Compliance Corner

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Recruiting Calendars

Baseball
Quiet Period
December 1-31

Cross Country
Contact Period
December 1-11

Dead Period
December 12-15

Quiet Period
December 16-31

Football
Contact Period
December 1-17

Contact Period
December 18

Contact Period
December 19-31

Men’s Basketball
Evaluation Period
December 1-23 & 27-31

Dead Period
December 24-26

Women’s Basketball
Evaluation Period
December 1-23 & 27-31

Dead Period
December 24-26

Softball
Dead Period
December 1-3

Quiet Period
December 4-31

Volleyball
Contact Period
December 1-4

Quiet Period
December 5-13

Dead Period
December 14-31

Continuing Eligibility

As the Fall Semester ends and the Spring Semester begins please make sure that your student-athletes are on track to be eligible to practice and compete during the Spring. Here are some reminders of what requirements are needed:

- A student-athlete must be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies to practice (unless he/she is in their final semester). [14.1.8.2]

- A student-athlete must pass 18 semester hours during an academic year (excludes summer coursework). [14.4.3.1 (b)]

- A student-athlete must pass a minimum of six semester hours during the preceding regular academic term. [14.4.3.1(c)]

- Football ONLY: Student-athletes must complete 9 hours during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point. If the football student-athlete does not meet this criterion he shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. [14.4.3.1.6]

- A student-athlete in his/her first year of enrollment must pass a total of 24 semester hours. [Bylaw 14.4.3.1(a)]
  - A maximum of 6 hours of summer school hours may be used towards the 24 hour requirement.

- A student-athlete must meet the following minimum GPAs
  - 2nd Year– 1.8
  - 3rd Year– 1.9
  - 4th Year and above– 2.0. [14.4.3.3]

- A student-athlete must meet the following percentage towards degree
  - 3rd Year– 40%
  - 4th Year– 60%
  - 5th Year and above– 80% [14.4.3.2]

Compliance Brain Busters

1. When may an institution pay for meals and lodging for a current student-athlete’s parents?
   A. During the student-athlete’s first home contest
   B. When the student-athlete suffers a life threatening illness or injury.
   C. During a postseason event.
   D. On senior night, but only if the family shows financial need.

2. A coaching staff member may coach a local sports club with prospects on the team that live 60 miles away from campus.
   True
   False

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Vacation Expenses

Per Bylaw 16.5.2(e), SJSU may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes during official institutional vacation periods in the following circumstances. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by SJSU, other than to permit the student-athlete to participate in team meals incidental to practice sessions. If we do not provide a meal to our student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided, but may not to exceed the amount provided by us to our institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips:

1. Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution’s campus for organized practice sessions or competition during SJSU’s vacation period.
2. Student-athletes who return to campus during SJSU’s vacation period from a SJSU competition.
3. SJSU may provide an additional meal (as opposed to the cash equivalent) to student-athletes to meet nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during each day of any vacation period.

Compliance Education Sessions

In honor of the Holidays, the Compliance Office would like to give thanks to all coaching staff members who’ve dutifully attended the mandatory Ed Sessions this semester. As a gift, we will not be conducting Rules Ed in December, not to worry, Compliance Ed Sessions will return on Jan. 10 from 2-3 PM and Jan. 12 from 9-10 AM with a special New Years Session!

Interpretation Questions and Answers

**Question:** Can an eligible student-athlete who is redshirting participate in an alumni game without using his/her season of eligibility?

**Answer:** Yes, according to Bylaw 14.2.3.1.4 a student-athlete may engage in either an alumni event, fundraising activity, or a celebrity sports activity without losing his/her season of competition. Also please note that this student-athlete must also be eligible to compete, student-athletes who are not eligible may not engage in ANY outside competition.

**Question:** Can a coach attend a Junior Olympic Event outside of a recruiting period?

**Answer:** No, per an 8/12/11 NCAA Official Interp, Junior Olympics are not categorized under Bylaw 13.1.7.19 which allows for coaching staff members to attend elite international events outside of the recruiting period. Due to the fact that these events are not in the same category, NCAA recruiting calendars and restrictions are still upheld during these events.