



REBEL CONNECTION

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MONTHLY MUSINGS

Recruiting Inducements

NCAA rules prohibit “recruiting inducements.” The NCAA definition of a “recruiting inducement” prohibits boosters from being involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving/offering to give any financial assistance or other benefits to prospective student-athletes (or their friends and relatives). Some examples of “recruiting inducements” include (but are not limited to) providing prospective student-athletes (or their friends and relatives):

- Employment arrangements (outside of normal hiring practices or for position in which the individual is not qualified)
- Tangible items such as gifts, clothing, equipment, merchandise, etc.
- Providing loans or co-signing on a loan
- Free or reduced-cost services, rentals, housing, etc.
- Expenses for academic services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist in the completion of initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements
- Use of a vehicle for any duration of time and/or special purchasing arrangements for a vehicle

Recruiting inducements can affect a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility at the University including having required repayments and or withholding conditions. In addition, the University is responsible for the actions of its boosters so the provision of recruiting inducements can lead to penalties for individual teams and/or the University’s athletics programs.

NCAA rules are often very complicated so if you find yourself in a position where you have questions about this or any other compliance-related topic, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact information on the following page. GO REBS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MBB

- Jan. 4 vs. Dayton
- Jan. 9 vs. Auburn
- Jan. 15 vs. LSU
- Jan. 25 vs. Mississippi State

WBB

- Jan. 2 vs. Missouri
- Jan. 16 vs. Vanderbilt
- Jan. 23 vs. Mississippi State
- Jan. 26 vs. LSU

WRI

- Jan. 19 vs. Jacksonville State/Nebraska

MTE

- Jan. 25 vs. Michigan
- Jan. 26 vs. Clemson/Illinois

WTE

- Jan. 22 vs. Jackson State

COMPLIANCE IN THE NEWS

Two **Syracuse University** student-athletes appeared in a picture holding a promotional sign for SportsCare Express, a commercial sponsor of a local radio show. The picture was retweeted by the radio show raising the question of whether an impermissible endorsement occurred. [Read about it.](#)

University of North Carolina basketball student-athlete Leslie McDonald was reinstated by the NCAA after having sat for the first 9 games of the season. McDonald received in excess of \$1700 in extra benefits. While McDonald was reinstated, his teammate, PJ Hairston, will not be reinstated ending his collegiate basketball career. [Read about it.](#)

Wichita State University is cooperating with the NCAA as a joint investigation into benefits received by baseball student-athletes continues. The investigation centers around baseball student-athletes using a University Under Armour account to purchase personal items at a discount. [Read about it.](#)

University of Nebraska-Omaha hockey coach Dean Blais, and defenseman, Jaycob Megna, were each suspended three games after Blais reimbursed Megna for the purchase of a watch which had been stolen from the team's locker room. [Read about it.](#)

The University of Tennessee reported 10 secondary violations from June-December including one each in football and men's basketball. Both the football and men's basketball violations related to recruiting rules. [Read about it.](#)

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MAJOR MISHAPS

SE Louisiana was penalized by the NCAA through the summary disposition process for erroneously certifying the eligibility of 137 athletes. Certification errors allowed various students to compete without meeting progress-toward degree or transfer requirements as well as beyond their five-year clock. [Read about it.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

During the month of December the NCAA processed 91 Level III (formerly secondary) violations for all Division I institutions. Of the 91 violations, over half (53 total) were of bylaw 13 – recruiting. Violations included routine phone calls/text messages, recruiting materials and publicity violations where a staff member or University tweeted an article containing the names of prospective student-athletes. Other violations were for unofficial visits at an impermissible time and using multiple student hosts on a prospect's official visit.

REBEL RESOURCES

Below are some resources relevant to NCAA, SEC and Ole Miss compliance issues. Click on each to view the website.

[Rebel Compliance](#)

[Role of Boosters \(published by NCAA\)](#)

[SEC Compliance](#)

[Eligibility Center](#)

[Guide for College-Bound Student-Athletes](#)

[Guide to International Academic Standards](#)

[NCAA Transfer Guide](#)

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