

RAPID REFERENCE: OCTOBER RECRUITING CALENDARBaseball

- ◆ October 1-31: Contact Period

Men's Basketball

- ◆ October 1-5: Contact Period
- ◆ October 6-31: Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

- ◆ October 1-6*: Contact Period
- ◆ October 7-31: Evaluation Period

*October 1-3: Evaluations permitted only at non-scholastic women's basketball events.

Cross Country/Track and Field

- ◆ October 1-31: Contact Period

Football

- ◆ October 1-30: Evaluation Period

Softball

- ◆ October 1-30: Contact Period

Volleyball

- ◆ October 1-30: Contact Period

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 assess academic qualifications and playing abilities. In-person, off-campus contacts with prospective student-athletes are not permitted.

Quiet Period - Authorized athletics department staff may make in-person recruiting contacts only on NIU's institutional campus.



PLEASE NOTE, NEXT COACHES EDUCATION MEETING:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
@ YORDON CENTER**

COMPLIANCE: DID YOU KNOW?Sept. Compliance ? Of the Month:**Question:**

What event(s) lift the restrictions on when an institution (and its coaches) can contact prospective student-athletes (and/or the SA's relatives/guardians)?

Answer:

The calendar day after:

- The PSA signs an NLI; or
- The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

Bylaws 13.1.3.3.3. & 13.1.5.8

QUESTION OF THE MONTH**COMPLIANCE ? OF THE MONTH**

Each month, the first person in the athletic department to correctly answer the Compliance Question of the Month wins a prize.

Question:

When is a student-athlete eligible to participate in organized practice sessions?

(Hint: See Bylaw 14.1.8.1)

E-mail your answer to
NIURULES@niu.edu

**SEPTEMBER COMPLIANCE
QUESTION OF THE MONTH WINNER**

Eric Luzzi

HUSKIE Q & A: Requirements for Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid**Q: When may an institution provide an offer of athletically related financial aid?**

A: An institution may provide an offer of athletically related financial aid only AFTER August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school. This applies to both offers of athletically related financial aid AND to written indications that athletic financial aid will be offered.

Q: What must the prospective student-athlete complete before the institution may provide an offer for athletically related financial aid?

A: A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must REGISTER WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER. A high school, preparatory school or (if applicable) transfer prospective student-athlete must also complete the AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Q: What must the institution complete before an offer for athletically related financial can be made to the prospective student-athlete?

A: The high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's Institutional Request List (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center.



Please Note: Some examples have been presented in this Q & A, however, not every possible situation has been covered. If you have any questions regarding your involvement with prospective or enrolled student-athletes and the NCAA rules and regulations, please direct those questions to the:

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<http://www.niuhuskies.com/compliance/niu-compliance.html>

INFO FOR HUSKIE STUDENT-ATHLETES: AMATEUR STATUS**REMEMBER:**

You lose your amateur status and become ineligible for intercollegiate competition for your sport if you:

- a. Use your athletics skill (directly or indirectly) FOR PAY in any form in that sport; or
- b. Accept a promise of pay, even if the pay is to be received AFTER you complete your intercollegiate athletics participation; or
- c. Sign a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics; or
- d. Receive a salary, reimbursement or any other kind of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on your athletics skill; or
- e. Compete on any professional athletics team, even if you aren't paid; or
- f. Enter into a professional draft; or
- g. Enter into an agreement with an agent.

Helpful Reminder

"PAY" means any type of salary, compensation, impermissible educational expenses, or excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.


FROM THE MAC: MEDIA ACTIVITIES

During the Playing Season

A Student Athlete May:

- Appear on radio and television programs (e.g., coaches' shows).
- Engage in writing projects when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete is not compensated for the appearance or participation in the activity.
- Receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in these activities.

A Student Athlete May Not:

- Make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service.
- Miss class for any of the activities, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in a conference-sponsored media day.

Outside of the Playing Season

A Student-Athlete May.*

- Appear on radio and television programs (e.g., coaches' shows).
- Engage in writing projects when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete is not compensated for the appearance or participation in the activity.
- Receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in these activities, provided the source of the expenses is the entity sponsoring the activity

A Student Athlete May Not:

- Make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service.

*So long as the Student-Athlete is Academically Eligible


FROM THE NCAA: INFRACTIONS REPORT

Institution: Boise State University

Please note: This is an overview of a major infraction case.

Violation Summary:

- ◆ Impermissible participation, cash payments to a prospective student-athlete and unethical conduct involving a former assistant track and field coach and the former head women's tennis coach;
- ◆ Impermissible lodging, transportation and practice sessions;
- ◆ Failure to monitor on behalf of the institution.

Findings of Violations of NCAA Legislation:

1. RECRUITING, FINANCIAL AID & EXTRA BENEFIT VIOLATIONS. [Bylaws 13.2.1, 13.2.1.1(b), 13.2.1.1(h), 14.3.1, 14.3.2.1.1, 15.01.5 & 16.11.2.1].

From January through September 2005, a then men's track and field student-athlete ("student-athlete 1"), received impermissible financial aid, housing, meals and clothing, and engaged in practice activities with the men's track and field team at a time when he was not eligible to do so because of his status as an academic non-qualifier.

2. RECRUITING VIOLATIONS; IMPERMISSIBLE HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION. [Bylaws 13.2.1, 13.2.1.1(h) & 13.5.1].

During the summers of 2005 through 2009, assistant football coaches and football staff members arranged summer housing and transportation in Boise, Idaho, for 63 then prospective student-athletes with then current student-athletes in order for the young men to participate in summer workouts.

3. UNETHICAL CONDUCT [Bylaws 10.01.1, 10.1, 10.1© & 10.1(d)].

In February 2008, a former assistant track coach acted contrary to the principle of ethical conduct inasmuch as he did not, on all occasions, deport himself in accordance with the generally recognized high standards of honesty and sportsmanship normally associated with the conduct and administration of intercollegiate athletics based on his involvement in the violations. Additionally, when interviewed by the institution during the investigation, the former assistant track coach knowingly furnished the institution with false or misleading information regarding his involvement in these matters

4. IMPERMISSIBLE RECRUITING INDUCEMENTS. [Bylaws 13.2.1, 13.2.1.1(b), 13.2.1.1(e), 13.2.1.1(h), 13.5.1, 13.7.2.1, 13.11.1 & 16.11.2.1].

From June to October 2010, the former head women's tennis coach, a then-assistant women's tennis coach and a then-student assistant women's tennis coach provided a prospective student-athlete with impermissible transportation, cash, lodging, educational expenses and entertainment.

Penalty Summary:

Penalties imposed by the Committee were the following:

- ◆ Public reprimand and censure; three years of probation; postseason ban for a period of one year for the women's tennis team; added two additional year of limiting grants-in-aid (to 82) in the sport of football; vacation of records for all wins for a student-athlete who competed while ineligible during the 2008-09 tennis season including the record of the former head women's tennis coach; annual compliance reporting required during the period of probation.
- ◆ Institutionally self-imposed penalties were noted in the infractions report.

COACHES CORNER: OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS**Official Visits: Lodging & Meals in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit**

If a PSA arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day, a PSA may receive the following without beginning the 48-hour period:

- ◆ **Lodging in the locale of the institution;***
- ◆ **A meal at or in the vicinity of his or her place of lodging**, provided no athletics department staff members or student-athletes are present during the meal;*
- ◆ **A drive-thru or "to-go" meal** while in transit with an athletics department staff member from the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution;*
- ⇒ **A "sit-down" meal** (at the major airport or bus/train station nearest the institution) however, starts the 48-hour period;

***PLEASE NOTE:** Such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse, children) prior to the start of the 48-hour official visit period.

Please consult Compliance and Bylaw 13.6.4.1 prior to Official Visits of this kind.

Official Visit Phone Call Exception

- ◆ Coaching staff members may make unlimited phone calls to a PSA during the five (5) days immediately preceding their OV.
 - ◆ If more than one call per week is made under this exception and the PSA cancels the OV, those calls will not be considered violations but you must fill out and submit the Cancelled Official Visit form.
- ◆ During transportation in conjunction with an OV and during the OV itself, coaching staff are permitted to make unlimited telephone calls to the PSA or anyone accompanying the PSA on the official visit.

Unofficial Visits & Complimentary Tickets

- ◆ During an unofficial visit, the institution may provide a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions to a home athletics event.
- ◆ Additionally, an institution may provide up to two (2) more complimentary tickets to a PSA for accompanying parents if s/he is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation).
- ◆ These additional tickets are to accommodate the parents accompanying the PSA (e.g. stepparents).

For more information, see Bylaw 13.7.2.

Unofficial Visits & Meals

- ◆ During an unofficial visit, an institution may not pay a PSA's expenses or provide any entertainment. This includes:
 - Meals
 - * A PSA on an unofficial visit MAY pay the actual cost of a meal and eat with other PSAs on official visits or with enrolled student athletes
 - Cost of lodging in the dormitories
 - Cost of transportation
 - Reservation of tickets to be paid by the PSA
 - Parking fees
- ◆ An institution MAY provide a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions (issued via pass list) to a home athletics event. Tickets must be in the general seating area.
- ◆ Providing seating during the event (even during intermission) for the PSA or their parents in the press box or bench area is SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED.

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