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VACATION PERIOD REMINDERS

The information below provides an overview of NCAA legislation and ASU policy specific to vacation period activities. Please review the information and let the Compliance Office know if you have any questions regarding any of the activities you plan to conduct with your student-athletes during ASU's winter vacation period, which runs from December 15-January 12.

Meals—such expenses may only be provided to student-athletes who are required to remain on campus for practice or competition.

- The maximum meal allowance under ASU policy is \$20 per day (\$5 breakfast, \$5 lunch, and \$10 dinner).
 - **But** the value of any meal provided by ASU must be deducted from the daily allowance on the day in which the additional meal is provided.
 - **And** student-athletes who live at home during the vacation period cannot receive meal expenses. (They can, however, participate in team meals incidental to participation.)
- ASU may also provide an additional meal incidental to participation (not the cash equivalent) to student-athletes during each day of a vacation period in which practice or competition occurs.

Team Entertainment—reasonable entertainment may be provided in connection with practice or competition.

Playing and Practice Hours

- If the vacation period occurs during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the team is subject to the daily/weekly limits during the portion of the week when classes are in session.
- Otherwise, daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to CARAs during the vacation period.

PROHIBITION ON HOLIDAY GIFTS

Now that the holiday season is upon us, remember that NCAA rules do not allow coaches or other staff members to provide holiday gifts (regardless of value or type) to ASU student-athletes. If your team will be holding a gift exchange or Secret Santa event, please make sure that student-athletes only exchange gifts with other student-athletes (no coaches or staff) and that their participation is voluntary.

**Spring
Lieu Check
Pick-Up
Schedule**

January 15

February 5

March 5

April 2

"THIS WOULD ALLOW UNLIMITED TEXT MESSAGING AND PHONE CALLS FOR ALL SPORTS (EXCEPT FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, AND TRACK AND FIELD) TO START SEPTEMBER 1 OF A PSA'S JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL."

 **IN THE NEWS**

JANUARY LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS



The NCAA membership has proposed new rules that will be voted on in January at the NCAA Convention. Here is a sampling:

Key Takeaways

1. Definition of a countable coach – This would define countable coaches as staff members who provide technical or tactical instruction relating to the sport to a student-athlete at any time, make or assist in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition, or engage in any off-campus recruiting activities.
2. Initial date for communication and no limits on phone calls – This would allow unlimited text messaging and phone calls for all sports (except football, basketball, swimming, and track and field) to start September 1 of a PSA's junior year in high school.
3. Recruiting materials and electronic correspondence – This would eliminate many forms of mailings except general correspondence and also eliminate the restrictions on attachments to emails other than materials created for recruiting purposes.
4. Meals incidental to practice – This would allow institutions to provide meals incidental to practice activities during the playing season and in connection with noncompetitive events.
5. Snacks – This would allow institutions to provide snacks (e.g., pizza and hamburgers) to student-athletes at any time.

The information above was outlined by the Bylawblog.com.



SPOT THE VIOLATION

For a portion of the University of Argon's winter holiday break, the Argon men's basketball team was required to stay on campus for practice and competition. The head coach issued per diem to the basketball student-athletes. One student-athlete, who received the meal allowance, stayed at home with his family during the entire break.

The student-athletes were released from practice with five days remaining in the break period. After their release, two student-athletes who were receiving the meal allowance over the break and whose families lived on the other side of the country remained in their apartment. Argon continued to provide these two student-athletes their meal allowance until the spring semester began. All other student-athletes went home and did not receive any more housing allowances.

Violations on page 3.

SPORTS QUOTE

"THE MORE DIFFICULT THE
VICTORY, THE GREATER
THE HAPPINESS IN
WINNING."

- PELE

HOLIDAY CARDS TO PSAS

Coaches who would like to send holiday cards to prospective student-athletes this holiday season are allowed to do so **if all of the following rules are followed**:

- Holiday cards sent to PSAs or their parents, coaches, and anyone else involved in the PSA's education, like all other correspondence, must comply with Bylaw 13.4.1 (recruiting materials) time restrictions.
 - Sports other than men's basketball—may not be provided until September 1 at the beginning of a PSA's junior year in high school.
 - Men's basketball—may not be provided until June 15 at the conclusion of a PSA's sophomore year in high school.
- Holiday cards must meet NCAA restrictions relating to institutional note cards (Bylaw 13.4.1.1(j)) or they must be created on institutional letterhead in accordance with Bylaw 13.4.1.1(a).
 - Institutional note cards—may not exceed 8½ by 11 inches when fully opened, and, on the outside, may only include ASU name and logo or a Sun Devil athletics logo.
 - Institutional letterhead—single sheet of institutional letterhead (8½ by 11 inches) with no restrictions on the design or content of one side, but the other side must be blank.
- NCAA restrictions also apply to correspondence with non-PSAs if they are linked to a PSA (e.g., coach, mentor, advisor, family member).

COMPLIANCE ODDS AND ENDS

Please remind all international student-athletes to confirm that they are in good standing with the ASU International Students and Scholars Center (ISSC). New student-athletes for Spring 2014 must report to the ISSC office as soon as possible after arriving on campus to complete the check-in process. ISSC needs to see the new student-athletes' original immigration documents – specifically their I-20s, student visas, and passports. Returning student-athletes that need to report to ISSC will see a task on their MyASU accounts. Any ISSC holds on a student-athlete's account will impact athletics scholarship disbursement.



AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

For the student-athlete who stayed at home during the break, it was impermissible for the basketball team to give him meal expenses. A student-athlete who lives at his or her home during a vacation period cannot receive such expenses.

Additionally, the basketball team would not be permitted to pay the meal expenses for the two student-athletes remaining in the area for the five days after practice ended. Since the basketball team had been released and the student-athletes were no longer required to attend practice, Argon was prohibited from giving them meal expenses.

RECRUITING CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2013

CALENDAR KEY

	QUIET PERIOD		CONTACT PERIOD		EVALUATION PERIOD		DEAD PERIOD
<i>Recruiting Period for Men's Basketball</i>							

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	31				

MEN'S/WOMEN'S CC/TRACK

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

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				

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	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				

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	31				

VOLLEYBALL

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				

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

MEN'S/WOMEN'S GOLF

TENNIS

WATER POLO

GYMNASTICS

MEN'S/WOMEN'S SWIM/DIVE

WRESTLING

SOCCER

**Please note that this table has dates that run until December 31. Many of the periods run past December 31. Visit the NCAA Recruiting Calendars website for full recruiting calendars including little nuances that will clear up any discrepancies in the dates - <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/NCAA/Resources/Recruiting+Calendars/>*