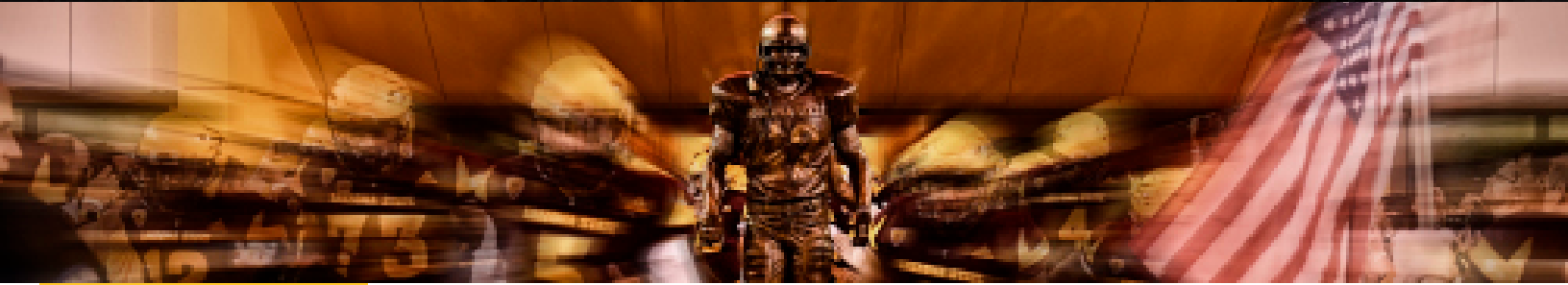




# SUN DEVIL COMPLIANCE

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

These legislative updates all have an immediate effective date.

### Transfer Legislation

The year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate and graduate transfers in all sports has been eliminated. Now, student-athletes can transfer and have immediate eligibility at their new institutions so long as they leave their former institutions in good standing and meet all progress-towards-degree requirements at their new institutions.

The NCAA DI Board of Directors has also directed the NCAA DI Committee on Academics to create a 'graduation passport' and a transfer academic progress rate. More information to come on these topics.

### Transfer Windows

All student-athletes (e.g., walk-ons, athletics scholarship recipients, and graduate transfers) must request to enter the transfer portal within their respective sport-specific time frames.

Please click [here](#) for the most up-to-date transfer portal windows.

Coaches and staff are encouraged to review the current SDA process relating to student-athlete requests for transfer portal submissions by clicking [here](#).

### Institutional Assistance in NIL Activities

The NIL institutional assistance rules have changed to allow certain types of institutional involvement relating to student-athlete NIL activities. For example, a coach, staff member, or sport social media account holder may now promote student-athletes' NIL activities. In addition, Sun Devil Athletics can now host or cohost events to raise money for the Sun Angel Collective.

The NCAA Board of Directors is expected to release an updated institutional involvement document to provide a better road map of what could now be allowed.

Please note, the institution is only allowed to assist a student-athlete in his or her NIL activities if the student-athlete properly discloses the NIL activity.

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## SUMMER MEALS

- Snacks may be provided at any time including during the summer.
- MIPs may be provided at any time including during the summer.
- Occasional meals (ARMS) may be provided during the summer.
- In-season sports should work with Leo regarding vacation period meals and per diem.

# IN THE NEWS

## Arkansas State

Arkansas State University was penalized by the Committee on Infractions for violations in the women's soccer program relating to impermissible travel expenses for prospect family members during official visits. An additional tampering violation occurred in the football program when a former assistant football staff member and a former assistant coach contacted a Division II student-athlete who had not entered the NCAA Transfer Portal.

The majority of the violations in this case occurred when head soccer coach misapplied recruiting rules by arranging for and paying for the travel expenses for the parents of 10 recruits while those prospects attended official visits at the campus. In total, approximately \$4,144 in impermissible benefits — which constitute recruiting inducements — were provided to the families of the prospects.

Some of these prospects ended up attending Arkansas State. And as a result, four student-athletes competed in 82 games while ineligible. Note, the NCAA rules have since changed and now allow all sport programs to provide travel expenses for up to two family members to accompany a prospect on his or her official visit.

While the investigation into the soccer program was occurring, the NCAA enforcement staff received correspondence from an NCAA DII head football coach that the Arkansas State was communicating with one of his student-athletes who was not in the transfer portal. The investigation revealed that the student-athlete had a prior relationship with the Arkansas State assistant football coach because the assistant football coach used to work at the DII institution.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Many institutional processes have a Compliance Office check in place to help coaches and staff apply the proper NCAA legislation especially in areas that are constantly being updated with new legislation. So follow these institutional processes to help protect you from unnecessary violations.
2. It is a violation to contact student-athletes at other institutions for any reason unless they are listed in the transfer portal. The content of the conversations does not matter. And there is no pre-existing relationship exception to the tampering rule. So please check with the Compliance Office if a student-athlete at another institution reaches out to you for any reason.
3. While the assistant coach received a one-game suspension, the head football coach did not receive a suspension penalty because he was able to demonstrate that he was not involved in the violation, did not know the violations were occurring, and was able to prove that he promoted an atmosphere of compliance and monitored his staff. So head coaches are encouraged to maintain, periodically review, and follow their head coach responsibility plans.

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## FAMILY LODGING AT POSTSEASON EVENTS

SDA may reserve or secure lodging at any postseason event (other than a conference event) at a reduced or special rate for the family members of a student-athlete who is a participant. SDA, however, may not cover any costs of lodging (including any costs associated with reserving or securing lodging). If you have any questions, please check with the Business and Compliance Offices.

## SPOT THE VIOLATION

At the end of the spring season, the head track coach provided his student-athletes with wearable watches that tracked student-athlete activities and sleep. The track coach would review the data on a weekly basis. The track coach also checked in periodically with his strength coach to see how his student-athletes were doing during summer voluntary workouts. The strength coach gave the track coach updates on each specific student-athlete.



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## INITIAL ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS

Under NCAA legislation, 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;
- Has completed all academic requirements at the previous institution (e.g., graduated from high school, last day of finals at 4-year institution); and
- Receives a benefit from the institution (e.g., flight for initial arrival to campus, meal), participates in required athletically related activities (including summer athletic activities) at the institution; or enrolls in and attends classes during the institution's summer term before initial full-time enrollment or enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in a regular term at the 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 and equipment.
- 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 they are fully cleared by the Compliance Office.

To help manage the requirements of the new rule, the Compliance Office will enter the date in the Summer Clearance ARMS Roster management view under the Incoming Student-Athlete Academic Clearance Arrival Date column. This athlete-specific arrival date is dependent on the verification that the prospect has fulfilled the requirements of the new rule.

If a sports program has any questions, please check with the Compliance Office.

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## SUMMER VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS

Student-athletes are allowed to participate in voluntary strength and conditioning during the summer vacation period, which begins May 5. An activity is voluntary 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 (unless there is a safety exception);
- Information related to the activity is not reported to coaches (e.g., wearables);
- Coaches and noncoaching staff do not access/see any data relating to the activities;
- Attendance at the activity is not recorded; and
- There is no penalty for missing or no recognition/incentive for participating in the activity.

If all the voluntary conditions are met, strength and conditioning coaches may design and conduct student-athlete summer voluntary workouts if the student-athletes are on campus.

Note, basketball and football student-athletes may participate in up to 8 weeks of mandatory workouts as designated by their sport programs.

## AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

Because the track coach had access to the data and checked on student-athlete fitness progress periodically through the wearable device's app, the activities were not truly voluntary. And because they were not truly voluntary, the sport program had impermissible CARAs during the summer. In addition, the information provided by the strength coach also caused all those workouts to become mandatory, and therefore, impermissible CARAs.

# 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.

## MAY 2024

### CALENDAR KEY

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

#### FOOTBALL

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| 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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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

#### 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 | 31  |     |

\* Evaluations permitted at NCAA certified events, institutional camps, and permissible governing body events. Evaluation period begins Friday at 8am and ends Sunday at 4pm and coaches may attend during those times

#### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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#### LACROSSE

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#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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| 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 | 31  |     |

\*Recruiting shutdown period: No visits, off-campus recruiting, emails, texts, phone calls, etc.  
^Evaluations permitted at NCAA certified nonscholastic events only

#### SOFTBALL

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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|     |     |     | 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  | 31  |     |

\* Softball evaluations only at scholastic practices and competitions.

#### ALL OTHER SPORTS

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

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

# ASK FIRST!