FEBRUARY-MARCH RECRUITING SCHEDULE

Baseball
- Feb 1st—28th: Quiet
- Mar 1st—31st: Contact

Football
- Feb 1st: Contact
- Feb 2nd: Quiet
- Feb 3rd—6th: Dead
- Feb 7th—Mar 31st Quiet

Men's Basketball
- Feb 1st—Mar 31st

Women's Basketball
- Feb 1st—Mar 28th: Evaluation

Softball
- Feb 1st—Mar 31st: Contact

Soccer
- Feb 1st—2nd: Contact
- Feb 3rd—6th: Dead
- Feb 7th—31st: Contact

Track/Cross Country
- Feb 1st—Feb 2nd: Contact
- Feb 3rd—6th: Dead
- Feb 7th—Mar 13th: Contact
- Mar 14th—15th: Dead
- Mar 16—31st: Contact

All Other Sports:
- Feb 1st—Mar 31st: Contact

DON'T BET ON IT

The NCAA opposes all forms of sports wagering, whether legal or illegal, on NCAA sponsored sports. Sports wagering is defined by the NCAA as wagering anything of value for the chance to win anything of value. Items of value are not limited to cash but can also be goods or services. NCAA Bylaw 10.3 expressly prohibits student-athletes, athletic department staff, and even non-athletic depart staff members who have any responsibility within or over athletics from engaging in sports wagering. The Prohibition on sports wagering applies to any collegiate, professional or amateur practice or competition in all NCAA sponsored sports.

A student-athlete found be involved in “point shaving” or wagering on Southern Miss athletic events will immediately lose all remaining eligibility in all NCAA sports. Any student-athlete that is involved in any other prohibited sports wagering, involving teams other than Southern Miss, shall be deemed ineligible from all contests for a minimum of one year from the date the institution determined a violation occurred. Other actions that can lead to immediate ineligibility include; exchanging information regarding injuries or disciplinary actions with anyone outside the team who could use the inside information to gamble on the team.

Academic Calendar

February 7
Last day to drop first half-semester classes

February 24
Last day to drop full semester classes

March 4
Mardi Gras Holiday

March 8
Dorms close for Spring Break

March 10-14
Spring Break

March 16
Dorms re-open from Spring Break

March 17
Second half-semester classes begin

Question of the Month

Q: A men’s golf student-athlete has some time in-between the end of the fall season and the spring season, so he decides to teach lessons to earn some spending money. He uses his name to advertise fee-for-lesson sessions. Specifically, he distributes brochures advertising private lessons using his name. He sought approval of the brochure from the compliance office after he had distributed them to local club coaches via email. Is this permissible?

A: No. A student-athlete may not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions. However, student-athletes may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided: (1) Institutional facilities are not used; (2) Playing lessons (scrimmaging with lesson recipient) shall not be permitted; (3) The institution obtains and keeps on file documentation of the recipient of the lesson and the fee for the lesson provided during any time of the year; (4) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient’s family) and not another individual or entity; (5) 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 at a time; and of course; (6) The student-athlete may not use her or her name or likeness to promote or advertise. [Bylaw 12.4.2.f]
Contact the Compliance Office with questions or concerns. We are located in the West Football Stadium.

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Reminder: Coaches make sure you are continuing to enter all phone calls, contacts, and evaluations into ACS within 14 days of each event. If you have any questions regarding ACS or you would like additional training on its uses and applications, please contact the Compliance Office.

Promotional Contests:

12.5.2.3.3  
Receipt of a prize for winning an institutional or noninstitutional promotional activity (e.g., making a half-court basketball shot, being involved in a money scramble) by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (or a member of his or her family) does not affect his or her eligibility, provided the prize is won through a random drawing in which all members of the general public or the student body are eligible to participate.

Remember:  
The drawing must be completely random and open to either all students or the general public in order to be permissible.

Don’t forget to follow @USMCompliance. The Compliance Twitter page is a great resource for staff, student-athletes, boosters and fans for compliance tips and staying up to date on current and changing regulations. Please encourage your S-As to follow us as well; 140 characters of education can go a long way!

Phone Logs

All coaches need to contact Scott Garrison in the Compliance Office to coordinate how they will turn in their monthly phone logs. Starting this month, electronic phone logs must be turned in on a monthly basis for review by ACS.

In the News

UTEP Basketball Players Kicked Off Team for Betting

Three UTEP men’s basketball players were removed from the team for betting on at least one sporting event. There is no evidence the games wagered on were UTEP games or that they conducted any point-shaving. As of now few facts have surfaced as to the details surrounding the bets, but the FBI is involved.

With this happening inside of our own conference, now would be a great time to remind your student-athletes of the importance of this rule and that it “can happen to them.”