Welcome Back Ragin’ Cajuns Coaches and Staff

As always, this fresh academic year comes with new information, updates and changes for UL Athletics policies and procedures. Details on Compliance changes and reminders are included in this newsletter as well as announcements and reminders from all Athletics department personnel.

The UL Compliance Office is here to make sure that all NCAA, Sun Belt Conference and University rules get followed. Never hesitate to call us or drop by if you have any questions about a situation, rule or procedure.

Each month this newsletter will feature LSDB/Hot Topics and a section entitled “Around the NCAA.” We share these articles with you in an effort to increase everyone’s knowledge of the rules as they are added, changed or get broken.

— The Compliance Office

ACS Athletics Reminder
All recruiting activity (e.g., contacts, evaluations, phone calls) must be entered into ACS Athletics. Also, remember to continue entering countable athletically-related activities (CARA logs) into ACS Athletics.

Team Roster Management
If a student-athlete (scholarship or walk-on) quits the team or is going to be added to the team, the compliance office must be notified immediately in order to make sure everything is documented accordingly. The coach must complete and return either a “Student-Athlete Update Form” or a “Voluntary Withdrawal Form” to the compliance office.

Eligibility Certification
Incoming student-athletes (scholarship and walk-on) that report for athletics participation before they have officially been certified may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period. After the 45-day period, the individual will no longer be eligible to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletic aid.

Skill-Related Instruction
Until September 14th, no more than 4 student-athletes at a time may participate in skill-related instruction for those sports that are “out-of-season.” From September 15th—April 15th, more than 4 student-athletes at any time may be involved in skill-related instruction. Skill-related instruction is still limited to 2 hours per week, and it shall not be publicized and shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience.
Prospective Student-Athletes used as Demonstrators at Coaches Clinics (I)
Date Published: July 1, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a prospective student-athlete is not permitted to serve as a demonstrator at a member institution’s coaches clinic. A member institution’s coach who is presenting (e.g., lecturing, instructing, demonstrating) at a noninstitutional coaches clinic is not permitted to use prospective student-athletes as demonstrators. A member institution’s coach who observes a prospective student-athlete used as a demonstrator at a coach’s clinic must count the observation as an evaluation, and such observation is subject to all legislation governing observation of nonscholastic live athletics activities.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7 (limitations on number of evaluations), 13.1.7.3 (limitations on number of evaluations -- sports other than football and basketball), 13.1.7.4 (limitations on number of evaluations -- football), 13.1.7.5 (limitations on number of evaluations -- men’s basketball), 13.1.7.6 (limitations on number of evaluations -- women’s basketball), 13.1.7.8.3 (coaches’ attendance at basketball events), 13.1.7.9.4 (scholastic and nonscholastic activities – bowl subdivision football), 13.11 (tryouts) and 13.11.1 (prohibited activities) and a staff interpretation (10/20/10, Item No. a), which has been archived.

Distinction between National Invitation Tournament and NCAA Championships (I)
Date Published: July 8, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that, for purposes of applying NCAA legislation, the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) is not an NCAA championship.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.8.4 (NCAA promotional activities exception); 14.1.7.2.1.3.1 (exception-quarter institution); 14.1.9 (change in eligibility status); 14.5.1.4 (eligibility for championship in progress); 16.6.1.1 (expenses for spouse/children to post-season football game or NCAA championship); 16.8.1.2.1.1 (exceptions); 16.8.1.5.1 (general rule); 16.8.1.6 (incidental expenses at NCAA championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and bowl games);

17.1.6.6.2.1 (exception -- championship practice); 17.1.6.6.3.1 (exceptions); 17.1.7 (general regulations for computing playing seasons applicable to all sports); 17.2.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.3.4 (annual exemptions); 17.3.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.4.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.5.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.7.5.2 (annual exemptions); 17.8.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.9.5.2 (annual exemptions); 17.10.5.2 (annual exemptions); 17.11.5.2 (annual exemptions); 17.12.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.13.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.14.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.15.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.18.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.19.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.20.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.21.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.22.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.24.9 (annual exemptions); 17.25.5.3 (annual exemptions); 17.26.5.3 (annual exemptions); and Figure 16-1

Counting Evaluations and Recruiting -Person Days for Attendance at a Certified Women’s Basketball Event in Conjunction with the Women’s Final Four (I)
Date Published: July 11, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that attendance at one certified women’s basketball event held in conjunction with, and conducted in the host city of, the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship does not count as an evaluation of the participating prospective student-athletes and does not use any recruiting-person days.

References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.9 (recruiting person days -- women’s basketball); 13.1.7.8.2 (women’s basketball); 13.1.7.9.3 (women’s basketball); 13.20 (women’s final four basketball event certification); and an official interpretation (12/06/00, Item No. 2) and a staff interpretation (02/26/06, Item No. d), which have been archived.

Enrollment in Nontraditional Courses During the Summer (I)
Date Published: July 12, 2013

Interpretation: The committee determined that a student-athlete may enroll in a nontraditional course during the certifying institution’s summer vacation period at a time other than during the offering institution’s regular enrollment periods for traditional courses and may use credits from such courses to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter-hour requirement (but not the six or 18 hour requirements) and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the course is completed before the first day of the certifying institution’s regular fall term.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements); 14.4.3.2 (fulfillment of percentage-of-degree requirements); and 14.4.3.4.3 (nontraditional courses from another institution)

Use of Nontraditional Courses during Final Semester or Quarter (I)
Date Published: July 29, 2013

Interpretation: The committee confirmed that a student-athlete may satisfy the final semester/quarter exception through enrollment in one or more nontraditional courses, provided the student-athlete is a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in the final semester or quarter of his or her degree program at the certifying institution and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements.

References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission), 14.1.7.2.1.3 (final semester/quarter), 14.1.7.2.3 (concurrent courses at two institutions), 14.1.7.2.6 (nontraditional courses), 14.4.3.4.3 (nontraditional courses from another institution), and a staff interpretation (04/26/2013, Item No. d), which has been archived.

Certification of Eligibility for Postseason Competition between Terms (I)
Date Published: July 29, 2013

Interpretation: The committee confirmed that a student-athlete who is certified eligible for a multiday postseason event (e.g., conference track and field championship) that occurs between regular academic terms remains eligible for the entire event, provided the event concludes prior to the start of the next regular academic term. If an insufficient number of grades were posted for a student-athlete to certified eligible based on the immediately preceding term and he or she will participate in another postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship) that occurs during the same break between terms, the institution must recertify the student-
Contact a Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution -- Basketball (I)  
Date Published: August 1, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff determined that, in basketball, contact with a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete’s high school, preparatory school or two-year college may not occur from the time the prospective student-athletes institution’s first class begins until the final class of the institution’s academic day concludes.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.6.1 (prospective student-athlete’s educational institution)]

Permissible Expenses Prior to the First Permissible Practice Date for Fall Sports (I)  
Date Published: August 6, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed it is permissible for an institution to begin providing preseason practice expenses to student-athletes participating in fall sports on the evening prior to the first permissible practice date. An institution may conduct nonathletically related meetings (e.g., to sign compliance forms, to administer medical examinations) at any time prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice, provided student-athletes do not receive expenses until the evening before the first permissible date of practice. Finally, it is permissible for an institution to issue equipment and apparel to an individual at any point after he or she becomes a student-athlete. In football, if a Football Bowl Subdivision institution establishes an academic orientation day on the day prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period, the institution may provide first-time participating student-athletes with lodging and an evening meal on the evening prior to the academic orientation day and returning student-athletes with lodging and an evening meal on the evening prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12 (prospective student-athlete); 16.5.2 (permissible); 16.8 (expenses provided by the institution for practice and competition); 17.9.2.2 (academic orientation -- first time participants -- bowl subdivision); 17.9.2.3 (five day acclimatization period); a staff interpretation (6/8/2005, Item No. 1a), which has been archived; a staff interpretation (8/2/2006, Item No. 1f), which has been archived]

Summer Terms for Institutions without Traditional Terms of Enrollment to Satisfy 2-4 Transferable Degree Credit Requirements (I)  
Date Published: August 6, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that the assessment of whether nontraditional course credit from an institution without traditional academic terms is considered credit from an academic-year course, or a summer course is based on the academic calendar of the two-year institution most recently attended by the student-athlete. Therefore, if a student-athlete begins a nontraditional course after the two-year college’s spring commencement exercises, the course shall be considered summer credit, regardless of how it is classified by the offering institution. In addition, if a student-athlete begins a nontraditional course before the two-year college’s spring commencement exercises but completes the course after the commencement exercises, the course shall be considered summer credit.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.5.4.2.3 (credit earned during summer terms); 14.5.4.5.2 (credit earned at four-year institution); and 14.5.4.5.3 (determination of transferable degree credit)]

Scouting Restrictions not Applicable to NCAA Championships (I)  
Date Published: August 13, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff determined that the off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition does not preclude an institution’s coaching staff from attending an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution’s non-championship segment schedule participates in a fall NCAA championship).

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.6.1 (off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition)]

Institutional Press Release Including a Quote From a Recruiting or Scouting Service (I)  
Date Published: August 13, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may include a quotation by a recruiting or scouting service about a prospective student-athlete in a media release regarding the prospective student-athlete’s commitment, provided there is no indication that the institution endorses the recruiting or scouting service and the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution’s written offer of admission or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. It is not permissible for an institution’s website to include a hyperlink to either the website of a noninstitutional publication that reports primarily on the institution’s athletics program or a recruiting/scouting service.
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[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.3.2.5 (recruiting service consultants) and 13.10.3 (publicity after commitment); a staff interpretation (8/4/99, Item No. b, which has been archived); and an official interpretation (11/17/98, Item No. 3, which has been archived)]

Missed-Term Exception (I)

Date Published: August 19, 2013

Educational Column: NCAA Division I institutions should note that one time during a student-athlete’s entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

1. The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not a t t e n d a n c e; a n d
2. At the time of certification, the student has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance.

Further, a transfer student from a two-year college is not eligible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year of residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the “missed term” may be used to satisfy the 24/36-hour percentage-toward-degree and grade-point average requirements.

The following scenarios are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of this legislation.

Scenario No. 1:
Fall 2010: Student-athlete earned 15 hours;
Spring 2011: Student-athlete earned 12 hours;
Summer 2011: Student-athlete earned three hours;
Fall 2011: Student-athlete earned six hours;
Spring 2012: Student-athlete did not enroll during this term; and
Fall 2012: Student-athlete earned 12 hours.
Spring 2013: Does the student-athlete meet the applicable credit-hour requirements?
Analysis: After the 2011 fall term, the student-athlete was meeting progress-toward-degree legislation; therefore, the missed-term exception applies for the 2012 spring term. Entering the 2013 spring term, the student-athlete met the progress-toward-degree legislation (six and 18 hours) by using the nine hours during the missed term (due to the student-athlete meeting progress toward degree prior to the missed term) and 12 hours during the 2012 fall term. Based on NCAA progress-toward-degree legislation, the student-athlete meets the applicable credit-hour requirements.

Scenario No. 2:
Fall 2010: Student-athlete earned 15 hours;
Spring 2011: Student-athlete earned 12 hours;
Summer 2011: Student-athlete earned three hours;
Fall 2011: Student-athlete begins term, then withdraws - earned zero hours;
Spring 2012: Student-athlete did not enroll during this term;
Fall 2012: Student-athlete earned 12 hours.
Spring 2013: Does the student-athlete meet the applicable credit-hour requirements?
Analysis: If a student-athlete begins a term and subsequently withdraws during that term, the student-athlete is held accountable for that term of attendance. This student-athlete was not meeting progress-toward-degree legislation prior to the missed term (spring 2012), because the student-athlete did not earn six hours during the 2011 fall term. In this scenario, the missed-term exception does not apply because the student-athlete did not meet progress-toward-degree requirements (six hours) during the 2011 fall term. The student-athlete would not be eligible for competition during the 2012 fall term (did not earn six hours in 2011 fall term), nor would the student-athlete be eligible during the 2013 spring term (did not earn 18 hours in previous two terms).

Scenario No. 3:
Fall 2009: Student-athlete earned 15 hours;
Spring 2010: Student-athlete earned 15 hours;
Summer 2010: Student-athlete earned six hours;
Fall 2010: Student-athlete earned three of 12 hours registered;
Spring 2011: Student-athlete did not enroll during this term;
Summer 2011: Student-athlete earned nine hours;
Fall 2011: Student-athlete earned 12 hours;
Spring 2012: Student-athlete earned six hours;
Summer 2012: Student-athlete earned nine hours;
Fall 2012: Student-athlete earned 12 hours;
Spring 2013: Student-athlete did not enroll during this term; and
Summer 2013: Student-athlete earned nine hours.
Fall 2013: Does the student-athlete meet the applicable credit-hour requirements?
Analysis: The missed-term exception would not apply to the 2011 spring term because the student-athlete was not meeting progress toward degree (six hours) at the end of the 2010 fall term. The missed-term exception would apply for the 2013 spring term because the student-athlete was meeting progress toward degree after the 2012 fall term. Furthermore, if a student-athlete has multiple missed terms and is unable to use the exception for the first missed term, it does not preclude the student-athlete from using the exception in later terms. However, the exception can only be used once during the student-athlete’s entire period of collegiate enrollment.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.4.3.5-(a) (exception to progress-toward-degree rule -- missed term), 14.2.1.1 (determining the start of the five-year period), staff interpretations (9/1/1988) and (9/12/1989) and official interpretation (12/7/1990)]
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New Legislation Effective August 1
The following outlines some of the new legislation effective August 1.

Recruiting
- All countable coaches may recruit off campus at any one time during permissible recruiting periods.
- Official and unofficial visits may be made during dead periods by PSAs who have signed NLIs.
- A PSA who has signed an NLI or grant-in-aid with an institution may be employed in a camp or clinic of that institution.

Training Expenses
- Governmental entities may provide actual and necessary training expenses to PSAs and student-athletes.
- In tennis, before first-time, full-time collegiate enrollment, a PSA may accept up to $10,000 per calendar year in prize money based on his/her performance in athletics events.

Benefits to Student-Athletes
- UL may provide participation awards, limited in value and number, at any time.
- UL may provide actual and necessary expenses to student-athletes and their families to attend recognition events or awards presentations for non-institutional athletics or academic awards.
- The departure and return time windows for competition are lifted.
- UL may provide reasonable entertainment to a student-athlete in conjunction with practice or competition.
- UL may finance any academic support, career counseling, or personal development services that support the success of a student-athlete.
- UL may provide any medical and related expenses to a student-athlete.
- UL may provide a student-athlete four complimentary admissions to a home contest during which a student-athlete is being honored, but not participating, for use by the student-athlete’s family members.
- A student-athlete’s family member may provide an occasional meal to team members at any location.

Academic Fraud
- Hot topic with the NCAA
- Please educate any individuals that have an athletics nexus
  - Managers
  - Athletic Trainers
  - Student Workers
  - Graduate Assistants
- Examples of academic fraud include, but are not limited to:
  - Copying someone else’s work
  - Cheating on homework or exam
  - Writing a paper for a student-athlete
  - Providing answers to homework or exam for student-athlete
- Be mindful of student-athletes using computers in coaches offices

REMEMBER, ALWAYS
ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!
Changes in NLI Deadlines

As a result of enhanced technology in delivering NLIs to prospective student-athletes, member institutions and the conference office, the deadlines for NLI signing and conference submission will be reduced starting with the upcoming 2013-14 NLI signing dates.

**Signing Deadline:** The 14-day signing deadline will be reduced to 7 days (7-day signing deadline).
- Rationale: Once a prospective student-athlete receives the NLI, the institution must wait for the prospective student-athlete to sign which can result in a coach holding on providing other offers to prospective student-athletes. Providing the prospective student-athlete with seven days versus fourteen days to sign will assist coaches in making decisions in the recruiting process. This reduction should not impact the prospective student-athlete since NLI data shows a very high percentage of students sign NLIs on the initial signing date. Additionally, a 7-day signing deadline has always applied to the November signing period.

**Conference Submission Deadline:** The 21-day conference submission deadline will be reduced to 14 days (14-day conference submission deadline).
- Rationale: NLI policy requires NLIs be sent to the conference office for validation. With a 21-day deadline, this process can be unnecessarily delayed and impact the NLI signee. The majority of conferences receive NLIs from member institutions electronically; therefore, a 14-day deadline should be satisfactory to manage.

### NLI Signing Dates for Prospective Student-Athletes Enrolling 2014-2015

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**Rules Refresher**

### 13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions

Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution’s main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus.

### Practice Logs Reminders:

- Midnight—5:00 AM Rule: CARAs are prohibited between midnight and 5:00 AM.
- 4 hours per day, 20 hours per week, and at least one day off per week for those sports that are “in-season”
- 4 hours per day, 8 hours per week with no more than 2 hours spent on skill instruction (or film review for Football) for those sports that are “out-of-season”

### Head Coaches’ Responsibilities Update:

The NCAA has released an updated version of the head coaches’ responsibilities guidelines. Here are the notable changes and additions.
- Confirmation of Level III Violations for All Sports—The identified list of Level III (formerly “secondary”) violations for sports other than basketball and football was confirmed and went into effect on August 1.
- Confirmation of Men’s Basketball Level III Violations—Head and assistant coach suspensions for specified violations that went into effect in 2009 for men’s basketball are now included in the updated version. The list includes violations dealing with camp employment and operations, donations to non-profits, payment of consulting fees, impermissible entertainment for IAWPs, and involvement in nonscholastic events on campus.

### Emphasis On Shared Responsibilities

- Compliance is a shared responsibility.
- Each sport must establish and follow internal procedures for submission of compliance documentation (e.g., practice logs, unofficial visits).
- A sport’s own monitoring efforts should ensure compliance in a timely manner.

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**quick question >>>**

**QUESTION:**
The women’s soccer team performed well on the field on Tuesday night at McNeese, however Coach Wieland was concerned with the way the team lacked defensive aggressiveness. After stopping for dinner and on the long bus ride back to campus, Coach Wieland thought it would be beneficial for his team to watch game film to point out the areas of weak defense that evening instead. Is this permissible?

**ANSWER:**
This would NOT be permissible since there can be no CARAs after competition. However, if the women’s soccer team was playing two games on the same day or had another game scheduled for the day after, it would be permissible to watch film.
RECRUITING CALENDAR

Baseball
August 1-31—Contact Period
September 1-19—Quiet Period
September 20-30—Contact Period

Men’s Basketball
August 1-31—Quiet Period
September 1-8—Quiet Period
September 9-30—Contact Period

Women’s Basketball
August 1-31—Quiet Period
September 1-8—Quiet Period
September 9-29—Contact Period
September 30—Evaluation Period

Track/Cross Country
August 1-10—Quiet Period
August 11-31—Contact Period
September 1-30—Contact Period

Football
August 1-31—Quiet Period
September 1-30—Evaluation Period

Softball
August 1-31—Contact Period
September 1-30—Contact Period

Volleyball
August 1-31—Contact Period
September 1-30—Contact Period

Other Sports (Golf, Tennis, & Soccer)
August 1-31—Contact Period
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2013 – 2014 National Testing Dates

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Team Orientation Schedule
See below the schedule for Team Orientation meetings with the compliance staff. All team orientation meetings will take place in Moody Hall Room 106 (computer lab). During the team orientation meetings, all of the required NCAA forms will be completed.

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Reminder!
The Welcome Back Convocation will be September 16th at 7:30pm at First Baptist Church.

Please remind your teams to attend.
Johnny Manziel has certainly gained life experiences this off-season, which have included time with famous rappers, batting practice with the San Diego Padres, and courtside seats during the NBA Finals. Unlike the vast majority of student-athletes, Manziel is followed with the persistence of the early courtship of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes. The media follows his every turn. Manziel has been featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated twice in August, which puts him in the category of the likes of Michael Jordan.

Manziel is back in the media with reports that he accepted remuneration for autographs on various memorabilia. If accurate, Manziel would have violated NCAA Bylaw 12.5.2 and its progeny. As with any investigation, the NCAA, without subpoena power, has its hands full attempting to gather information to support that Manziel actually received the alleged compensation. However, the NCAA's efforts have been bolstered by autograph hounds' willingness to explain to the media that they provided compensation to Manziel for his signature.

In the words of Lee Corso, “not so fast my friend.” The State of Texas passed legislation in 1987 that could hold the autograph hounds liable for their actions if they paid Manziel for his autograph in violation of NCAA legislation. Section 131.004 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code states “a person who violates a rule of a national collegiate athletic association adopted by this chapter is liable for damages in an action brought by an institution if (1) the person knew or reasonably should have known that a rule was violated; and (2) the violation of the rule is a contributing factor to disciplinary action taken by the national collegiate athletic association against the institution or a student at the institution.” This would give Texas A&M University the authority to file suit against the autograph hounds if it or Manziel receives punishment from the NCAA. Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 131.006 and 131.007 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Texas A&M University's damages may include “lost television revenues and lost ticket sales of regular season and post-season athletic events” and “reasonable attorney's fees and costs.” Certainly, if Manziel is not on the field for the Aggies, there could be substantial losses in revenue.

In short, autograph hounds might want to consider how loudly they express their purported shortcomings and alleged payments to Manziel. There is a Texas statute that can provide a hammer for their alleged actions.
### Inspiration Corner

*To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.*  
- Steve Prefontaine

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