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# FOCUS OF THE MONTH

## ALSTON CASE

- The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled that there will no longer be a limit on the education-related benefits that can be given to a student athlete from their institution.
- This decision allows an institution to give unlimited benefits to a student athlete, if it is connected to their education in some way.
- In a time where many amateurism and compensation rules are being questioned and changed, the attorney representing the student athletes, Jeffrey Kessler, hopes that this change will lead to more major changes in the NCAA's business system to provide "a true fair competitive system for these athletes."
- This case marks the first time in over 30 years that the Supreme Court has had a part in serious ruling in relation to college athletics.
- NCAA argues that by the Supreme Court making this decision, is challenging the rules set in place to ensure that athletes are following the amateurism guidelines. However, there are still many compensation laws being questioned that may not be applicable under the antitrust laws.

### LINKS TO LEARN MORE:

- ⇒ [https://www.espn.com/college-sports/story/\\_/id/31679946/supreme-court-sides-former-players-dispute-ncaa-compensation](https://www.espn.com/college-sports/story/_/id/31679946/supreme-court-sides-former-players-dispute-ncaa-compensation)
- ⇒ <https://www.si.com/college/2021/03/31/supreme-court-alston-ncaa-athletes-rights>

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- The 2021-22 Coaches Exam is live. We are offering tests on the following dates in person: 7/14, and 7/30, and virtually on: 7/21. Please schedule a date and time with your compliance officer.
- REMINDER to make sure all your athletes are signing and returning GIA RENEWALS to the compliance office as soon as possible!

# CREIGHTON VIOLATION

A former Creighton men's basketball assistant coach violated NCAA ethical conduct rules when he accepted a \$6,000 payment from a business management company that intended to use coaches to influence student-athletes to retain the company and when he provided false or misleading information about his actions during the investigation. The Creighton athletics director also failed to report the potential violation. The violations in this case occurred when the former assistant coach attended a July 2017 meeting in Las Vegas with an agent associate, who was a close friend of the assistant coach, and representatives of the agent associate's management company. During that meeting, representatives from the management company discussed specific Creighton men's basketball players with professional potential, as well as a "steady" flow of talent through the program. Government recordings from that meeting — which were evidence in federal court and included in the infractions case record — revealed that while the coach did not say much during the meeting, he accepted an envelope with \$6,000 at its conclusion. The athletics director spoke to all staff and determined that a violation hadn't occurred and failed to report a possible violation to the NCAA, until the federal government got involved.

## Penalties:

- Two years of probation.
- A \$5,000 fine plus 1% of the men's basketball program budget.
- A reduction of men's basketball scholarships by one per year for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years (self-imposed by the university).
- A reduction of men's basketball official visits by six during the 2021-22/2022-23 rolling two-year period (self-imposed by the university).
- A reduction in the number of men's basketball recruiting person days by 10% from the previous four-year average for the two-year probationary period (self-imposed by the university).
- The university will prohibit complimentary admission to home games for all prospects and coaches in November 2021 (self-imposed by the university).
- A two-year show-cause order for the former assistant coach. During that period, any NCAA member school employing him must restrict him from any athletically related duties unless it shows cause why the restrictions should not apply.

## RECRUITING CALENDARS \*NO UNOFFICIAL VISITS FOR MBB IN JULY\*

Contact Period	Quiet Period	Evaluation Period	Dead Period	Recruiting Shutdown
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### Football

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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

### Baseball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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

### Men's Basketball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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 Basketball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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

### Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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

### All Other Sports

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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			