



# COMPLIANCE



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### FAILURE TO MONITOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

- Over the course of four years Manhattan College improperly certified 26 student-athletes. These athletes went on to play in six different sports resulting in 32 violations of amateurism certification, progress-toward degree requirements, and transfer rules.
- Many of these student-athletes went on to receive actual and necessary expenses as well as scholarships while ineligible. Additionally, seven student-athletes were not withheld from competition and competed in over 500 contests while ineligible.
- While investigating the eligibility violations, Manhattan College determined that a former softball assistant coach engaged in off-campus recruiting before completing a coaches' certification exam. Enforcement staff agreed that the head coach was aware of this violation, but continued to include the assistant in recruiting trips and never reported the violation. The former assistant coach refused to cooperate with the investigation.
- Penalties included
  - Two year probation and \$5,000 fine
  - Two game suspension for the softball head coach
  - 16-day recruiting prohibition for softball during June/July contact period
  - Order restricting former assistant coach from all athletically related responsibilities for 5 years
  - Vacation of all records in which student-athletes competed while ineligible
  - Manhattan College has identified nearly \$120,000 to enhance its compliance program going forward

# IS IT PERMISSIBLE?

Junior football sensation Brady Mahomes Jr. has been dominating the youth football scene for years and just led his team to their third state championship in a row. Sensing his immense talent, Sports University head coach Winston Atallcost is determined to gain Brady's commitment. Winston knows that it is too early to provide an official offer, so instead he promised Brady in writing that a full-ride scholarship by will be given at a later date.

Is this permissible?

Answer: No!

- No written offer of aid, whether direct or indirect, can be offered to a PSA prior to August 1st of their senior year of high school.
- Prior to that date, coaches may not indicate to the PSA that an athletically related grant in aid will eventually be offered by the institution
- After August 1st an institution may provide an offer in writing. However, the PSA is not permitted to sign the offer prior to the initial signing date.

## JULY RECRUITING CALENDARS

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

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	31					

### Men'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	31					

### 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	31					

### 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	31					

### Baseball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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