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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

GEORGE MASON INFRACTIONS CASE

- Over the course of four academic years, George Mason improperly provided scholarships exceeding the full cost of attendance on 27 occasions to 18 student-athletes in 4 different sports (MBB, WTR, WBB, and WVB).
- Approximately \$35,800 was awarded in impermissible scholarships over the four-year period.
- 17 of the student-athletes competed in 196 contests while ineligible.
- During those same academic years the athletics department used the Director of Financial Aid's electronic signature without formal permission or approval.
- In the 2018-19 academic year, the school improperly calculated equivalencies in men's volleyball when it incorrectly logged countable nonathletics scholarships, resulting in the team exceeding scholarship limits.

PENALTIES

- One year of probation.
- A \$5,000 fine.
- A reduction of 0.44 scholarships (10%) in men's volleyball over the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.
- Required attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar by July 2022 for select staff in the financial aid department.
- A vacation of all records in which student-athletes competed while ineligible. The university must provide a written report containing the contests impacted to the NCAA media coordination and statistics staff within 14 days of the public release of the decision.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- Please make sure that the previous week's CARA logs are sent to the student-athletes by Monday.
- Please upload your monthly phone logs into ARMS.
- All changes to required activities must be told to student-athletes no later than 24 hours in advance. Any changes within 24 hours requires compliance notification.

SPOT THE VIOLATION

A basketball student-athlete schedules an autograph session during a time that he also has class and the student-athlete receives prior permission from the instructor that it is okay for him to miss the next scheduled class to have the autograph session. The student-athlete submits the NIL disclosure form onto ARMS prior to the event taking place and the autograph session goes as planned.

The following day the Compliance Department checks the NIL disclosure form and notices that the autograph session took place during a time that the student-athlete in question should have been in class.

Even though the student-athlete received permission from the course instructor prior to the autograph session, is this considered permissible from a compliance perspective?

ANSWER: NO. The violation occurred when the SA missed required class time to do the autograph session. Even with prior approval from the instructor it is still impermissible to miss class because autographs must be done on a student-athlete's own time.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period	Quiet Period	Evaluation Period	Dead Period	Recruiting Shutdown
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Baseball						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Football						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Women's Basketball						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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All Other Sports						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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