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VOLUNTEER COACHES

Like countable coaches, volunteer coaches may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and may make and assist in making tactical decisions relating to their sport during practice and competition. But NCAA legislation limits the benefits volunteer coaches may receive and how they interact with prospects.

**BENEFITS**

- SDA may provide the following to volunteer coaches:
  - Two complimentary admissions to contests in their sports.
  - One complimentary admission to contests in other SDA sports in connection with official or unofficial visits.
  - Meals incidental to team activities and during prospects’ official and unofficial visits.
  - Compensation for working ASU camps or clinics.
  - SDA apparel incidental to coaching duties.
  - Reimbursement for parking associated with practice or competition.

- SDA may not provide any benefit not listed above. For example, volunteer coaches may not receive:
  - Any compensation other than that provided for camp-related employment.
  - A cell phone or computer.

**RECRUITING**

- Volunteer coaches may:
  - Receive phone calls from prospects.
  - Email prospects after the permissible date (see Recruiting 101).
  - Work for local sports clubs (but only if approved by the Compliance Office).

- Volunteer coaches may not:
  - Contact or evaluate prospects off campus.
  - Make phone calls to prospects or their parents, legal guardians, or coaches (except relating to camp/clinic logistics).
  - Be involved with any prospect-aged team (other than an approved local sports club).
  - Provide lessons to prospects (except in women’s golf).

In addition to the restrictions above, volunteer coaches may not scout opponents off campus.

Note: Football and basketball may not use volunteer coaches.
MIPS

Sun Devil Athletics will be providing all student-athletes with two more MIPs each week in addition to the Wednesday evening all-student-athlete meal. These new MIPs will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the football training table room. NCAA and Pac-12 rules only allow for up to two MIPs each day during the academic year, so please make sure to not provide two MIPs Mondays-Wednesdays in addition to these SDA meals.

GET TO KNOW THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE

1. Favorite podcast
2. Favorite TV show
3. Favorite local restaurant
4. Favorite ASU experience

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REATIONS V. TAPBACKS

Unlike permissible ‘click’ reactions on social media, text message reactions (or tapbacks) are considered a form of electronic correspondence, and, therefore, may not be sent to prospects until they reach the applicable date. See Recruiting 101 tip sheet here for the permissible dates to be able to react to text messages. For examples of what the text message reactions/tapbacks look like, please reference the photo to the left.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

University of Argon's men's golf team has a prospect arriving on campus for an official visit this weekend. As a part of the visit, the prospect and the coaching staff will be attending the home men's basketball game. The head coach asked the volunteer coach to accompany the prospect to the game. The volunteer coach received two complimentary admissions for him and his wife to accompany the prospect to the game.
IN THE NEWS
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The University of Oregon was recently penalized by the Committee on Infractions for violations involving impermissible staff participation in coaching activities in men’s and women’s basketball, impermissible recruiting aids used in football, and academic misconduct in track and field. In men’s basketball, the director of operations participated in and observed multiple voluntary workouts. In women’s basketball, the strength coach participated in on-court, basketball related activities during and after practices. In football, the staff used impermissible video-board recruiting aids during official and unofficial visits. In track and field, a professor did not follow institutional policy when changing a grade for a student-athlete.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. The University of Oregon and the NCAA enforcement staff used security camera footage to pinpoint instances when noncoaching staff members or strength coaches participated in activities that caused the sports to exceed their coaching limitations.

2. Any activities performed by a strength coach beyond conducting flexibility, warm-up, and physical conditioning activities with student-athletes will render the strength coach a countable coach.

3. This case illustrates the dangers that are present when a head coach becomes too complacent with longstanding and trusted staff members, which can lead to the head coach being responsible for the violations. “Even a coach with a strong record of compliance can make mistakes, including placing too much trust in staff members to follow the rules.”

The Sun Devil Compliance Cup

The Compliance Office is reviving a rules education initiative – The Sun Devil Compliance Cup. This rules education is optional for all coaches. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each month and at semester’s end for the top scoring coaches. The Sun Devil Compliance Cup features two ways for coaches to earn points. The rules and instructions can be found here.

To kick off the Sun Devil Compliance Cup, here is the first question. Be sure to provide Kayla the correct answer for 1 point and the correct NCAA bylaw for 1 point (2 points total per question).

January Sun Devil Compliance Newsletter Question:

Dwight Schrute is a basketball student-athlete. In April, Dwight met and became friends with a former ASU basketball player. Dwight never played on an ASU team with the former player. The ASU alum gave Dwight two tickets to a Phoenix Suns home game against the Portland Trailblazer’s. Is this permissible?

A violation occurred when the volunteer coach received two complimentary admissions to the home men’s basketball game. Generally, a volunteer coach may receive two complimentary admissions to home events in his or her own sport. But NCAA legislation only allows a volunteer coach to receive one complimentary admission to other sports’ home events. Because he was a volunteer coach for men’s golf, he was not permitted to receive more than one complimentary admission to the men’s basketball game.
Recruiting Period in MBB

ALL OTHER SPORTS ARE IN A CONTACT PERIOD ALL OF JANUARY

NCAA RECRUITING INFORMATION

Please note 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 and NCAA sport-specific recruiting guides.