



# Siena Compliance Corner

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## \*Siena Recruiting Calendars\*

### July 2011

#### Men's Basketball

Quiet: 7/1-7/5

Dead: 7/16-7/21

Evaluation: 7/6-7/15, 7/22-7/31

#### Women's Basketball

Quiet: 7/1-7/5

Dead: 7/16-7/21

Evaluation: 7/6-7/15, 7/22-7/31

#### Women's Volleyball

Contact: 7/1-7/30

#### M & W Cross Country

Contact: 7/1-7/31

#### Baseball

Contact: 7/1-7/31

#### Men's Lacrosse

Contact: 7/1-7/31

#### Women's Lacrosse

Contact: 7/1-7/31

#### Softball

Contact: 7/1-7/31

#### Field Hockey

Contact/Evaluation: 7/1-7/31

#### Women's Water Polo

Contact/Evaluation:

7/1-7/31

#### Women's Swimming

Contact/Evaluation:

7/1-7/31

#### Women's Soccer

Contact/Evaluation:

7/1-7/31

#### Men's Soccer

Contact/Evaluation:

7/1-7/31

## VIOLATIONS COSTING SCHOOLS AND COACHES MONEY

NCAA rules violations are not only cost schools playoff appearances, embarrassment, and abandoning wins, but also costing coaches and programs major money. An example is the Boise State story: In a rules infraction that granted 63 student-athletes throughout football, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's track and field with a combined total of \$4,934 in impermissible benefits, the school has spent over \$200k for outside compliance expertise and legal guidance regarding NCAA policies and procedures. All monies paid for outside counsel has come from the athletic department's revenue. The cost of outside counsel does not include potential fine to be handed down by the NCAA.

NCAA rules violations are also making their way into the coaches' personal bank accounts. Before his resignation, Ohio State announced that coach Jim Tressel would have to pay his own legal fees while fighting the NCAA in court over the programs rules violations. This was a groundbreaking move by Ohio State as they set precedent of making coaches pay out of their own pocket for their compliance mistakes. The legal fees are on top of his multi-million dollar salary that he lost due to his resignation.

Jim Calhoun's difficulties continued recently with UConn losing two scholarships for the upcoming season due to a poor Academic Performance Rating. The rating was an 893 which was below the NCAA minimum of 925. The poor rating personally affects Calhoun as well. He has to donate \$100,000 to the UConn scholarship fund due to a clause in his contract, and he will have to forfeit his postseason bonus of \$87,500.

### WALK-ON INFORMATION

- Coaches: please be aware that if you are talking to any incoming students or current students who plan on trying out for your respective teams this upcoming year need to have a recent physical and registered as a full-time student (minimum 12 credits). Students do not have to be registered with the eligibility center to be eligible to try-out. However, if an incoming freshmen or returning student make the team and plan on competing for 4 years they will have to register and be deemed a qualifier per NCAA academic requirements.

## Compliance Q & A

A **Q & A** area was proposed by some of the staff in the athletic department and we felt it would be good to touch on some topics that coaches and colleagues have on compliance issues. With that being said, the first question comes from Corporate Sales Manager, Tim Farrell.

**Question:** Could an athletics department staff member pay for private lessons from a student-athlete for their kids?

**Answer:** Yes. According to bylaw 12.4.2.1 a student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided:

- a.) Institutional facilities are not used;
- b.) Playing lessons shall not be permitted
- c.) The institution obtains and keeps on file documentation of the recipient of the lesson(s) and the fee for the lesson(s) provided during any time of the year;
- d.) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or recipient's family) and not another individual or entity
- e.) Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual
- f.) The SA does not use his or her name or likeness to promote or advertise.



## Siena Compliance Updates and Reminders

- **Coaches:** If you have not already, please make sure you sign up with Jason to take the NCAA recruiting exam. There is still plenty of time to take it and we can work around your schedules. Again each sport and their coaches are reminded that if the recruiting test is not completed then the compliance staff will not sign off on any official visits, contacts/evaluations or National Letters of Intent.
- Final certification will be coming up and Jason will constantly be mailing coaches on their incoming student-athlete's missing information in the eligibility center. Please let all your incoming student-athletes know that they need to send in their FINAL TRANSCRIPTS with PROOF OF GRADUATION to the Eligibility Center as soon as their respective school years are over.
- Fall return dates have been sent out by Joyce. Team meetings will be scheduled according to the dates of return for our fall sports. The meeting dates for all winter and spring sports (except for men's and women's basketball) will be scheduled soon. Coaches please make sure you continue to check all emails for these notices.
- **Coaches:** Please! remind all your incoming student-athletes that they will need to go onto the [sienaathletics.org](http://sienaathletics.org) website to fill out all their information and forms for the upcoming year.
- **Coaches:** You will have to do all your Estimated Outside Income Reports on the new [sienaathletics.org](http://sienaathletics.org) site. If you still have not registered, please contact Jason and he will be sure to help you. Also, by August 1<sup>st</sup>, all coaches will have to provide their Declaration of Playing Season and their Annual Text Message Agreement on the [sienaathletics.org](http://sienaathletics.org) website.

