



The Education Wave

Tulane Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Compliance Manual

As we approach the new academic year, the Compliance Office has taken the liberty of creating a manual that includes all of the necessary compliance-related forms. The Compliance Manual will be available both via the web at the Tulane Athletics website and in CD format. From July 11 through August 1, the Compliance Office will conduct training sessions on how and when to properly complete the required forms. All coaches, team support staff, and sport administrators are expected to attend each session. The training dates and subjects are as follows:

July 11 – Personnel and Agents
 July 18 – Amateurism and Recruiting
 July 25 – Eligibility and Financial Aid
 August 1 – Extra Benefits and Playing & Practice Seasons

We look forward to seeing you there!

NCAA Clearinghouse/ Eligibility Center

The Compliance Office reminds all coaches that final high school transcripts and test scores for all prospects must be submitted to the NCAA Clearinghouse/Eligibility Center as soon as possible. Remember, the Clearinghouse process now includes a certification of amateur status for all student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division I/II institution this year. In years past, there has always been a delay in the academic certification of prospects after July 4. This year is expected to have even more delays because of the added amateurism component.

All new enrollees must submit their academic materials and complete their amateurism questionnaire so that they do not miss any preseason practice and are able to receive athletic financial aid.

Contact your incoming student-athletes today!

2008-09 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 14, 2007	November 21, 2007
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 16, 2008	May 21, 2008
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 19, 2007	January 15, 2008
Football (Regular Period)	February 6, 2008	April 1, 2008
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 14, 2007	November 21, 2007
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 9, 2008	August 1, 2008

REMINDERS

- All Student-Athletes competing in a summer league must submit a completed Summer League Permission Form (see attached).
- Coaching staff limitations (see attached) are due no later than the first day of class.

Ask Before You Act!



New Rules for 2007-08!

Attached to this newsletter is a spreadsheet of all the newly adopted legislation for the 2007-08 academic year. The most notable new rules include the following:

- 4-year transfers must have been academically eligible at their previous institution in order to receive athletic financial aid at their new institution;
- 4-2-4 transfers must complete at least one academic term at the 2-year institution in order to receive athletic financial aid at the 4-year institution;
- All student-athletes (and prospects) must undergo a medical exam prior to any initial participation in practice, competition, or out of season conditioning;
- Note cards used for recruiting purposes may only contain the institution's name and logo and may not include pre-printed information; and
- A prospect must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and the institution must add the prospect to its request list prior to an official visit or an offer of athletic financial aid.

To Do List

All coaches should be aware of the following:

- **Fall Sports.** If your sport's season begins this Fall and your schedule is finalized, please complete and submit the Playing and Practice Season Declaration Form (see attached).
- **Student-Athlete Employment.** If you know of student-athletes on your team who are working, but you have not signed the Student-Athlete Employment Form (see attached), please contact your student-athletes and notify them that they must register their jobs with the Compliance Office.
- **Summer Leagues/Competition.** If you know of student-athletes on your team who are participating in summer athletic leagues or competitions, please remind them to complete and submit the Summer League/Participation Form (see attached).
- **Recruiting Logs.** Please record all recruiting activities using the Prospect Fact Sheet (see attached).

16 Core Courses for Class of 2008

For prospects entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008, the NCAA initial-eligibility will be evaluated under the 16 core-course rule. The 16 core-course rule **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 14 to 16 for Division I only. Students must complete three years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and four years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of the requirements is listed below.

16 Core Courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- 1 year of additional English, math or science
- 2 years of social studies
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above, or from foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy)

High Schools Affected by NCAA Initial-Eligibility Process

In its continuing effort to better ensure the integrity of academic credentials used by some high schools in the initial eligibility process, the NCAA will no longer accept core courses and graduation from some high schools (see attached) for determining prospects' initial eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics. Students from these schools who seek to play college sports can still have their academic records reviewed prior to enrolling in college. Students most negatively affected will be those who fraudulently obtained their academic requirements.

The high schools that appear on the lists fall into three broad categories: (1) those that did not adequately respond to requests for information; (2) those that submitted information that verified they did not meet NCAA standards for initial eligibility; and (3) those schools that cooperated but for which the NCAA still has questions. For the schools that remain under review, additional information and further examination is needed to determine if students attending these high schools may use academic credentials from these institutions for NCAA initial eligibility purposes. The NCAA has established a national high school review committee, which includes members from the higher education and secondary school communities, to consider appeals from high schools.

Prospects should not seek to bolster their eligibility by attending multiple high schools. Such behavior will result in increased scrutiny.