In January, several autonomy proposals were adopted by the Big Five conferences with an effective date of August 1, 2015. Key proposals were as follows:

**Resolution to Modernize the Collegiate Model**

The resolution did not include actual legislation but rather served as an agreement to enact rules to benefit student-athletes in a number of areas, including time demands, student-athlete benefits, the purchase of career-related insurance products, and agent/advisor activities.

**Cost of Attendance**

New rule: A full grant-in-aid consists of tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance.

What this means: Institutions are now allowed to provide athletically related grants-in-aid up to the cost of attendance. Institutions are also allowed to use their cost of attendance values in the denominator of their equivalency calculations.

**Nonrenewals**

New rule: If a student-athlete receives athletics aid in his or her initial year of full-time enrollment, that aid cannot be reduced or nonrenewed for an athletics reason.

What this means: This proposal effectively guarantees multi-year scholarships for student-athletes who received aid during their first years at their institutions. Coaches should keep in mind that scholarships signed in February and April 2015 are not subject to the Pac-12 rule requiring multi-year scholarships, but they are subject to this rule, which basically turns one-year scholarships into four-year scholarships. Coaches should consider offering four-year scholarships during the two upcoming signing periods if they want to offer different levels of aid each year. Please see the Compliance Office with questions.

**Loss of Value Insurance**

New rule: Student-athletes may borrow against their future earnings potential from accredited commercial lending institutions for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance, provided third parties are not involved in arrangements for securing the loan.

What this means: This rule allows student-athletes that are projected to be drafted high in their respective sports to finance their own insurance premiums.
MY ACS

The ACS customer care portal that launched last year has many features that coaches and staff should take advantage of in the day-to-day usage of the online system. To access MyACS, click on the Contact Customer Care button within your ACS system (top right corner).

Tips and new features in MyACS include the ability to:

• Post ideas on how to improve the ACS experience.
• Register for ACS webinars through the ACS Events page.
• Search for information and how-tos on various topics.
• Obtain immediate support through chat, email, and phone.

Coaches are encouraged to visit the MyACS community now to get the most out of ACS.

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Charles Soon
Compliance Extern

The Hawaiian native is a second year law student at ASU and will be assisting the Compliance Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

What is your Hawaiian name and what does it mean?
My Hawaiian name is ‘Ekolu and it literally means the number three. Since I’m Charles III, I was given the name ‘Ekolu.

What is the first Hawaiian food you eat when you visit home?
Kalua Pig and Poi.

If you had to create a TV pilot, what would it be about?
Real Househusbands of Honolulu.

What is your most embarrassing law school moment?
Getting cold-called in Criminal Law and arguing for the prosecution when I was actually supposed to be the defense attorney.

What is at the top of your bucket list right now?
Playing a round of golf at Pebble Beach.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

Felix Leiter throws discus for the University of Argon. Felix and his coach decided to have Felix redshirt during his freshman year. To stay sharp that year, Felix competed unattached twice.

For the first competition (October 2014), Felix traveled to his hometown of San Francisco to compete unattached in the San Francisco Open. During the summer vacation period, Felix competed for the San Francisco Track and Field Archers club team. Felix planned to compete unattached in the Open, but his Archers’ club coach begged him to compete with the team so that the team had the best chance to win. Felix gave in and entered the meet as a member of the Archers. Felix competed in the event and scored 1st place points, which helped the Archers win the meet.

For the second competition (November 2014), Felix traveled to Los Angeles to compete in the Goldfinger Open. Felix paid for the travel expenses and entry fee for the meet. Felix used his own uniform and throwing shoes. Felix’s Argon throwing coach just happened to be on a recruiting trip to Los Angeles for the Goldfinger Open. Knowing that Felix was competing that day, the coach stopped by to watch. The coach noticed that Felix was rotating his leg out too far on his throws. During a break in action, the coach approached Felix and told him about the mistake in his technique.

Violations on page 3.
OUTSIDE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Subject to the conditions below, a student-athlete may participate in outside competition as an individual at any time in his or her sport as either a member of an ASU team or as an unattached individual.

Competing in Unattached Individual Competition

Competing unattached from ASU allows student-athletes to maintain redshirt status or not use a date of competition if the student-athletes:

- Represent themselves and not a club, team, or other organization;
- Pay all their own expenses, including all travel and competition expenses (i.e., they only receive expenses from their parents, legal guardians, or event sponsors);
- Do not wear ASU-issued uniforms or apparel still used by ASU in competition; and
- Do not receive any coaching or instruction from ASU staff members.

Note: Student-athletes can use ASU equipment.

Prizes and Awards While Competing Unattached

Student-athletes may accept prize money if it does not exceed “actual and necessary expenses” (this term is defined in the NCAA manual) and the prize money is provided by the event sponsor.

Competing for ASU in Outside Individual Competition

Competing for ASU in an outside individual competition must be counted toward individual NCAA competition limits, but allows ASU to provide travel expenses and coaching. Student-athletes may also use ASU-issued uniforms.

Prizes and Awards While Competing for ASU

Student-athletes may not receive anything for their finish when competing for ASU in an outside individual competition. For example, a student-athlete could not accept any prize money, even if it does not exceed actual and necessary expenses.

Compliance Office Approval for Outside Individual Competition

Because mistakes in connection with individual competition carry serious consequences (e.g., using a season of competition or violating amateurism rules), student-athletes should check with their coaches and the Compliance Office before engaging in such competition.

COACHES CUP NEWSLETTER QUESTION

Jill Bond is a soccer prospect that is going to sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with the University of Argon during the February NLI signing period. If Jill signs the NLI on the morning of February 4th, is she permitted to take an official visit at Argon later that day and attend a home basketball game at 8pm?

Email Justin with your answer.

- 1 point for the correct answer.
- 1 point for referencing the correct NCAA bylaw.
Please note that this table has dates that run until February 28. Many of the periods run past February 28. Visit the NCAA Recruiting Calendars website for full recruiting calendars including little nuances that will clear up any discrepancies in the dates. 


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