE YEAR TASKS

If your sport has not done so already, please submit the following as soon as possible (all forms below are available on ARMS unless otherwise noted):

- Staff declaration (please include everyone that will be on your team's staff for the 2022-23 academic year, including volunteer coaches and managers, if applicable)
- Playing and practice season declaration
- 2022-23 competition schedules (may be emailed to John Zubek or attached to your playing and practice season declaration in ARMS)
- Outside consultant request for any outside consultant(s) that will be working with your program during the 2022-23 academic year (even if you submitted a request for the 2021-22 academic year)

Also, all coaches and staff must complete a local sports club approval workflow if they will be running or working with a local sports club during the 2022-23 academic year (even if they submitted a workflow for the 2021-22 academic year).



FALL CLEARANCE

Student-athletes may not participate in CARAs during the fall semester until they are fully cleared by sports medicine and the Compliance Office. To receive clearance from the Compliance Office, student-athletes must:

- Complete all beginning-of-the-year forms in ARMS (these have been assigned—please tell your student-athletes to complete these in a timely manner),
- Attend a compliance education session (this replaces the Canvas course requirement from last year—please contact the Compliance Office to schedule a time for an in-person meeting with your student-athletes before your first fall activities), and
- Receive medical clearance from the sports medicine staff (note, student-athletes that were cleared for summer activities will require separate clearance for the fall semester).

Coaches and staff can view their student-athletes' up-to-date clearance status by using the "Fall Clearance" view on the ARMS team roster page.

OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITING

Coaches may not recruit off campus after August 1 until they attend an NCAA off-campus recruiting educational session hosted by the Compliance Office. (These sessions have replaced the annual recruiting exam.) If you have not attended one of these sessions, please contact the Compliance Office to schedule a meeting before recruiting off campus.

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FALL LIEU CHECK DATES

August 24 - September 21 - October 19 - November 10 - November 30

INITIAL ARRIVAL NEW RULE

Under recently-adopted Proposal 2022-3, a prospect becomes a student-athlete when the prospect:

- Has signed an athletics scholarship or is admitted, paid enrollment deposit, and signed the walk-on admissions form; and
- Has completed all academic requirements at the previous institution (e.g., graduated from high school, last day of finals at 4-year institution).

The incoming prospect will become a student-athlete on this date, so now,

- **The incomer can arrive in the locale on or after this date.**
- Coaches and staff can provide the incomer gear, equipment, and other benefits student-athletes may receive (see page 1).
- Once cleared by sports medicine and the Compliance Office, the prospect can participate in permissible sports activities that other student-athletes can participate in.

However, student-athlete rules restrictions remain in place. For example,

- The incomer cannot stay cost-free anywhere.
- The incomer cannot participate in any workouts until fully cleared by the Compliance Office.

NEW PROCESS

If a student-athlete will be arriving before the general move in date for the fall semester or before fall championship segment practices, a coach or staff member must complete a Summer Arrival and Clearance Request workflow in ARMS.

The Compliance Office will verify the newcomer's permissible arrival date. The workflow will then move to the sport's athletic trainer. Once the newcomer receives medical clearance, the Compliance Office will perform a final review and clear the newcomer for summer activities. The coach or staff member who submitted the workflow will be notified when the newcomer is approved for arrival and again when the newcomer is cleared for summer activities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - PHONE CALLS

The NCAA recently released two blanket waivers relating to phone calls.

The first allows a student-athlete in sports other than women's basketball to participate in recruiting calls initiated by a coach so long as the call does not occur on the student-athlete's off day.

The second allows an institutional staff member who has an institution-issued device to make recruiting calls to prospects so long as the staff member attends one of the Compliance Office's NCAA off-campus recruiting education sessions.

Note, NCAA phone call legislation (see [Recruiting 101 tip sheet](#)) and SDA phone call policies (e.g., requirement to use institution-issued device for recruiting calls and make first call through the ARMS app) still apply.

And finally, noncoaching staff members should not make phone calls to prospects until they receive clearance from the Compliance Office.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

A baseball prospect arrived on campus a few weeks before school began because he wanted to train with current student-athletes living on campus over the summer. The prospect graduated from high school, but is not on athletics aid, did not sign a written offer of admission, and did not pay an enrollment deposit. A current student-athlete agreed to let the prospect sleep on his apartment couch rent-free until the prospect was able to move into the dorms the week before the fall semester began. The baseball coach provided the student-athlete with team shirts, shorts, and shoes for workouts. The prospect attended mandatory practice sessions with the baseball team over the summer, and participated in occasional meals with current student-athletes that stayed on campus during summer break.



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IN THE NEWS

Ohio State (part two)

Ohio State was penalized for violations in three sports. [Part one](#) discussed recruiting inducements, local sports clubs, and outside consultants. Part two relates to CARAs and impermissible benefits.

The women's golf program violated CARA legislation by exceeding daily and weekly hour legislation.

During the period that other sports were being investigated, women's golf student-athletes expressed concern about practice hours, including the fact that practices occasionally ran late, making the student-athletes late for class and other obligations. An investigation revealed that the women's golf program frequently exceeded daily and weekly CARA limits. The compliance staff learned that the head coach regularly entered anticipated practice hours into CARA logs instead of logging actual start and end times. And although different student-athletes started and ended practices at different times, the head coach logged the same practice hours for the entire team. This resulted in several violations of CARA legislation over the course of three years.

Impermissible benefits were provided to student-athletes when a women's basketball coach purchased items for student-athletes.

In an effort to form personal relationships with student-athletes, the associate women's basketball coach purchased manicures, gave cash for meals, loaned money for a rental car, and purchased textbooks for non-scholarship student-athletes. Because these are not items that student-athletes may permissibly receive (e.g., team gear, competition-related travel expenses, meals incidental to participation), these were impermissible benefits. Further, the coach's textbook purchase violated financial aid legislation.

The investigation into the women's basketball program also revealed that coaches were present for pre-practice shootarounds that were not recorded in CARA logs, resulting in CARA violations. Although these CARA violations were considered Level III, they were included in the major infractions case along with the other violations.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Investigations into separate violations (and even of other sports) can lead to further investigation and inclusion of even minor violations into major infractions cases.
2. CARA logs must reflect actual start and end times, not merely what was scheduled ahead of time.
3. Do not give student-athletes anything on your own without going through normal institutional processes. If you have a question about whether a purchase is permissible, please contact the Compliance Office.

METRICS - CARA LOGS

Please remember to submit CARA logs weekly beginning with the first week of classes. (Sports that have mandatory summer workouts (i.e., football, basketball) or go in season before the first day of classes (i.e., football, soccer, volleyball) must also submit logs for any summer weeks with countable activities.) CARA logs are due by 11:59 p.m. every Monday.

AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

The prospect was provided with impermissible recruiting inducements. The prospect did not trigger student-athlete status because he did not sign an NLI or written offer of admission, and had not paid an enrollment deposit. Therefore, it was a violation to provide the prospect with gear and meals. It was also a violation to provide the prospect rent-free housing with a student-athlete (this would be a violation even if the prospect had triggered student-athlete status). Finally, baseball (and all other out-of-season sports) may not have mandatory practices or workouts over the summer.

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.

AUGUST 2022

CALENDAR KEY

	EVALUATION PERIOD		CONTACT PERIOD (Recruiting Period in MBB)		QUIET PERIOD		DEAD PERIOD
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FOOTBALL

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

BASEBALL

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

TRACK / CC

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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SOFTBALL

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21*	22*	23*	24*	25*	26*	27*
28*	29*	30*	31*			

ALL OTHER SPORTS

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*Recruiting shutdown period: No visits, off-campus recruiting, emails, texts, phone calls, etc.

* Softball evaluations only at scholastic practices and competitions.

Please note this table has dates that run until August 31. Many of the periods run past August 31.

Visit the [NCAA Recruiting Calendars website](#) for full recruiting calendars and NCAA sport-specific recruiting guides.

ASK FIRST!