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# Focus of the Month

#### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT REMINDER



#### FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TRANSFER WINDOW UPDATES

The DI Council approved changes to the notification-of-transfer windows in football and basketball from a total of 45 days to 30 days, effective immediately. These changes are intended to provide a greater stability to SAs and programs, have better alignment with academic terms and, in some cases, professional league draft rules.

In basketball, the window will open for 30 days beginning the day after the conclusion of the second round of NCAA DI basketball championship. For the FCS and FBS, the window will be open for a total of 30 days, 20 days after the Monday following the FBS conference championship weekend and 10 days in the spring. For the 2024-25 academic year, the notification-of-transfer windows are:

- Basketball: March 24-April 22 (MBB); March 25-April 23 (WBB)
- Football: December 9-28; April 16-25

Student-athletes seeking to transfer or be recruited by other schools to compete the following year must provide their current school with written notice during their sport's window. This does not impact the time a student —athlete has to decide whether they will ultimately transfer. In all sports, SAs whose head coach leaves the school will continue to have an additional 30-day transfer window beginning the day after a coach's departure.

#### **ARIZONA STATE TAMPERING AND RECRUITING VIOLATIONS**

The NCAA reached an agreement with Arizona State University regarding recruiting violations during the COVID-19 dead period that involved a former associate head football coach, members of the football staff, and a booster. Impermissible activities included:

- Over 15 weekends, staff members had impermissible recruiting contacts and inducements, including tryouts, football
  facility tours, and entertainment for 35 PSAs and their families.
  - Impermissible entertainment included taking the PSAs parents to a gentleman's club.
- The former associate head coach arranged for personally provided free meals, apparel, airfare, and lodging in collaboration with the booster. The booster was a parent of a then-football student-athlete in the program.
- An assistant coach engaged in tampering by sending 46 messages to recruit a SA not in the transfer portal. As a
  result, eight prospects competed in 19 contests while ineligible.

The resolution includes five and eight-year show-cause orders for the involved staff and a one-year suspension from all athletically related activities should the coaches be employed at another institution. Arizona State University will begin serving penalties while awaiting final decisions on contested violations.

## **NCAA HARASSMENT STUDY**

The NCAA, in collaboration with Signify Group, conducted a study analyzing over 72,000 online messages aimed at student-athletes, coaches, and officials during seven NCAA championships and the College Football National Playoff Championship. The findings revealed over 5,000 verified abusive messages, highlighting that 18% of all abuse was sexual, 12% of all abuse was related to sports betting, and 10% contained racist content. March Madness participants were particularly targeted, experiencing 80% of the total abuse, with women's basketball players receiving three times more threats than their male counterparts.

NCAA President Charlie Baker stressed the urgent need for fans and social media companies to combat this issue, as the harassment significantly affects student-athletes' mental health. In response, the NCAA is enhancing mental health support and advocating for social media platforms to more proactively identify and remove harmful content. The initiative aims to create a safer environment for student-athletes, promoting their well-being amidst the challenges of online abuse.

## SIGNING MODEL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Beginning this 2024-2025 academic year, the NLI will be discontinued, instead universities will be offering financial aid agreements that incorporate the core benefits of the NLI with NCAA legislation.

Coaches may not have in-person or off-campus contact with PSAs when signing financial aid agreement for a celebratory signing. Coaches may also not attend a celebratory signing in person.

Signing dates vary by sport and end based on the institution's policy for awarding scholarships. Signing dates do not apply to four-year transfers. Four-year transfers must be permissibly entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal to sign their athletic scholarship.

Once student-athletes sign their financial aid agreement, coaches from other NCAA schools must cease all communication with the signed prospect and any individual associated with them. PSAs are prohibited from signing more than one aid agreement prior to enrollment at the signing school. Signed status will be indicated in the transfer portal and the IRL. Coaches are encouraged to check with their compliance official to determine the signed status of a PSA before responding or initiating communication with a PSA or any associated individuals.

### CARA REMINDER: THANKSGIVING AND VETERANS DAY



## **CARA REMINDER: FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

Out-of-season sports must cease all CARA seven days before final exams. CARA may not be permitted from December 1st through December 14th.

Final exams begin December 9th and end December 14th.

## IS THIS PERMISSIBLE?

Bob Stuffing has been recruiting Barry Jam out of the transfer portal to come to Mashed Potatoes University. Barry Jam recently committed to Turkey University and his status in the transfer portal indicates he has signed his financial aid agreement with Turkey University. Mr. Stuffing would like to send Barry a financial aid agreement to Barry just so he knows what his other options are. Is this permissible?

Answer: No. This is not permissible. The new signing model prohibits coaches from contacting PSAs who have a "signed" status in the transfer portal and the IRL. Contact your compliance administrator if you are unsure a PSA has signed with another institution.

## OCTOBER RECRUITING CALENDARS

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#### Women's Lacrosse:

\*indicates evaluation period begins at 5 p.m.

<sup>\*\*</sup> indicates evaluation period begins following the adjournment of the intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Con-

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