



The Education Wave

Tulane Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Recruiting Calendar

Track & Field/Cross Country

- 🏃 January 3 – February 3: Contact Period
- 🏃 February 4 – 7: Dead Period
- 🏃 February 8 – March 13: Contact Period

Football

- 🏈 February 1 – 2: Contact Period
- 🏈 February 3: Quiet Period
- 🏈 February 4 – 7: Dead Period
- 🏈 February 8 – April 14: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

- 🏀 December 27 – March 15: Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

- 🏀 December 27 – February 29: Evaluation Period

Baseball

- 🏆 January 8 – February 29: Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball

- 🏐 January 19 – April 6: Contact Period

All Other Sports

- 🏆 November 16 – April 6: Contact/Eval Period

Interp of the Month

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Question:

May coaches observe "voluntary activities"?

Answer:

No. Coaches may not observe voluntary activities. All athletically related activities where coaches are present must be counted toward the weekly maximum of countable athletically related activities (CARA). In season, student-athletes may not participate in CARA for more than 4 hours per day and 20 hours per week and must have at least one off day. Out of season, student-athletes may not participate in CARA for more than 8 hours per week and must have at least two off days.

NCAA Convention Update

Hot Topics: Text Messaging, Transfers, and Financial Aid

Attempts to allow text messaging of prospective student-athletes failed during the Division I business session January 12.

The lopsided vote on the text-messaging rule - only 21.3 percent supported the override - was foretold by the assembly's initial refusal to move the proposal.

However, coaches and other officials will be allowed to communicate by text message with prospective student-athletes who have signed a National Letter of Intent or otherwise formally committed with the institution effective immediately.

In other action, the Division I Management Council approved and sent to the Board of Directors legislation that could help protect the financial aid awards of student-athletes who sustain an injury, illness or medical condition, including pregnancy. The Council met at the Convention.

The financial aid protections, supported strongly by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at the Division I Legislative Forum, would prohibit institutions from reducing or canceling aid during the scholarship term because of any injury, illness or medical condition, regardless of whether it affects the student-athlete's ability to participate with the team during the academic year.

Finally, student-athletes with a specific academic profile will be allowed to transfer without their institutions incurring an academic penalty, the Division I Board of Directors decided at their January 14 meeting.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Performance, the Board adopted a policy that would treat transfer students that achieve a 2.6 grade point average or higher, immediately transfer to another four-year institution and earn the eligibility point as a "one for one" in the APR formula. The student-athlete must have completed one year at the first institution. The change would be affective with the 2007-08 cohort (collected this fall) and would not be retroactive.

Attached to this newsletter (see email) is a list of all of the newly adopted proposals. Please review these proposals and contact the Compliance Office with any questions.

Compliance Competition Standings

Staff Division			
Department	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Academic Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00
Athletic Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business & Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event Management/Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
External Affairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marketing Promotions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Strength & Conditioning	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ticket Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Video Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sport Division			
Team	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Baseball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Football	0.00	0.00	0.00
Men's Basketball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Volleyball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Basketball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Golf	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Tennis	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Track & Field	0.00	0.00	0.00

Compliance Competition Update

An all new Compliance Competition will begin for the Spring 2008 semester. Last semester's winners were **Ticket Office** (Sport Division) and **Women's Golf** (Sport Division). However, with the slate wiped clean for Spring 2008, each department and team is once again in the running. Look for the first round of questions to be sent out shortly. **Good luck everyone!**

Don't Bet On It!

With the Super Bowl and NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments quickly approaching, the Compliance Office reminds all Tulane Athletics staff members, coaches, and student-athletes that all forms of sports wagering involving both college and pro sports are prohibited. This includes providing information about your team to someone who might bet on sports, joining sports pools, and online gambling. The rules governing gambling on sports are in place to protect the integrity and personal safety of everyone involved in intercollegiate athletics. Please visit www.dontbetonit.org for interactive quizzes, guest speakers and streaming video regarding sports gambling and its impact on student-athletes and staff. This Web site highlights the dangers of sports gambling and the risks inherent in even seemingly innocent wagers on sporting events.

Admissions Update

Tulane University received over 30,000 applications for admission this fall. As a result, the Admissions Office is steadily processing each potential student's qualifications.

For Athletics, this means that it is especially important that all new signees and prospective student-athletes submit their admissions materials in a timely manner. The Compliance Office will track the admissions status of all prospects who have signed a National Letter of Intent with Tulane.

Additionally, coaches should regularly remind prospects to submit updated transcripts and test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Remember, the Eligibility Center will only accept official transcripts in a sealed envelope and official test scores that are sent from the testing agency.

Please contact the Compliance Office with any questions regarding the admissions process or the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Ask Before You Act!

