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: There are no volunteer coaches in basketball and football.

*ASU camps/clinics are run separately by head coaches. Any compensation for services received (e.g., parking, food, etc.) comes from the legal entity running the camp/clinic, not ASU.
Sun Devil Athletics provides all student-athletes with three MIPs each week. These MIPs occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. 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 sports movie
2. Favorite vacation destination
3. Favorite super hero
4. Favorite brand of cereal

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**REACTIONS 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 text message reactions/tapbacks, please reference the photo to the left.

**SPOT THE VIOLATION**

The University of Argon’s men’s tennis 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 HOUSTON

The University of Houston was penalized by the Committee on Infractions for violations involving academic misconduct with two football student-athletes and CARA limitations violations in the women’s volleyball program. A tutor was found to have committed institutional academic misconduct by writing four papers for two football student-athletes. Houston became aware of the potential violations when a graduate student reported that the tutor told him he had written a student-athlete’s paper in exchange for money.

Additionally, during the enforcement staff’s investigation of academic misconduct, the institution discovered and reported potential CARA violations involving the head women’s volleyball coach. The head coach violated CARA limitations by requiring student-athletes to participate in summer camps and “pre-practice” activities over the course of two years. The student-athletes’ required participation in what should have been voluntary activities resulted in exceeding the in-season hourly limits by 39 hours.

Penalties included a vacation of wins by the football team for contests in which the ineligible student-athletes competed, an 8-year show cause order for the tutor, and a 2-year show cause for the former volleyball head coach.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. The general rule is that academic misconduct violations involving institutional staff members (including student tutors) are Level I or II infraction cases.

2. Requiring student-athletes to work campsclinics is considered CARA and must be included in the student-athletes’ daily and weekly hours limitations. In addition, student-athletes cannot be required to work campsclinics during institutional vacation periods while the sport is out of season (e.g., summer).

3. Pre-practice activities like warm-ups and individual workouts are countable activities when observed by staff members.

KEY QUOTES:

1. “The [COI] panel was troubled by the fact that violations went unreported, in part, due to student-athletes’ fear of retaliation from the head coach.”

2. “Inherent in promoting an atmosphere of compliance is setting the proper tone throughout the program -- from the head coach down. That includes coaches, staff, and student-athletes alike having the freedom to report concerns to compliance and athletics administration.”

3. “A culture of secrecy and intimidation fails to meet the membership’s expectation of head coaches. Such actions threaten the core values of the Association and are detrimental to the student-athlete experience.”

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 and only when he accompanies a prospect. Because he was a volunteer coach for men’s tennis, he was not permitted to receive more than one complimentary admission to the men’s basketball game.
### Recruiting Calendars

#### January 2020

#### Recruiting Period in MBB

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#### CALENDAR KEY

- **EVALUATION PERIOD**
- **CONTACT PERIOD**
- **QUIET PERIOD**
- **DEAD PERIOD**

#### 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.