The term “redshirt year” usually refers to an academic year when a student-athlete practices, but does not compete with a team. Redshirts are usually, but not always, freshmen. Although redshirting is a common term, it is not specifically defined in the NCAA Manual. The term is a byproduct of several bylaws working together:

**Five-year clock:** A student-athlete has five years from the date of initial, full-time collegiate enrollment to complete four seasons of competition.

**Complete season:** A student-athlete cannot be officially declared a redshirt until the student-athlete’s season is complete. The choice to redshirt is not a coach’s decision, but rather a look back to see if a student-athlete engaged in countable competition.

**Any competition counts:** If a student-athlete competes in any competition, the student-athlete used a season of competition (e.g., pinch running in softball, running in one race in a track and field meet, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding whether a student-athlete would qualify for a redshirt year, please ask the Compliance Office.
EX-UNC TUTOR FACES FELONY CHARGES - Click on picture for USA Today article.

The ex-North Carolina Tar Heel tutor who provided benefits to a former UNC football player has been charged with violating North Carolina’s Uniform Athlete Agent Act. She faces up to 15 months in prison and civil penalties up to $25,000. The tutor has been accused of providing airline tickets and packages of cash to a student-athlete.

This case marks the first time that someone has been prosecuted for allegedly violating the sports agent law in a state. North Carolina’s UAAA “requires agents to register with the Secretary of State’s office and is designed to shield athletes from sports agents who would offer gifts to entice them to sign representation contracts.”

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Arizona is one of 43 states that adopted the Uniform Athlete Agent Act.
2. Current and former employees who are found to have provided benefits to a student-athlete in violation of the Arizona Uniform Athlete Agent Act can face not only punishment from ASU, but also the State of Arizona, including prison time and civil penalties.
3. If you have questions regarding the UAAA or SDA’s agent policy, please see Peter or Steve in the Compliance Office.

The University of Argon baseball team has a head coach and two assistant coaches. A baseball team is permitted to have three countable coaches. In early March, the head coach noticed that his baseball team was in a slump. To help with the hitting, the head coach hired an outside consultant. This outside consultant conducted an instructional meeting for the coaches, observed the baseball team’s practice for a week, and then spoke with the coaching staff and offered advice on how the team could improve. Finally, the outside consultant emailed two student-athletes about specific drills they could do to improve.

As the season progressed and the hitting improved, the University of Argon baseball team entered into a heated stretch run. To relieve some of the pressure and help his players relax, the head coach hired a local comedian to attend practice. The comedian came to practice and instructed the baseball team in ludicrous stretching exercises and humorous ways to run the bases after hitting a homerun.

Violations on page 3.
The agreement: An NLI is a binding agreement that, once signed by a PSA, requires the PSA to attend the signing institution for one academic year, provided the PSA meets all applicable university, conference, and NCAA regulations for the receipt of aid. The NLI must be accompanied by a financial aid agreement, which serves as the institution's commitment to provide financial aid for a designated period.

Satisfaction of the NLI terms: A PSA satisfies the NLI terms by attending, full-time, the signing institution for one academic year or by graduating from a junior college (if during the NLI period, the PSA chooses to attend a junior college).

Recruiting ban after signing: All colleges and universities that participate in the NLI program are prohibited from recruiting a PSA once s/he signs an NLI with an institution. The recruiting ban remains in effect until the PSA enrolls at the signing institution. If the PSA does not enroll, the ban is lifted after the signing institution’s next academic year has elapsed.

The NLI penalty: A PSA who does not attend the signing institution or attends the institution for less than one full academic year is prohibited from representing the second institution in athletics competition until s/he completes one academic year in residence at the second institution. Additionally, the PSA will lose a season of competition in all sports.

Upcoming NLI signing period: The early NLI signing period is right around the corner. Please make sure your PSAs have registered with the Eligibility Center. Also, make sure that you have submitted a transcript to the Compliance Office for evaluation.

NLI request form: The NLI request form has been updated and placed in the Compliance Updates shared drive folder. The NLI request form can be submitted by email using the feature on the top right of the fillable PDF.

New requirements: The NLI must be signed within seven days and returned to the Pac-12 within fourteen days.

AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

Both consultants engaged in activities that made them countable coaches, and thus the team exceeded NCAA coaching limits. With respect to the outside consultant, all of the activities, other than instructing the coaching staff on coaching techniques, would cause the consultant to be counted against coaching limitations. Consultants are only permitted to provide training for the coaching staff. They are not allowed to interact with student-athletes. Nor are they permitted to observe team practice and confer with coaches afterward regarding student-athlete performance.

The comedian would also have to count toward coaching limitations. Even though the comedian did not provide any substantive or useful coaching, by providing fake stretching and homerun-celebration instruction to student-athletes, the comedian triggered countable coach status. (This was an actual secondary violation case.)

At ASU, only the Athletics Director has authority to sign agreements to hire outside consultants. So any head coach who wishes to engage an outside consultant must submit his/her recommendation to Peter Turney in the Compliance Office for review to ensure that the proposed retention is consistent with university policies and NCAA legislation.
CLICK ON THE SPORT TITLE FOR THE FULL RECRUITING CALENDAR. YOU MUST FIRST BE LOGGED INTO NCAA.ORG.

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Recruiting Period for Men's Basketball

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THE FOLLOWING SPORTS ARE IN A CONTACT PERIOD OCTOBER 1-31:

- **MEN'S/WOMEN'S CC/TRK**
- **MEN'S/WOMEN'S GOLF**
- **GYMNASTICS**
- **SOCCER**
- **SOFTBALL**
- **MEN'S/WOMEN'S SWIM/DIVE**
- **TENNIS**
- **VOLLEYBALL**
- **WRESTLING**
- **WATER POLO**

*Please note that this table has dates that run until October 31. Many of the periods run past October 31. Visit the NCAA Recruiting Calendars website for full recruiting calendars including little nuances that will clear up any discrepancies in the dates.*