OUTSIDE COMPETITION

NCAA rules place restrictions on a student-athlete’s ability to participate in outside competition. Below are some of the rules relating to participation on an outside team.

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| **General Rules** | • Student-athletes are not permitted to participate in any competitions (e.g., tournaments, exhibition games) on outside teams during the academic year.  
  • Student-athletes who engage in such competitions could lose their eligibility for the remainder of the current and following academic years. |
| **Official Vacation Periods** | • During official vacation periods (in sports other than basketball), student-athletes may compete on outside teams if their sports are outside of their declared playing seasons.  
  • Wrestling student-athletes may compete on outside teams on or after November 1 if the competitions occur outside the playing season and during vacation periods. |

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| **Soccer** | After May 1, soccer student-athletes may compete on outside teams if:  
  • No more than five ASU student-athletes participate on the same team;  
  • No class time is missed for practice or competition; and  
  • The Compliance Office pre-approves the competition. |
| **Volleyball** | After May 1, volleyball student-athletes may compete on outside teams if:  
  • No more than two ASU student-athletes participate on the same team;  
  • No class time is missed for practice or competition;  
  • The Compliance Office pre-approves the competition; and  
  • All practice or competition is confined to outdoor doubles tournaments, either on sand or grass. |

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| **Basketball** | Basketball student-athletes may compete on outside teams during the summer if:  
  • No more than two ASU student-athletes participate on the same team;  
  • The summer leagues in which the teams compete are NCAA certified; and  
  • Student-athletes receive written permission from the athletics director. |
| **Other Sports** | Each sport has specific regulations regarding permissible summer activities. Student-athletes should consult the Compliance Office before they agree to participate in outside competition during the summer. |

Note: Student-athletes in individual sports may compete as individuals under certain circumstances. Please see the Compliance Office for information on these circumstances.
The Big 5 conferences submitted proposals for consideration as autonomy legislation to be voted on at the 2015 NCAA Convention. These proposals would be binding on the Big 5 conferences, while other conferences could vote to adopt these proposals.

**KEY PROPOSALS**

1. **Cost of attendance** - This would specify that a full grant-in-aid will equal the financial aid office’s COA figure, which includes all FGIA elements, along with supplies, transportation, and other expenses.

2. **Nonrenewals** - This would prohibit nonrenewals for athletically related reasons, effectively guaranteeing multi-year scholarships for all student-athletes.

3. **Concussion procedures** - This would, among other things, establish a national concussion reporting system that requires institutions to submit concussion procedures and protocols to a committee and provide information concerning incidents in which student-athletes may have suffered concussions.

4. **Loss of value insurance** - This would allow student-athletes to borrow against their future earnings potential for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance. Currently, student-athletes are required to pay loss of value premiums on their own or through the SAF.

**SUPER BOWL - DON’T BET ON IT!**

Coaches, staff, and student-athletes are not permitted to wager on any sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship, including football. Participation in Super Bowl point squares or daily fantasy football leagues are forms of sports wagering and are impermissible.

**SPOT THE VIOLATION**

Susan is a women’s soccer player at the University of Argon. Susan wanted to get in some extra competition during the fall. To do so, she played in games for a local club team on weekends when her Argon soccer team did not have games.

Susan’s boyfriend, George, is a golfer for the Argon men’s golf team. He wanted to compete in more competitions during his spring season, so he competed twice in outside competition. For the first competition, George entered a local golf tournament on his own and used clubs and equipment that he had purchased. He also wore clothing that he had purchased and had no Argon identification. For the second competition, George competed in a local amateur tournament with a club team in match play (Ryder Cup-style format) over spring break after the Argon spring break competitions were canceled due to inclement weather.

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Susan violated NCAA legislation because it is impermissible for a student-athlete to compete as part of an outside team during the playing season. Susan’s participation did not meet one of the limited set of exceptions to the general rule.

George’s first competition was permissible because he was allowed to play in a golf tournament as an individual representing only himself (as opposed to competition with a club team). Because he competed as an individual and used his own funds, equipment, and uniform during the first competition, George did not violate any rules. George’s second competition was impermissible even though it occurred during a university holiday. That competition was considered team, rather than individual, competition, and outside team competition during university holidays is only allowed outside the declared playing season.
Please note that 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 including little nuances that will clear up any discrepancies in the dates.