Welcome Back Ragin' Cajuns Coaches and Staff

This month’s topic is End of Semester Reminders that pertain to housing, meals, and sending correspondence to prospective student-athletes.

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

Be sure to check out the LSDBi Hot Topics and “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.

Mid-Year Enrollees (Eligibility and Amateurism Certification)

The Spring 2014 semester is rapidly approaching, and many new student-athletes will be added mid-year. Please make sure that the compliance office and Student-Athlete Academic Center are aware of any new student-athletes, and that all incoming student-athletes are cleared academically and have their amateurism status “final certified.”

Award Approval Forms

The compliance office must approve and document every award for each student-athlete prior to purchasing (e.g., senior night awards, bowl game awards). The appropriate forms can be found in the compliance manual.
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Application of 30 Days of Countable Activities within 42 Days Prior to First Contest - Men's Basketball (I)
Date Published: October 18, 2013

Interpretation: The committee confirmed that, in men’s basketball, any countable athletically related activities that occur within the 42-day period before an institution’s first regular-season contest shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities permitted before its first regular-season contest.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities), 17.3.2 (preseason practice -- on-court practice), 17.3.2.1 (men’s basketball), 17.3.2.3 (permissible conditioning activities) and 17.3.2.4 (prohibited activities); an official interpretation [3/4/11, Item No. 6]; and a staff interpretation [9/27/13, Item No. a], which has been archived]

Awarding Athletics Aid to a Senior Prospective Student-Athlete who will Graduate and Enroll Midyear (I)
Date Published: October 17, 2013

Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a prospective student-athlete who intends to graduate from high school midyear and enroll at a member institution midyear during the same academic year (e.g., spring semester) may sign an institutional financial aid agreement on or after August 1 of his or her senior year, provided the institution issuing the financial aid agreement establishes, prior to issuing the agreement, that the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in all coursework necessary to graduate from high school at midyear.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.9.2 (letter of intent restriction) and 13.9.2.2 (written offer of aid before signing date); and a staff interpretation [12/15/04, Item No. 1a], which has been archived]

Summer Terms for Institutions without Traditional Terms of Enrollment to Satisfy 2-4 Transferable Degree Credit Requirements (I)

Date Published: October 21, 2013

The committee 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); and a staff interpretation [8/6/13, Item No. a], which has been archived]

Seasons of Competition and Banned Drugs (I)

Year 1: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 1).

Year 2: Student-athlete tested positive for a banned substance prior to the start of the season and is ineligible for a minimum 365-day period. Student-athlete did not participate in any amount of competition during Year 2. Student athlete is charged with a season of competition pursuant to the banned drugs legislation (Season No. 2).

Year 3: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 3).

Year 4: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 4).

Scenario 2 (Positive Test Post Completion of Season).

Year 1: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 1).

Year 2: Student-athlete tested positive for a banned substance after completion of the season. Student athlete is ineligible for a minimum 365-day period and is charged with a season of competition pursuant to the
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banned drugs legislation (Season No. 3).
Year 3: Student-athlete did not compete during Year 3.
Year 4: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 4).

Scenario 3 (Positive Test In Season and Competition Directly Post Reinstatement).

Year 1: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 1).
Year 2: Student-athlete competed in the first four contests of Year 2 and used a season of competition pursuant to minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 2) before testing positive for a banned substance. Two of the contests in which the student-athlete competed occurred after the time of collection but prior to confirmation of the positive result. Student-athlete is ineligible for a minimum 365-day period and must be withheld from two additional contests after the conclusion of the period of ineligibility. Further, student-athlete is charged with a season of competition pursuant to the banned drugs legislation (Season No. 3).
Year 3: Student-athlete is reinstated during Year 3 after conclusion of the 365-day period and is withheld from two additional contests Student-athlete competed during the remainder of Year 3 and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 4).
Year 4: Student-athlete does not have any seasons of competition remaining.

Scenario 4 (Positive Test In Season and Competition Delayed Post Reinstatement).

Year 1: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to the minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 1).
Year 2: Student-athlete competed in the first four contests of Year 2 and used a season of competition pursuant to minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 2) before testing positive for a banned substance. Student-athlete is ineligible for a minimum 365-day period and is charged with a season of competition pursuant to the banned drugs legislation (Season No. 3).
Year 3: Student-athlete is reinstated during Year 3 after conclusion of the 365-day period but does not compete in any of the remaining contests. Therefore, student-athlete does not use a season of competition during Year 3.
Year 4: Student-athlete competed and used a season of competition pursuant to minimum amount of competition legislation (Season No. 4).

Division I institutions seeking information on the NCAA Drug Testing Program are directed to NCAA Connect and the link below:
http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?
WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/
NCAA/Legislation+and+Governance/
Eligibility+and+Recruiting/
Drug+Testing/

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.2.3.1 (minimum amount of competition); 18.4.1.5 (ineligibility for use of banned drugs) and 18.4.1.5.1 (duration of ineligibility); and official interpretation (03/04/11, Item No. 4)]

Application of Disciplinary Suspension to Graduate Transfer Student-Athletes (I)
Date Published: October 25, 2013

Interpretation:
The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a graduate student who transfers to an NCAA member institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from his or her previous institution for

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disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year in residence at the certifying institution.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.1.8.1 (one-time transfer exception), 14.5.1.2 (disciplinary suspension), 14.5.5.1 (general rule) and official interpretation (11/15/90, Item No. 7)

Men’s Basketball -- Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete (I)

Date Published: November 7, 2013

In men’s basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete’s anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete’s actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position (NCAA Bylaw 11.4.2 and 13.8.3.2). Waivers of this bylaw will be classified into two distinct categories: Proactive requests and post-violation requests.

Proactive Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete Waiver Requests.

Prior to the hire of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete into a non-coaching staff position, an institution may submit a waiver request to permissibly hire the individual associated with a prospective student-athlete into a non-coaching staff position and potentially avoid the penalty which results in permanent ineligibility for currently enrolled student athletes, committed prospective student athletes as well as future, uncommitted prospective student athletes who may enroll at the institution with whom the individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has ties. The NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief may provide full relief, conditional/partial relief or deny the waiver. In the event full relief is not provided, if the institution should hire the individual associated with a prospective student-athlete into a non-coaching staff position, currently enrolled student-athletes, committed prospective student-athletes and future uncommitted prospective student-athletes may still need reinstatement.

As per the legislation all student-athletes and prospective student-athletes who have triggered the individual’s status as an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete are deemed to be permanently ineligible at the institution and would need to be reinstated by the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff.

Post-Violation Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete Reinstatement Requests.

When the hire of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete into a non-coaching staff position has already taken place prior to the granting of a Subcommittee for Legislative Relief waiver, a violation or potential violation has occurred. There is a presumption of permanent ineligibility for all affected student-athletes and prospective student-athletes and the institution must submit a student-athlete reinstatement request for all currently enrolled student-athletes and for all committed prospective student-athletes anticipated to enroll at the institution with whom the new hire has triggered an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete status. In addition, uncommitted prospective student-athletes anticipated to enroll at the institution with which the new hire has triggered an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete status are also deemed permanently ineligible. Finally, the institution should contact the enforcement basketball staff to discuss the processing of the violation(s).

If you have an interpretive question regarding the application of this legislation, please submit a request to the academic and membership affairs interpretive staff via the Requests and Self-Reports Online portal. If you have questions regarding a Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Waiver, please contact the legislative relief staff at 317/917-6144. Student-athlete reinstatement questions should be directed to 317/917-6222 and enforcement questions should be directed to 317/917-6726.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.4.2 (individual associated with a prospective student-athlete -- men’s basketball), 13.8.3.2 (individual associated with a prospective student-athlete -- men’s basketball) and educational column (6/14/2012, Item No. 2)
End of Semester Reminders

Final Exams/CARA
- Final exams are scheduled from Monday, December 9th – Friday, December 13th
  - For all sports not in-season, all athletically related activities are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of final exams
  - No athletically related activities beginning Monday, December 2nd
- Memo was sent to all coaches on November 8th
- Coaches, please contact compliance staff if you need to confirm the playing season dates for the Spring 2014 semester

Meal Reminders
- The cafeteria will be closed from Thursday, November 28th – Sunday, December 1st due to Thanksgiving Break
- Training Table meal
  - Will be open on Wednesday, November 27th
  - Will be open Monday, December 9th – Thursday, December 12th
- Friday, December 13th
  - Last day that the cafeteria is open for the Fall 2013 semester (dinner)
- Wednesday, January 15, 2014
  - First day of class for Spring 2014 semester
  - First day of feeding in cafeteria for Spring 2014 (breakfast)
- Remember, per-diem may only be provided to those teams that are in-season when the dining facilities are closed. Make sure to see Monique about requesting per-diem.

Housing Reminders
- Student-athletes are not required to check-out of their residence halls before Christmas break
- Please be reminded that student-athletes living on-campus signed a housing contract for the entire academic year
  - Any student-athletes that choose to break their housing contract and move off-campus will be charged a fee for breaking the housing contract (If the housing contract release form is approved, will be charged first month’s rent and lose deposit; if Housing Contract Release Form is not approved, then responsible for the whole amount)
- Notify Tom Burke of any projected graduates that are leaving after Fall 2013

Holiday Reminders
- As the holiday season gears into full swing, please consider the following reminders as you prepare for team events as well as correspondence with prospective student-athletes:
  - Greeting Cards
  - Holiday Meals
  - Holiday Gifts
  - Outside Competition

Greeting Cards
- It is not permissible to send holiday greeting cards to prospects, their relatives, or their coaches. The only permissible cards are institutional postcards and institutional note cards.
- It is permissible to use colored ink if you want to include a holiday message inside an institutional note card. However, please
remember that the message must be handwritten.

**Holiday Meals**
- All “occasional meal” rules still apply for any institutional staff member or booster who wishes to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with a holiday meal. This includes team holiday parties.
- Each student-athlete has a limited number of occasional meals, and anyone wishing to provide a meal must clear it with the student-athlete’s head coach, complete the “Occasional Meal Form” and submit it to the compliance office before providing the meal.

**Holiday Gifts**
- All “extra benefits” rules still apply during the holiday season; therefore, it is not permissible to give holiday gifts to student-athletes or their relatives.

**Outside Competition**
- During the winter break, it is permissible for student-athletes to participate in a non-collegiate, amateur outside competition (e.g., for a club team), provided it is outside of the team’s playing and practice season (i.e., 20-hour weeks). Note that there are limits on the number of student-athletes that can participate on the same team. Additionally, the student-athlete must wait to compete until the institutional final exam period has ended.
- Student-athletes are required to complete the “Outside Competition Permission Request Form” on ACS Athletics if they will be competing in any outside competition during the winter break.

**Eligibility Certification**
- Please refrain from contacting the Student-Athlete Academic Staff from Monday, December 16th – Thursday, December 19th due to the staff certifying the eligibility status for all student-athletes for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Book Returns**
- Thursday, December 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (UL Bookstore)
- Friday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (UL Bookstore)
- Monday, December 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (UL Bookstore)
- *** If books are not returned on the dates listed above, the student-athlete will not be eligible to receive a special assistance check for the spring 2014 semester and will be held financially responsible for the cost of the books.
15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07)

Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4); or

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient’s financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. A student-athlete’s request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal.

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08)

On the basis of a student-athlete’s athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team’s success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or

(c) For any other athletics reason.

quick question >>>

QUESTION:
May a booster/fan buy a complimentary admission ticket from a student-athlete?

ANSWER:
No, student-athletes may not sell or receive anything of value for their complimentary tickets.
RECRUITING CALENDAR

Baseball
November 11-14—Dead Period
November 15-30 — Quiet Period
December 1-31—Quiet Period

Men’s Basketball
November 11-14—Dead Period
November 15-30—Recruiting Period
December 1-23—Contact Period
December 24-26—Dead Period
December 27-31—Contact Period

Women’s Basketball
November 11-14—Dead Period
November 15-30—Evaluation Period
December 1-23—Evaluation Period
December 24-26—Dead Period
December 27-31—Evaluation Period

Football
November 1-30—Evaluation Period
December 1-14—Contact Period
December 15—Contact Period (for all 2-year PSAs who intend to enroll midyear)
December 16-31—Dead Period

Women’s Soccer
November 1-30—Contact Period
December 1-31—Contact Period

Softball
November 11-14—Dead Period
November 15-27—Contact Period
November 28-30—Quiet Period
December 1-3—Quiet Period
December 4-7—Dead Period
December 8-31—Quiet Period

Track/Cross Country

Sponsor a Family for Christmas

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is sponsoring a family of 5 (single mom and 4 children) for Christmas. They will be buying gifts listed on the family’s wish list and delivering the wrapped gifts to the family before Christmas.

Feel free to donate any amount to your SAAC representative or the compliance office before Monday, November 18th.

The “Wish List” is available in the compliance office in case an individual wants to purchase a gift in lieu of donating money.
Oregon Suspends Dominic Artis, Ben Carter for Selling Team-Exclusive Shoes

The University of Oregon has suspended two sophomore basketball players following a violation of NCAA rules, according to a report.

Dominic Artis and Ben Carter are expected to sit out a significant number of games this season after they -- along with three former Ducks players -- allegedly sold team-exclusive sneakers.

The school sent out a press release on Tuesday evening confirming the suspensions, but has yet to announce their length.

CBS Sports’ says their sources say Artis and Carter could be facing "up to nine games" on the bench. Campus Insider, the media outlet that originally broke the story, reported that they could face "between 10 and 15 games."

Either way, the duo could be out for most of November’s slate of games.

Oregon self-reported the violation to the NCAA over the summer after the school learned that Artis and Carter had allegedly sold "team-issued Nike sneakers."

"Ben and Dominic are two good young men who made a poor decision that was against NCAA rules,” Oregon coach Dana Altman said in a statement. "I feel that both regret their decisions and the impact that it has on their teammates and our university."

Carter, a forward, was expected to compete for a starting position with the Ducks after averaging 2.4 points and 2.3 rebounds off the bench last year.

“As a student-athlete at Oregon, I recognize that I have a responsibility to represent our team and our university at all times with the utmost of integrity. I regret the decision to sell the apparel and I am grateful to the NCAA and to the university for the opportunity to make amends,” Carter said in a statement released by the athletic department.

Artis led last year’s team in assists, averaging 3.2 per game, and was expected to be the team’s starting point guard this season.

“I want to apologize to the University, to coach Altman and to my teammates for selling team apparel,” said Artis in a similar statement. "I regret my actions and do not want this situation to define me or my character."

Neither was allowed to travel with the No. 19 Ducks to South Korea for the team's season opener against Georgetown.

Campus Insider identified the three former Oregon players also believed to be involved in the selling of shoes as forward Carlos Emory (who has since graduated) and guards Willie Moore and Fred Richardson -- both of whom have transferred.
**Inspiration Corner**

*Sports do not build character...they reveal it!*  
- John Wooden

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