Integral to ASU’s focus on integrity is athletics compliance—following the rules of the NCAA and Pac-12 Conference.

- ACS Updates
- Nonrenewal, Reduction, Cancellation of Athletics Aid
- Elite Athletes – National Teams
ACS Updates
Enhancements

• Workflow forms (e.g., official visit requests).

• Financial aid information.
Reminders

• All PSA phone numbers should be entered in the PSA’s profile.

• All calls must be placed through the ACS app.

• All contacts and evaluations must be:
  – Entered in ACS; and
  – Included in recruiting travel claims.

• All participation data should be logged in a timely manner.
Nonrenewal, Reduction, Cancellation of Athletics Aid
Two Time Periods

• During period of award.
  – Reductions.
  – Cancellations.
  – [Note: Includes full term of multiyear scholarship.]

• After period of award.
  – Reductions.
  – Nonrenewals.
During Period of Award

Reduction or cancellation permissible if recipient:

- Becomes ineligible;
- Fraudulently misrepresents information on financial aid agreement or application;
- Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty;
- Voluntarily leaves sport for personal reasons; or
- Fails to meet non athletically related conditions listed on signed scholarship.
Voluntarily Withdraws from Sport

• Must be truly voluntary (i.e., cannot force student-athlete to quit).

• Compliance Office must meet with the student-athlete to gather information on the voluntary nature of the withdrawal.
Nonathletically Related Activities

SDA rules and regulations and team rules, including, but not limited to:

• Attendance at classes, study tables, assemblies, tutoring or study group sessions.

• The use, possession, or traffic of an illegal substance, or refusal to take a drug test when requested to do so.
Other Nonathletically Related Conditions

- Outside scholarships.
- Academic honor awards.
Right to Appeal

NCAA legislation provides a student-athlete the right to appeal any decision to nonrenew, reduce, or cancel aid.
Best Practices for Coaching Staff

• Documentation.
  – Emails.
  – Meetings with student-athletes.
  – Missed practices.
  – Academics.

• Communication.
  – Student-athlete.
  – Sport supervisor.
  – Compliance Office.
Process to Cancel or Reduce During Period of Award

• Head coach meets/talks with student-athlete.

• Head coach meets/talks with sport supervisor about the decision.

• Student-athlete has the right to meet with sport supervisor and/or director of athletics.
Process to Cancel or Reduce During Period of Award (Cont.)

- Submit Change of Status form to the Compliance Office.
  - Must be signed by head coach and sport supervisor.
  - Must provide rationale.
- Compliance Office completes Discontinuation of Sport form with the student-athlete.
- Start of student-athlete appeal process.
Process to Nonrenew or Reduce After Period of Award

• Coaches discuss the financial aid reduction or nonrenewal with the student-athlete.

• Renewal/nonrenewal spreadsheet.
  – Distributed to coaches in April.
  – Completed by head coach.
  – Approved by sport supervisor.
Elite Athletes – National Teams
Elite Athletes - National Team Information

- Affects on interactions with PSAs.
- Student-athlete participation.
- Coach participation with student-athletes.
Recruiting at National Team Events

• A coach can attend legislatively defined events outside the contact/evaluation period.

• *But* recruiting calendars apply to junior championships and qualifying events or tryouts.
Coach Participation in National Team Training Programs with PSAs

Permissible if:

• The NGB administers the program;
• ASU coach actually coaches the team (i.e., cannot perform only non-coaching duties);
• The NGB selects the coaches; and
• The NGB authority (not made up of only ASU coaches) selects participants.
Impermissible Examples:

- Soccer program recognized by the NGB (must be organized and administered by an NGB).
- Private international club team.
Student-Athlete Participation

Student-athletes may compete at any time in specified national-team-related events (e.g., national team tryouts, Olympics, World Cup).
Coach Participation

- During playing season - counts as CARAs.

- All other times:
  - Part of national development program: no limits.
  - Not part of national development program:
    - All normal rules apply; except
    - Coaching at national-team-related competitions is permitted.
Coaching Student-Athletes for National Team Competitions

Permitted only if:

• Counting the competition as part of playing season;
• Coaching is part of a national team development program; or
• ASU pays student-athlete competition expenses.
National Team Development Programs

Must meet the following criteria:

• NGB conducts the program;

• NGB selects the coaches; and

• NGB authority (not made up of only ASU coaches) selects participants.
ASU May Pay Expenses

- Established national championship events including junior events;
- Competition to directly qualify for specific national team events; and
- Tryout competition events, including tiers of tryouts, to make a national team to compete in specific events.

*But* never for culminating events (e.g., Olympics).
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