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COVID INFORMATION

ASU's final exams and CARAs/RARAs

Sports outside their playing seasons cannot conduct RARAs or CARAs (including required strength and conditioning activities) beginning one week before the start of final exams. So with ASU moving finals up one week to [now start November 30](#), the last day of RARAs and CARAs for all sports except wrestling, gymnastics, hockey, track and field, swimming, basketball and football this fall 2020 semester is November 22.



Dead-period extension

Due to COVID-19, the recruiting dead period has been extended through at least January 1, 2021. During this period, coaches may not perform any in-person evaluations, meet face-to-face with any non-committed recruits, or conduct official or unofficial visits. Coaches may, however, contact recruits by telephone or video call provided it is otherwise permissible to do so. Coaches may also observe prospective student-athletes via livestream, on-demand, and/or video.



For more information regarding the current recruiting dead period, please refer to the COVID-19 Q&A [here](#).

[Virtual Recruiting 101 tip sheet](#) (click on title)

As the COVID-19 dead period continues, coaches and staff should review the Virtual Recruiting 101 tip sheet for information on recruiting activities during these next few months.



Virtual Speaking Engagements

For the purposes of the COVID-19 recruiting rules, virtual speaking engagements include, but are not limited to, activities such as virtual banquets or fundraisers, Zoom calls, Facebook or YouTube live chats, and podcasts whether they are live or recorded for future broadcast.

Please make sure to follow the SDA speaking engagement process by having someone from the outside entity complete the SDA speaking engagement request form found [here](#). Finally, please review the tip sheet found [here](#) for more information on speaking engagements.

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5. Interesting fact: Drafted by the Kansas City Royals, and played three years of minor league baseball

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

San Jose State was penalized by the Committee on Infractions for multiple CARA violations over the course of 26 weeks in its baseball program. Student-athletes raised concerns to the administration relating to the number of hours they were participating in baseball activities. Most of the violations occurred when coaches observed student-athletes participating in what they considered voluntary activities. The baseball program also did not accurately record CARA hours including the times when skill instruction and practice exceeded the scheduled time.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Warm-ups, extra hitting, film review, and other pre- and post-practice activities, even when initiated by student-athletes, are examples of countable activities when observed by coaches (including strength coaches) or staff.
2. Coaches and staff must "at all times accurately record the amount of time student-athletes are involved in athletically related activities."
3. Coaches and staff should work closely with their strength coaches to ensure that accurate hours are recorded for all strength and conditioning activities especially when no coaches or staff are present. This will help prevent the "bleeding over" of hours that could cause daily/weekly limits to be exceeded.

NIL LEGISLATION

The NCAA DI Council has introduced name, image, likeness concepts into the legislative cycle for membership review over the next couple months and a vote in January. Please review the latest NIL information from the NCAA DI Council by clicking [here](#). In the meantime, apply current rules to any activity involving the name, image, or appearance of any student-athlete.

Here are some reminders relating to social media posts:

It is not permissible for SDA coaches or staff to tag a business or provide a link to the business's website in a social media post containing student-athlete NILs. In addition, coaches and staff should not use student-athletes' NILs when doing gear reveals.

For example:

- Sport programs may not tag the location of team entertainment (e.g., Topgolf) or a team meal (e.g., Chompie's) in social media posts with photos or videos containing student-athletes.
- Sport programs should not use student-athletes to promote a new shoe or other apparel items received from adidas.
- Sport programs practicing at non-ASU facilities (e.g., Grayhawk Golf Club) may not tag those facilities in social media posts with photos or videos containing student-athletes.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

The University of Argon men's tennis coaches are recruiting Johnny who is a junior in high school. Due to COVID-19, the recruiting restrictions prohibit Johnny from taking an official or unofficial visit to campus. Instead, Johnny contacted the Argon admissions office and scheduled a general prospective student campus tour. While on the tour, Johnny sent a text to the Argon head coach to let him know he was on campus and wanted to see the athletic department and speak to an academic advisor. The head coach initiated a FaceTime call with Johnny to show him around the department. Further, the head coach sent Johnny a Zoom link that he could use to connect with an academic advisor, but mentioned he could not be on the call due to scheduling conflicts. Later Johnny participated in a Zoom call with the academic coach to discuss his grades and the admissions process.

NLI REQUESTS

Click the video to the right for instructions on how to request an NLI or scholarship agreement.



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How to request an NLI/scholarship agreement

NLI REMINDERS

Signing Period Dates	All sports except basketball and football: November 11, 2020 through August 1, 2021 Basketball: November 11-18 and April 14, 2021 through May 19, 2021 Football: December 16-18 Dead period for all sports continues through January 1, 2021
Eligibility	A prospect (1) must register with the Eligibility Center and (2) should submit a transcript and test score to the Compliance Office for evaluation.
Agreement	An NLI is a binding agreement that, once signed by a prospect, requires the prospect to attend the signing institution for one academic year, provided the prospect meets all applicable university, conference, and NCAA rules for the receipt of aid. The NLI must be accompanied by a financial aid agreement, which serves as the institution's commitment to provide financial aid for a designated period.
Recruiting Ban	Once a prospect signs an NLI, other institutions may not recruit the prospect.
NLI Penalty	A prospect who does not attend the signing institution or attends for less than one full academic year may not represent a second institution in competition until he or she completes one academic year in residence. The prospect also loses a season of competition.
Signing Requirement	An NLI must be signed within 7 days of its issuance date and sent to the Pac-12 within 14 days after the prospect signs.

CAMPUS VISITS DURING COVID DEAD PERIOD

During the COVID-19 recruiting dead period, a prospect may receive an in-person campus tour conducted by ASU's admissions office staff members who are responsible for conducting tours for prospective students.

SDA staff and coaches may not be involved with any such tours other than to provide admissions office contact information (found at visit.asu.edu) to the prospect. And remember, SDA staff and coaches may not:

- Communicate (e.g., via telephone or video) with a prospect when the prospect is on campus.
- Leave any facilities unlocked to allow a prospect access.
- Arrange or facilitate in-person meetings or visits between prospects and student-athletes.
- Send a prospect an itinerary for the prospect to use when visiting campus.

AND THE ANSWERS...

The Argon head coach committed a violation when he participated in a FaceTime call with Johnny while he was on campus. During the COVID-19 recruiting dead period, coaches and staff are prohibited from communicating (e.g., via telephone or video) with a prospect when the prospect is on campus. Further, an additional violation occurred when the head coach arranged for Johnny and the academic coach to be on Zoom call without the coach being present. Institutional staff members are only permitted to be on a call with a prospect when the coach is present and the call is otherwise permissible.