



COYOTE CHAMPION



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Recruiting Calendar

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Men's Basketball

1-15 Evaluation Period
16-22 Contact Period
23-31 Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

1-31 Contact Period

Football

1-31 Quiet Period

Softball

1-31 Contact Period

Track/Cross Country

1-11 Contact Period
12-13 Dead Period
14-31 Contact Period

Volleyball

1-31 Contact Period

All other sports

1-31 Contact Period



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USD COMPLIANCE

March Madness is Back!

March madness is here again. While it is an exciting time for coaches, student-athletes, administrators and fans, it is also a time when the NCAA rules are put underneath the microscope. Therefore, please take the time to review some key issues that arise during this time of year.

NCAA Tournament Pools: Don't Bet On IT!

Under NCAA rules, student-athletes and athletic department staff are prohibited from engaging in any form of gambling on collegiate or professional athletics. The NCAA defines gambling as an activity in which there is both a "risk" and a "reward." For example, the individual must pay a fee to enter (risk) with the possibility of receiving a prize (reward). Prohibited gambling activities included but are not limited to: pay-in bracket pools, betting on individual games or outcomes and providing information to individual that may use the information for gambling purposes.

- Cash is not the only prohibited item to be used as a wager in gambling. It is also impermissible to bet with any other item that has tangible value, such as a shirt or a meal.
- It is also impermissible to bet on situations other than the score or final outcome of a contest (e.g., combined point total, game MVP, most rebounds, etc...)

The Athletic Compliance Office strongly discourages participation in any form of gambling. If you have questions about any events or contests, please consult with the Athletic Compliance Office prior to participating.



Article provided compliments of University of Minnesota Gopher Guardian newsletter

Rules of Importance

QUESTION: Is it permissible for a booster to employ, or arrange for the employment of, a prospective student-athlete before the completion of the prospect's senior year of high school?

ANSWER: No. But bylaw 13.2.4.1 permits an institution to arrange employment for a prospective student-athlete that begins after the prospect's senior year in high school. After a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent, it is permissible for a booster to contact concerning summer employment arrangements

QUESTION: May a booster engage in evaluation activities on behalf of the institution?

ANSWER: Legislation does not preclude a booster from viewing a prospect's contest on the booster's initiative, subject to the understanding that the booster may not make contact with the prospect. The booster is prohibited from contacting the prospect's coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect, as well as from visiting the prospect's educational institution to pick up film or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect's academic or athletic ability.

Knowledgeable Coyotes

A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements:

- The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character and any coaching or officiating assignments shall represent not more than one-half of the student-athlete's work time.
- Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.
- A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic.

Coyote Reminders

As March Madness approaches a reminder to all student-athletes to abstain from any form of sports wagering. Sports wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sport contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student athletes. Also, sports wagering of any kind is impermissible per NCAA rules.

For more info regarding sport wagering see:

- <http://www.dontbetonit.org/> an interactive website. Should be up and running soon!
- www.ncaa.org



Congratulations Coyotes!

Men's and Women's Track & Field Teams won back-to-back GWC Indoor Track & Field Titles!

Women's Swimming & Diving Team took 3rd place at their first Summit League Championships. The Men finished 5th.

USD Basketball forward Tyler Cain was selected the Great West Conference Player of the Week for March 1st.

Ramsey Fitzsimmons and Rob Gregoire earned respective GWC Athlete of the Year Awards at the Indoor Championships.

NCAA Infraction Update

Decision on University of Central Florida

Article provided by NCAA News

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions has found that University of Central Florida has committed major violations in its football program. The case centers on at least 209 impermissible telephone calls and approximately 100 text messages over a period of almost 18 months to 27 prospective student-athletes and/or their parents.

Penalties in this case include two years probation, recruiting restrictions and the suspension of two athletic administrators.

This case was resolved through the summary disposition process, a cooperative effort where the involved parties submit the case to the Committee on Infractions in written form. When the NCAA enforcement staff, the university and involved individuals agree to the facts of the case and the university proposes penalties, they may use this process instead of having a formal hearing.

Between June 2007 and January 2009, two non-coaching football staff members placed numerous impermissible telephone calls and text messages to prospective student-athletes and/or their parents. These staff members were the former recruiting administrator and the former director of player personnel. These administrators' primary responsibilities involved assisting with on-campus recruiting activities, which included preparation for and coordination of official and unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes. However, according to NCAA rules, as a non-coaching staff member, they could not make telephone calls to, receive telephone calls from or send text messages to prospective student-athletes or their parents for recruiting purposes. Twenty-eight of the text messages were sent prior to the August 1, 2007, ban on text messages, while the remaining were sent after this ban was in place.

In some instances, these telephone calls also resulted in the university exceeding its limits under NCAA rules for weekly calls. In addition, some recruits were contacted prior to their senior year of high school, which is not allowed under NCAA rules.

The penalties in this case are as follows:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Two years of probation from February 11, 2010, through February 10, 2012 (Self-imposed by the university).
- Recruiting restrictions for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years, as outlined in the public report (Self-imposed by the university).
- Two-week suspension for former recruiting administrator, as detailed in the public report.
- Two-week suspension for former director of player personnel, as detailed in the public report (Self-imposed by his current employing institution).

The members of the Committee on Infractions who reviewed this case include Paul Dee, lecturer in law and education at the University of Miami and formerly the institution's athletics director and general counsel. He is the chair of the Committee on Infractions. Other members are Dennis Thomas, the commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and formerly director of athletics at Hampton University; James O'Fallon, a law professor and faculty athletic representative for University of Oregon; and Eleanor Myers, faculty athletics representative and professor at Temple University.

Article available at:

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