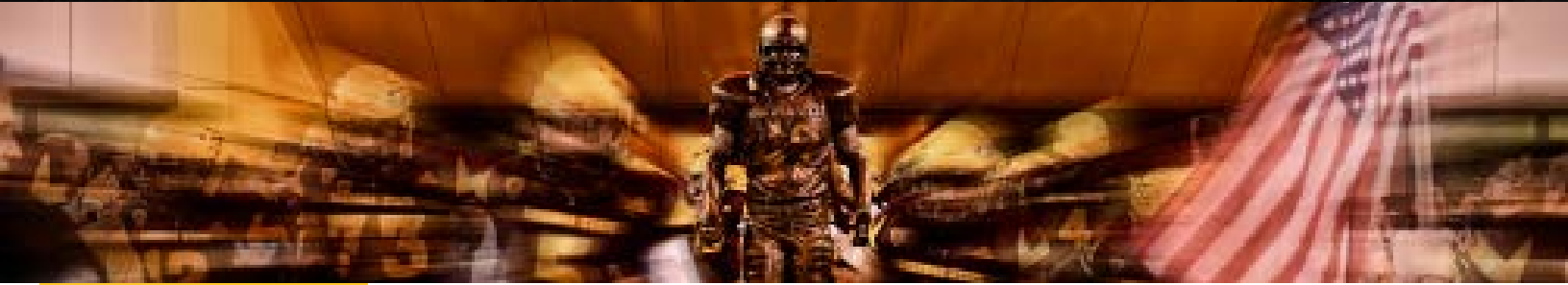




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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

In June, the membership adopted a few new Council proposals that are now in effect, including the following:

New rule: SDA coaches and staff may no longer send questionnaires to prospects at any time.
What this means: The new rule only allows coaches and staff to send questionnaires to prospects who have reached the appropriate grade level (click [here](#) for Recruiting 101 tip sheet) to receive general or electronic correspondence. Note, sport programs can still have links on their websites for prospects to complete questionnaires on their own even if those prospects are too young to receive one.



New rule: In sports other than men's basketball and football, noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., directors of operations) are now permitted to participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice and competition involving student-athletes on a regular basis.

What this means: Directors of operations, analysts, etc. may now help during practices in activities like throwing batting practice, serving balls, or passing pucks. But note, these individuals still cannot coach or signal in plays.

New NCAA website for NIL: The NCAA has launched a new NIL resource for student-athletes (click [here](#) for the new website). Student-athletes can find registered service providers, disclose deals, and view various educational materials relating to NIL.



FOOTBALL GAMEDAY REMINDERS

Here are reminders on the processes for requesting complimentary tickets to football games. After completing either the unofficial or official visit workflow, go into a prospect's TCR profile and request complimentary tickets (ticket icon) in the top right-hand corner of the page.

Also, please note the SDA policies regarding on-field access for prospects:

- The check-in table to receive on-field wristbands is located on the north end of Mountain America Stadium.
- A prospect must be accompanied by a coach or staff member.
- Prospect guests are not allowed on to the field.
- No prospects will be allowed on the field if they arrive within 20 minutes before kickoff (e.g., after 7:10pm for a 7:30pm kickoff).



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Get to know your Compliance Office



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3. Quote that defines Andrew: "The most successful people in life fail more than anyone else." -My dad (but probably other people as well).
4. Hobbies outside of work: Board games, spikeball, and serving at my church.
5. Interesting fact: I threw one pitch in the Little League World Series (for what it's worth, the guy grounded out to second).

CARA REMINDERS

IN SEASON	OUT OF SEASON
Maximum of 20 hours each week	Maximum of 8 hours each week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In football, 2 of the 8 hours may include film review ▪ In all other sports, 4 of the 8 hours may include skill instruction, which includes any activity that is not strength or conditioning (e.g., film review)
Maximum of 4 hours per day	Maximum of 4 hours per day
Required 1 day off per week	Required 2 days off per week

- Preseason/vacation practice** | Daily and weekly time limitations do not apply during vacation periods for in-season sports. But NCAA legislation requires at least one day off during preseason and vacation periods.
- After competition** | CARAs are prohibited after competitions, even during vacation periods (e.g., it is impermissible to make student-athletes run after competition to maintain fitness levels).
- 8-hour overnight period** | RARAs, which include any countable activities, are prohibited for an 8-hour period between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am. An exception exists for a promotional practice (e.g., first practice of the season). Please check with the Compliance Office before holding such a practice.
- 4 hours of skill instruction** | NCAA legislation allows all sports except football to conduct up to 4 hours of skill instruction each out-of-season week. Football may conduct up to 2 hours of film review each out-of-season week.
- TCR CARA logs** | All CARAs and RARAs must be accurately entered into the sport's CARA log each week. CARA logs are due every Tuesday by 11:59 pm. Please encourage your student-athletes to review and approve or reject the CARA logs each week.
- RARA chart** | Coaches and staff are encouraged to review the RARA chart located [here](#) for more information regarding categorization of countable activities. Please contact the Compliance Office with specific questions relating to this chart.

RARA AND VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

RARA	VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES
A RARA is any activity that has any relation to a student-athlete's participation in athletics that is required. The general rule is that RARAs cannot occur on off days. So off days are truly off, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rehab and other medically-related activities, ▪ Study tables and other academic requirements from OSAD, and ▪ Multi-sport life skills events. 	For an activity to be voluntary, all of the following must be true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No reporting of information related to the activity to a coach or other staff member, ▪ The request is initiated by the student-athlete, ▪ Attendance is not recorded, and ▪ No penalty for missing and no recognition/incentive for attending.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

The University of Argon softball program began their out-of-season workouts the week before fall classes began. During the second week of out-of-season workouts, each softball student-athlete participated in the following (the softball team's week runs Sunday to Saturday):

- Sunday: Off
- Monday: Conditioning (1 hour)
- Tuesday: Practice (2 hours)
- Wednesday: Strength training (1 hour)
- Thursday: Practice (2 hours)
- Friday: Off (the facility was left open for optional hitting, and the volunteer coach threw batting practice to student-athletes who asked)
- Saturday: Practice (1 hour) and strength training (1 hour)



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OFFICIAL VISITS

Ten Rules to Remember

- 1 **Eligibility** | High school prospects must submit all transcripts, register with the Eligibility Center, and be placed on ASU's request list. Transfers must submit college transcripts. Please make sure transcripts have the prospect's name, school's name, and all coursework on it.
- 2 **Two nights** | Official visits cannot last longer than two nights. The two nights begin when prospects arrive on campus or receive entertainment. Prospects may stay a third night if they arrive in Tempe too late to start the visit. Please work with Madison Cindric up front if you use this exception.
- 3 **Tryouts** | Coaches and staff may not view prospects participating in recreational activities. But, coaches and staff may organize these activities (e.g., place on itineraries). Basketball prospects may participate in on-campus evaluations (subject to time restrictions) only if they are approved by the Compliance Office.
- 4 **Student hosts** | Student hosts may receive \$60 for entertainment for prospects. All entertainment expenses must be deducted from the student host money allotment. Please work with Madison relating to any entertainment.
- 5 **Comp admissions** | Prospects may receive up to five complimentary admissions via pass lists to regular season, home athletics events.
- 6 **Meals** | Prospects and up to four of their family members may receive up to three meals each day.
- 7 **Cash** | Student hosts, staff members, or boosters may not provide prospects with cash.
- 8 **Automobiles** | Neither prospects nor hosts may be provided the use of automobiles.
- 9 **Airfare** | As long as tickets are considered coach class, prospects may take advantage of enhanced seating (e.g., additional leg room, exit row) options for their flights. Teams can now provide flights for up to two family members for official visits. Please work with Matt with the actual ticket booking confirmation.
- 10 **Booster contacts** | Boosters cannot have contact with prospects during official visits unless the prospects have signed NLI's with ASU. But former SDA student-athletes (who are boosters) may have on-campus contact with prospects.

FANTASY FOOTBALL



Fantasy football participation, including daily fantasy leagues, is a form of gambling under NCAA legislation if there are entry fees. So participation in fantasy leagues with entry fees by coaches, staff, and student-athletes is prohibited. But participation in leagues with no entry fees for all participants is permissible.



AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

The softball program violated playing and practice season legislation. First, it was a violation to begin out-of-season practices before the first day of fall classes. Out-of-season sports may not conduct CARAs during a vacation period. The "optional" hitting session on Friday was not voluntary under NCAA rules, which resulted in violations of the weekly hour limitation and off day legislation. Because the volunteer coach was present during the session, that time was countable for all student-athletes who attended. This means that Friday was not an off day, so the student-athletes only received one off day when two off days were required. This also put the team over their eight-hour CARA limit during an out-of-season week. Finally, even if the events on Friday were not countable, there would have been a violation because although the student-athletes were within the eight-hour weekly limit, student-athletes participated in over four hours of skill instruction during the week.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2024

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					

BASEBALL

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					

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 only at scholastic practices and competitions.

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*					

* Contact period for high school seniors and two-year college PSAs; evaluation period (scholastic activities only) for all other prospects.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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ALL OTHER SPORTS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Please note this table has dates that run until September 30. Many of the periods run past September 30.

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

ASK FIRST!