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PAVIA v. NCAA UPDATE

In wake of the Pavia v. NCAA preliminary injunction (click here to read it), the NCAA Division I Board of Directors has granted a waiver to permit student-athletes who attended and competed at a non-NCAA school (e.g., junior college) for one or more years to remain eligible and compete in 2025-26 if those student-athletes would have otherwise used their final season of competition during the 2024-25 academic year, and meet all other eligibility requirements (e.g., progress toward degree, fiveyear period of eligibility). The biggest piece to this blanket waiver is the fact that the student-athletes must still have time within their five-year clocks to use this additional season of eligibility.

If any student-athletes would like clarity regarding whether this waiver applies to them, please have them contact the Compliance Office.



ATHLETICS AID AGREEMENT SIGNING REMINDER



With the removal of the National Letter of Intent program, the NCAA membership has implemented several new legislative changes relating to prospects signing just athletics aid agreements. One such change is that prospects may not sign athletics aid agreements on the same day they visit campus (official or unofficial), or coaches have off-campus contacts with them.

So please note, the Compliance Office will not send prospects athletics aid agreements to those known to be on campus until the day after the prospects depart.

And finally, for more information relating to the financial aid legislative changes, please review the NCAA educational column by clicking here.

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LIEU CHECK PICKUP DATES

One check (on campus) – January 15

Two checks (most grad students) – January 15 and February 21

Five checks (off campus) – January 15, January 24, February 21, March 19, and April 24

FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT

If a student-athlete is otherwise cleared by sports medicine and the Compliance Office in TCR, the student-athlete may practice (but not compete) during the first five days of ASU classes without being enrolled full time. Beginning January 20, a student-athlete who is not enrolled full time will be immediately ineligible for practice and competition.

Please contact the Compliance Office with any eligibility questions.

CARA REMINDERS

- Sports who are not yet in season may start CARAs on January 13, 2025.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, 2025, is an official ASU holiday. So this means that on this
 day, in-season sports have unlimited hours and out-of-season sports cannot conduct any CARAs.

ADDITIONAL OFF DAYS

Student-athletes are required to have 14 additional off days throughout the academic year. Teamworks Hub does not translate additional off days over to TCR. To have those off days count within the system, please mark all off days in TCR so the system accounts for those days. Please contact the Compliance Office with questions regarding how to track these additional off days.

And as a reminder, all mid-year enrollees must be given 7 additional days off during the spring semester.



REACTIONS V. TAPBACKS

Unlike permissible 'click' reactions on social media, text message reactions (or tapbacks) are considered a form of electronic correspondence, and, therefore, may not be sent to prospects until they reach the applicable date. See Recruiting 101 tip sheet here for the permissible dates to be able to react to text messages. For examples of text message reactions/tapbacks, please reference the photo to the left.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

Sammy Swimmer is a mid-year enrollee who completed her NCAA forms, was medically cleared, and attended a compliance meeting. Sammy Swimmer started the semester enrolled in 15 credits and for the first two weeks of classes balanced her busy schedule. On January 20, without consulting her academic advisor, Sammy Swimmer dropped two of the classes she was enrolled in because she decided to change her major and these classes were no longer relevant to her new major. Sammy Swimmer did not add any new classes, dropping her to 9 credits for the semester. She continued to practice and compete with the team.



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IN THE NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston was penalized by the Committee on Infractions for violations involving academic misconduct with two football student-athletes and CARA limitations violations in the women's volleyball program. A tutor was found to have committed institutional academic misconduct by writing four papers for two football student-athletes. Houston became aware of the potential violations when a graduate student reported that the tutor told him he had written a student-athlete's paper in exchange for money.

Additionally, during the enforcement staff's investigation of academic misconduct, the institution discovered and reported potential CARA violations involving the head women's volleyball coach. The head coach violated CARA limitations by requiring student-athletes to participate in summer camps and "pre-practice" activities over the course of two years. The student-athletes' required participation in what should have been voluntary activities resulted in exceeding the in-season hourly limits by 39 hours.

Penalties included a vacation of wins by the football team for contests in which the ineligible student-athletes competed, an 8-year show cause order for the tutor, and a 2-year show cause for the former volleyball head coach.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- 1. The general rule is that academic misconduct violations involving institutional staff members (including student tutors) are Level I or II infraction cases.
- 2. Requiring student-athletes to work camps/clinics is considered CARA and must be included in the student-athletes' daily and weekly hours limitations. In addition, student-athletes cannot be required to work camps/clinics during institutional vacation periods while the sport is out of season (e.g., summer).
- 3. Pre-practice activities like warm-ups and individual workouts are countable activities when observed by staff members.

KEY QUOTES:

- 1. "The [COI] panel was troubled by the fact that violations went unreported, in part, due to student-athletes' fear of retaliation from the head coach."
- 2. "Inherent in promoting an atmosphere of compliance is setting the proper tone throughout the program -- from the head coach down. That includes coaches, staff, and student-athletes alike having the freedom to report concerns to compliance and athletics administration."
- 3. "A culture of secrecy and intimidation fails to meet the membership's expectation of head coaches. Such actions threaten the core values of the Association and are detrimental to the student-athlete experience."

AND THE ANSWER IS ...

Sammy Swimmer was not a full-time student-athlete and should have been prohibited in participating in and CARAs January when she dropped below full-time student requirements. During the first five days of classes the student-athlete may practice (but not compete) without being enrolled full time. Beginning January 20, a student-athlete that is not enrolled full time will be immediately ineligible for practice and competition.

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.

JANUARY 2025

CALENDAR KEY



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(Recruiting Period in MBB)

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

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Softball evaluations only at scholastic practices and competitions.

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

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