



Siena Compliance Corner

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Siena Recruiting Calendars

September 2011

Men's Basketball

Quiet: 9/1 - 9/8

Contact: 9/9 - 9/30

Women's Basketball

Quiet: 9/1 - 9/15

Contact: 9/16 - 9/30

Women's Volleyball

Contact: 9/1 - 9/30

M & W Cross Country

Contact: 9/1 - 9/30

Baseball

Quiet: 9/1 - 9/8

Contact: 9/9 - 9/30

Men's Lacrosse

Contact: 9/1 - 9/30

Women's Lacrosse

Contact: 9/1 - 9/30

Softball

Contact: 9/1 - 9/30

Field Hockey

Contact/Evaluation: 9/1 - 9/30

Women's Water Polo

Contact/Evaluation:

9/1 - 9/30

Women's Swimming

Contact/Evaluation:

9/1 - 9/30

Women's Soccer

Contact/Evaluation:

9/1 - 9/30

Men's Soccer

Contact/Evaluation:

9/1 - 9/30

NCAA DIVISION 1 SUMMIT

Earlier this month the NCAA held a summit with all its Division I Presidents. The focus of the summit was the future of NCAA Division I athletics. A lot of changes were presented, with strong emphasis on deregulation, harsher penalties for institutions with major violations and new standards for the APR. College athletic is entering a new landscape and there are many changes on the horizon. Here are some of the main points and changes taken from the meeting:

- The NCAA, school presidents and league commissioners are making a strong push to streamline the NCAA rule book. The main objective was to make sure the NCAA and institution's athletic compliance offices were focusing on preventing major violations than much minor violations. This includes deregulating phone calls, text messaging and other outdated NCAA regulations.
- Harsher and clearer penalties for major violations. The NCAA and its member institutions are focus on cleaning up athletics. The best practices to help this would be to allow the Committee on Infractions to bring down the hammer on schools who commit these major violations, as well as have specific sentencing guidelines. In other words if an institution commits violation X, then they will receive penalty Y.
- The NCAA finally approved to increase the Academic Progress Rate (APR) from 925 to 930. Institutions that do not reach these APR standards would not be eligible for NCAA Championships. If this rule was into affect this past year both Syracuse and Men's Basketball National Champion, Connecticut.
- Other topics being discussed are increasing scholarship amounts to reach Cost of Attendance, as well as increasing initial eligibility academic standards.

WRITTEN OFFER OF AID BEFORE SIGNING DATE

On or after August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school, Siena may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by Siena; however, it is not permissible to allow the prospect to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of the award before the initial National Letter of Intent signing date.

Prior to August 1 of a prospect's senior year, it is not permissible to directly or indirectly (e.g., through relatives, friends, high school, preparatory school, two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved) provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by Siena. It is permissible to verbally indicate to a prospect prior to August 1 of the prospect's senior year that Siena will offer athletically related financial aid.

Compliance Q & A

Question: When a student-athlete comes onto campus for an unofficial visit, may we pay for their meals on or off campus?

Answer: No. When a prospective student-athlete attends an institutions campus on an unofficial visit coaches and staff are not allowed to provide meals free of charge on or off campus. PSA's on unofficial visits are allowed to eat with other student-athletes and PSA's on official visits. If other prospective students are provided with meals through an admissions program, then PSAs may be provided the same meal (ie: open house, fall Fridays...).

Question: Are PSA's allowed to stay on-campus during an unofficial visit?

Answer: PSA's are allowed to stay with another student-athlete overnight, on campus, as long as they pay the going institutional rate for staying overnight. Siena College does not charge overnight stays, so PSA's staying overnight on an unofficial visit can stay free of charge. However, student-athletes do have to register the PSA with residential life and public safety before the overnight stay begins.



Siena Compliance Updates and Reminders

- **All incoming student-athletes need to fill out their compliance forms on the sienaathletics.org website. Jason has sent each coach a list of student-athletes who have yet to fill out those forms, as well as freshmen who haven't registered. Student-athletes who do not fill out these forms prior to pre-season or first day of classes will not be eligible to participate in any practice or team activities. There are still plenty of students who have yet to fill these out. Also, anyone who will be trying out for your teams NEEDS to fill out this paperwork as well.**
- **The All Sports Meeting for our winter and spring sports teams is on September 5th at 2:00 PM in the ARC.**
- **Remember that Official Visits can begin no earlier than the first day of classes for the prospective student-athlete. Remember all Official Visit Paperwork must be handed into Jason 72 hours in advance and if there any questions feel free to ask either Jason or Joyce.**
- **Thank you to all the coaches that attended the Fall Coach's Compliance Meeting. We will be trying to schedule coach's compliance on a regular basis to educate all our coaches on up-to-date compliance news and procedures.**
- **Good luck to all our fall sports that have started their pre-season and first few games of competition. We are looking forward to another successful year both on the field and in the classroom.**

