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Recruiting Periods

- **Contact Period**: Authorized staff members may make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.
- **Evaluation Period**: Authorized athletics department staff may be involved in off-campus activities like assessing academic qualifications and playing abilities. In-person, off-campus contacts with prospective student-athletes are not permitted.
- **Recreuting Period (MBB Only)**: Evaluations are allowed just like during contact periods. However, evaluations of live athletic activities are limited to regularly scheduled high school, prep school, or JUCO contests and practices and regular scholastic activities where the PSA is enrolled.
- **Quiet Period**: It is only permissible to make in-person recruiting contact on campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.
- **Dead Period**: It is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off campus or to allow official or unofficial visits to campus.

Important Updates

What is this?

The Florida Atlantic Athletics Compliance Office would like to welcome you to the inaugural edition of The Parliament Post. The name Parliament Post was chosen after careful consideration and a democratic style vote within the athletics department. Some of you may realize the significance of the name, while others may not. The word, parliament, aside from being a form of government, is also defined as a grouping of Owls.

The purpose of this newsletter is to supplement the educational information and materials you receive during the monthly compliance meetings.

We hope you enjoy this supplement to your education materials and that you find it a helpful and entertaining resource for your day to day compliance related questions and issues.

The Owl Cup: Monthly Coaches Question Leader

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NLI Signing Dates for Prospective Student-Athletes
Signing 2014-15 and Enrolling 2015-16

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NLI Requests:
All NLI requests must be submitted to the compliance office with via the NLI request form (www.fausports.com). The below information must be submitted to the compliance office with the NLI request form (unless previously submitted).

**Freshman:**
1. The PSA’s 6th semester transcript with senior year schedule;
   *Need unofficial transcripts from all high schools attended*
2. The PSA’s Test scores
   **Acceptable formats:** scanned copy of test scores, screen shot of SAT/ACT screen, scores submitted to eligibility center, or scores recorded on the PSAs HS transcript.

**Transfers:**
1. The PSA’s unofficial transcripts from **ALL** college(s)/universities attended;
2. The PSA’s transcript showing “In Progress” courses for remaining semesters;
3. The Transfer Assessment Form with academic interest.

**Internationals:**
1. A amateurism form must be completed. This is a lengthy form but will give us an indication if there is anything that may reduce the number of remaining eligible years;
2. The PSA’s Unofficial transcript (preference is translated into English);
   *Need unofficial transcripts from all high schools attended*
3. The PSA’s Test scores.
   **Acceptable formats:** scanned copy of test scores, screen shot of SAT/ACT screen, scores submitted to eligibility center, or scores recorded on the PSAs HS transcript.

When submitting your NLI/AGIA Request forms please make sure they are completely filled out.
The NCAA has given five conferences (ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, SEC and Pac-12) autonomy. Autonomy is defined as "independence or freedom" and "the right to be self governed". What this means to the NCAA is that the five conferences now have the ability to propose rule changes and pass those rule changes with a 2/3rds vote. The 80-member voting panel includes institutional athletic directors as well as student-athletes. Any rule changes passed by the voting panel will become effective for the five conferences the following academic year. All other division I conferences and institutions have the right to either adopt the rule change, or continue under the original NCAA legislation.

Obviously, this puts institutions like FAU in a sort of limbo. That is, the five conferences have changed a rule but FAU is not affected until the Conference or University adopts the change.

Has anything changed yet?

The voting panel has recently approved a proposal that allows institutions to offer full scholarships that cover the "actual/full cost of attendance" as well as providing a small, capped, stipend to full scholarship student-athletes. Also, the five conferences now have the ability to offer loss of value insurance for student-athletes. This was the first chance for the voting panel to vote on the proposals. If this vote was any indication, there may be more changes in the near future.

Does this affect me?

At the All Coaches Meeting, Brian Battle and Pat Chun spoke about the possible change in budget for full scholarships to cover the "actual/full cost of attendance". This change has not yet been approved by the University. This is the first potential change that we are feeling from the five conference autonomy. It is impossible to anticipate how much or how little the five conference autonomy will change C-USA or FAU but it is important to have an understanding of the process and it's potential consequences.

The NCAA is coming out with a Q and A that will help explain and clarify exactly what the rule changes mean. Once the NCAA publishes this document, we will make sure to inform you of the changes that affect FAU.

The mental health of our coaches is of the utmost importance to a successful athletic department but is regularly overlooked. As a compliance office, we understand that, at times, we can be a source of frustration for our coaches. This is our attempt to lighten the mood and provide some relief from the day to day grind.

How well do you know your fellow Coaches?

1. Which coach spent 2007 and 2008 as an assistant coach at the University of South Alabama? He/she is also a native of Tallahassee, Florida where he/she obtained a master's degree in sports administration from Florida State University.

2. Which coach attended the University of Tulsa from 1979-1983 on a full athletics scholarship? He/she was also inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame in 2002 for his/her respective sport.

Sports Camps and Clinics

Bylaw 13.12
Institution’s Camp

• An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is:
  • owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department,
  • either on or off its campus,
    • Basketball: Must be within 100 miles of FAU
    • Football: Must be within the state of Florida
  • in which prospective student-athletes participate.
Prospective Student-Athlete

• In **sports other than men's basketball**, for purposes of camps and clinics, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the **ninth grade**.

• In **men's basketball**, for purposes of camps and clinics, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the **seventh grade**.
Timing of Camps

• In **bowl subdivision football**, a camp or clinic may be conducted only during two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June and July or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3).

• In **basketball**, camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the months of June, July and August, or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3).

• In all sports, camps may not be conducted during a **Dead Period**.
Attendance Restriction

• A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).
  • This must be stated on all camp/clinic advertisements.
Men’s Basketball

• Under the new Bylaw 13.12.1.4:
  • A basketball camp or clinic shall not offer a different participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g. meals, lodging, transportation or mementos/awards) than other basketball camps.
  • All your camps must be the same.
Recruiting at Camps

• The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions.

• An institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities).

• The prohibition against recruiting includes extending verbal or written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic.
Advertisements – 13.12.1.6

• Advertisements for an institution's camp or clinic are permissible if placed in a recruiting publication (other than a high school, two-year college or nonscholastic game program) that includes a camp directory that meets the following requirements:
  • (a) The size (not to exceed one-half page) and format of such advertisements must be identical; and
  • (b) The camp directory must include multiple listings of summer camps on each page (at least two summer-camp advertisements of the same size must appear on each page).
• Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications.
Advertisements (cont’d)

• The Legislative Council determined that an institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic in any way, **provided any camp or clinic advertisement or promotion** (e.g., camp brochure, Web site, newspaper or magazine advertisement) **stipulates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants** (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).
  
  • NCAA Interp (1/15/09)

• This permits use of terms such as “elite” or “select”.

• **Brochure**: The limitation in size legislation no longer exists. Brochures may be any size.
Employment of PSA

• General Rule
• An institution **shall not employ** (unless PSA has signed an NLI/AGIA) or **provide free or reduced admission** privileges to a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution.
  • An institution may offer discounted admission to its camps and clinics based **on objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities** (e.g., registration prior to a specific date, online registration, attendance at multiple sessions, group discounts), **provided such discounts are published and available on an equal basis to all who qualify.**
Other Compensation to PSA

- A booster may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic.
- A sponsor (e.g. team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or booster may pay a PSA’s expenses to attend the sports camp or clinic.
- Prospective student-athletes may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic.
• **Student-athletes:**
  
  (a) Must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments.
  
  (b) Compensation shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. **It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.**
  
  (c) If only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic; may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic.
  
  (d) Must complete the student-athlete employment form.
Camp Employment (cont’d)

• High School, Preparatory-School, Two-Year College Coaches:
  • The individual receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and
  • The individual is not paid on the basis of the value he or she may have for the employer because of his or her reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes.
  • Compensation or reimbursement is not based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp.
  • In Men’s Basketball, an individual associated with a recruited student-athlete shall not be employed at an institution’s camp or clinic.
Athletics Staff Employment

• No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes.

• In basketball, an institution's coach or non-coaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball may be employed only at his or her institution's camps or clinics.
Athletics Staff Employment (cont’d)

• In **bowl subdivision football**, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic at any location, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic.

• In **volleyball**, it is not permissible for a coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball to be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) in an institutional camp or clinic or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is conducted off the institution's campus during a quiet period.
In sports other than basketball, football and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps.
Non-Institutional Camp/Clinic

• In **sports other than basketball**, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions:
  
  (a) The camp or clinic is designed to develop **fundamental skills in a sport** (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);
  
  (b) The camp or clinic is **open to the general public** (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);
  
  (c) The camp or clinic is conducted **primarily for educational purposes** and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise, gifts);
  
  (d) Participants **do not receive a recruiting presentation**; and
  
  (e) All participants **reside in the state** in which the camp/clinic is located **or within 100 miles** of the camp/clinic.
Questions?
Progress Toward Degree Requirements

Bylaw 14.4
Putting the Eligibility Pieces Together
Credit-Hour Requirements
14.4.3

• **First-year** student-athletes must earn **24** semester credits (may include summer).

• **ALL** student-athletes must earn **18** semester hours (Fall and Spring only!)
Six-Hour Rule -- 14.4.3.1-(c)

- **ALL** student-athletes must earn at least six credit hours during the preceding semester of full-time enrollment.
- Football exception:
  - SAs must pass 9 min. credits and earn APR eligibility point in the fall semester.
Designation of Degree Program

• Each student-athlete must designate a program of studies leading toward a degree prior to participating in competition that occurs during or immediately before the third year (fifth semester) of enrollment.

• For transfers as well as continuing student-athletes.
Percentage of Degree Requirements

14.4.3.2

• A student-athlete entering his or her third year (fifth semester), must have completed 40% of the declared degree program.
• A student-athlete entering his or her fourth year must have earned 60%.
• A student-athlete entering his or her fifth year must have earned 80%.
• A student-athlete entering his or her second year of enrollment must have a cumulative GPA of at least 90% of the minimum GPA required to graduate, which is 1.800.
• Third year = 95% (1.900).
• Fourth year and beyond = 100% or 2.000.
• Baseball student-athletes must be eligible for competition at the beginning of the fall semester. If he is not, he shall not be eligible for competition during the entire academic year.
Requirement for Practice and Competition 14.2.1 and 14.2.2

Must be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program
12 credits (undergrad), 9 credits (grad)

**EXCEPTION- Final Semester 14.2.1.3**
A final semester memo must be filed and certified prior to the last day of drop/add for each semester.

**EXCEPTION – Practice During First Week of Class 14.2.1.5**
A student-athlete map practice BUT NOT compete during the 1st 5 days of classes is he/she is less than full time, as long as they meet all other PTD requirements.
Note: This is intended as a summary only and does not include significant detail.

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<td>- Corresponding test score</td>
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<td>- Pass 24 credits in the academic year</td>
<td>- Must have at least 1.8 GPA</td>
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Note: In addition to above requirements, football student-athletes must pass 9 credits in the fall and be eligible the following spring to play the first four games of next season.

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