

# COMPLIANCE CORNER

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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### USC FOOTBALL VIOLATION

The University of Southern California's (USC) football program violated NCAA rules by exceeding the allowable number of coaches over two academic years. Specifically, eight analysts engaged in on- and off-field coaching activities, causing the program to exceed the permissible number of countable coaches by six during spring 2022, fall 2022, and spring 2023. As a result, head coach Lincoln Riley was found to have violated head coach responsibility rules.

However, some violations occurred before January 2023, when a rule change shifted head coach responsibility rules from a rebuttable presumption to automatic attachment. Riley was able to rebut the presumption of responsibility for those violations by demonstrating that he promoted compliance and monitored his staff. Therefore, no suspension was imposed on Riley.

The penalties agreed upon include:

- One year of probation for USC,
- A \$50,000 fine,
- Restrictions on the special teams analyst and other analysts from participating in practice and film review during certain time periods of the 2024-25 season, and:
- A self-imposed reduction in countable athletically related activities by 24 hours for the 2023-24 season.

USC cooperated with the investigation and took steps to educate and monitor the football program to prevent future violations.

### CAMP EMAILS

Camp and clinic information may be provided at any time as long as any correspondence that is accompanying camp information adheres to the following:

- Generic in format and content
- May not include information related to the institution's athletics program
- Does not contain recruiting language or solicitation of the PSA to enroll at UC.
  - Correspondence can include a personalized greeting (e.g., Dear Joe) and/or instructional language.
- May not encourage the PSA to contact the coach (e.g., "Even though I cannot respond right now, I would love to hear back from you.")

All camp emails must be approved by Grahm Bellenfant (bellengm@ucmail.uc.edu) prior to being sent out.

# WINTER CARA REMINDER

Out-of-season sports must cease all CARA and RARA seven days before final exams starting December 1st. Exams end December 13th, and the academic term ends on December 14th. Out-of-season sports may not have CARA from December 14th-January 12th.

## Out-of-Season Sports

- Baseball / Cross Country / Golf / Lacrosse / Volleyball / Soccer / Tennis / \*Track and Field

\*Track and Field varies in its playing season throughout the month of December. Please speak to your compliance administrator with questions.

Voluntary activities are permissible. For an activity to be considered voluntary, activities must be: 1) Initiated by the student-athlete, 2) not observed by coaches or staff members (other than S&C Coaches, ATs, and Managers), 3) conducted without praise or reprisal by coaches, and 4) without taking attendance or reporting back of activities.

Individual sports are permitted to use the individual sports exception during vacation periods which allows a coach to participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes provided the request for assistance is initiated by the student-athletes.

# SPORTS BETTING REMINDER



**DON'T  
BET ON IT!**

It is **impermissible** for student-athletes and staff (including paid/unpaid interns) to:

- (1) bet on any NCAA-sponsored sports at any level (professional or amateur),  
or
- (2) Share any information for sports wagering purposes



## IS THIS PERMISSIBLE?

The women's soccer coaches at Gingerbread University (GBU) would like to go watch a first-round game in the NCAA soccer tournament. University of Candy Cane Forest is hosting a team that GBU will be playing this spring during the non-championship segment. Is it permissible for the GBU coaches to attend the NCAA tournament game since they will be playing one of the teams in the spring?

**YES.** Bylaw 11.6.1.2. An institutional staff member may attend a contest in the institution's conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution's spring non-championship segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship.)

The women's soccer team at Gingerbread University is also hosting a first-round game in the NCAA Championship Friday night. If Ginger Bread University is hosting any recruits on official visits, can GBU provide complimentary admissions to them for the NCAA Championship game?

**NO.** Bylaw 13.6.7.2.2 states that the provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited.

# DECEMBER RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period

Quiet Period

Evaluation Period

Dead Period

Recruiting Shutdown

## Baseball

Su	Mo	Tu	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				

## Women's Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tu	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
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## Football

Su	M	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Volleyball

Su	M	Tu	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Men's Basketball

Su	M	Tu	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
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## Swim & Dive

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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## Women's Golf

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## CC & Track

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Soccer

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Women's Tennis

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Men's Golf

Su	Mo	Tu	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
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### Men's Golf:

\* indicates it is permissible for coaches to evaluate at two events that are in conjunction with the Golf Coaches Association of American National Convention and may fall before or after the convention.