



The Education Wave

Tulane Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Recruiting Calendar

Football

🏈 April 15 – May 31: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

🏀 May 1 – July 5: Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

🏀 April 18 – July 5: Quiet Period

Baseball

🏆 May 1 – August 31: Contact/Evaluation Period

Women's Volleyball

🏐 May 1 – 25: Quiet Period

🏐 May 26 – 31: Contact/Evaluation Period

All Other Sports

🏆 May 1 – 31: Contact/Evaluation Period

Interp of the Month

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Question:

In the sport of women's basketball, may Tulane coaches mail camp brochures to prospective student-athletes who are freshmen and sophomores in high school?

Answer:

Yes. It is permissible for a member institution to provide camp brochures to a prospective student-athlete in the sport of women's basketball, even if the prospect has not begun her junior year in high school.



New Legislation: No Text Messaging!

The Division I Board of Directors approved a proposal that prevents coaches from sending text-messages to prospective student-athletes. The Board met April 26 in Indianapolis.

The proposal, sponsored by the Ivy Group, takes effect August 1 and was one of two proposals originally in the 2006-07 cycle related to technology in recruiting. The other proposal, which would have put limits on the practice, was defeated by the Division I Management Council in January.

The deciding factor for the Board members was the desire of the student-athletes. The Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members spoke out in favor of the proposal in many different venues, including a luncheon Board members had with the SAAC members in January.

Several Board members mentioned both their conversations with the SAAC members at Convention in which student-athletes called the practice intrusive and said it was overused. The student-athletes also convinced Board members that text-messaging and similar forms of communication were inappropriate forms of communication between a coach and a prospect.

The proposal eliminates all forms of electronic communication with the exception of e-mail and facsimiles. The Board left open the possibility of considering proposals related to this issue in the future.

In other business, the Board approved the package from the Baseball Academic Enhancement Working Group as emergency legislation, which includes a change in the financial aid structure for baseball student-athletes and requiring academic certification for those student-athletes in the fall term to be eligible to participate in the spring term. The legislation also requires a year in residence before transfer student-athletes can compete and directs the Committee on Academic Performance to implement further playing and practice season penalties on baseball teams that do not meet minimum Academic Progress Rate standards.

The Compliance Office would also like to draw the staff's attention to the following adopted proposals:

2006-40 (outlaws text messaging);

2006-46-A (prospects must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse before attending Official Visits or receiving Financial Aid agreements);

2006-64 (establishes 30% of contests as the new threshold for hardship waivers);

2006-65-A (core-curriculum time limitation for freshman academic requirements); and

2006-75 (walk-ons and partial scholarship student-athletes may purchase training table meals).

Attached (see email) is a list of proposals that were adopted at the Board's April 2007 meeting.

Compliance Competition Standings

Staff Division			
Department	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Academic Services	4.58	3.75	5.00
Business & Finance	3.38	4.38	4.50
Communications	2.22	1.67	1.00
Event Management	2.12	0.00	2.50
External Affairs	1.93	2.00	1.40
Marketing/Promotions	1.78	1.50	1.50
Strength & Conditioning	1.28	1.00	1.17
Ticket Office	0.96	0.50	0.63
Equipment Operations	0.89	0.00	2.00
Video Operations	0.33	0.00	0.00
Athletic Training	0.30	0.25	0.64
Sport Division			
Team	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Men's Basketball	2.08	0.75	3.00
Volleyball	1.58	1.00	1.75
Women's Track & Field/Cross Country	1.10	1.20	1.10
Football	0.94	0.93	1.18
Baseball	0.37	0.00	0.50
Women's Basketball	0.28	0.67	0.00

Compliance Competition Update

The final stretch of the Compliance Competition is here. **Academic Services** and **Men's Basketball** still hold the leads in their respective divisions. However, **Business & Finance** is making a late push and there is still room for a team from the Sport Division to make a move. Thank you to all the participants of this year's competition. **Final standings will be announced at the end of May!**

Coaches' Certification Test

The 2007-08 Coaches Certification Test is scheduled for Thursday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the A.B. Freeman School of Business. Please make every effort to be present this day. A second test is tentatively planned for the first week of June.

The practice test is available now at: <http://web1.ncaa.org/coachesTest/exec/practiceexam?division=1>. The test may be taken online or it may be printed from a Web browser and administered in hard-copy format.

Please note that the actual coaches' certification test may differ in the level of difficulty and content from the practice test. The actual test consists of true, false and multiple-choice questions related to legislation contained in Bylaws 12 (amateurism), 13 (recruiting), 14.02 (eligibility definitions and applications), 14.3 (freshman academic requirements), 14.4 (continuing eligibility), 14.5 (transfer regulations), 15.02 (financial aid definitions and applications) and 15.3 (terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid).

Summer Workouts

Student-athletes and prospects cannot participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer).

In the sport of football, a student-athlete or a prospect who has signed a NLI to attend Tulane can voluntarily participate in weight training and conditioning programs utilizing Tulane's athletic facilities. In all other sports, a prospect who has signed a NLI to attend Tulane can voluntarily participate in weight training and conditioning programs, provided the prospect is enrolled in and is receiving financial aid to attend summer school.

Voluntary means: (1) activities of student-athletes or prospects are not being reported to coaches, administrators, etc.; (2) only the student-athlete or prospect can initiate or request the activity; (3) summer conditioning activities cannot be reported to staff or other student-athletes; and (4) incentives or penalties cannot be assessed to student-athletes for their participation or non-participation in summer conditioning activities.

Summer activities can only be monitored, supervised, or assisted (for safety reasons) by the strength and conditioning staff or athletic trainers, who perform such duties on a department-wide basis.

Ask Before You Act!

