

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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RECRUITING CALENDARS

BASEBALL

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ALL OTHER SPORTS**

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Contact Period

Eval. Period

Quiet Period

Dead Period

*DEAD PERIODS FOR TRACK/OTHERS**

Track & Field Dead Period:

- Begins 11/17 at 12:01 AM & ends 11/18 at 12:01 AM
- Contact Period begins at 12:02 AM on 11/18

All Other Sports Dead Period:

- Applies to ALL SPORTS EXCEPT SOCCER (Contact Period)

NCAAs MOVED

The NCAA has been forced to relocate several championships from New Jersey because of a new state law now in effect allowing sports wagering on professional and collegiate games.

The six championships, all scheduled in 2013, include Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, Diving Regionals (Piscataway, March 14-17), and Division I Women's Basketball Championship, Trenton Regional (Trenton, March 30-April 2). All six championships will be moved to new host sites and cities, to be determined at a later time.

This policy is in place to ensure the integrity of the game, provide consistency in awarding NCAA championships and to address concerns for student-athlete well-being.

NCAA IMPOSES POSTSEASON BAN FOR TEXAS SOUTHERN

HOUSTON (AP) -- The NCAA banned Texas Southern's men's basketball team from the 2012-13 postseason and the football team from the 2013 and 2014 postseason, citing recruiting violations, academic improprieties, the use of ineligible athletes and exceeding scholarship limits.

The Division I Infractions Committee found a lack of institutional control and outlined widespread violations, spanning 13 sports over a seven-year period in a report released Tuesday. Other penalties include five years' probation, scholarship limitations in football and basketball and the vacation of all team records from the 2006-10 in all sports, and including the 2010-11 records for football and women's soccer. In 2010, Texas Southern won its first Southwestern Athletic Conference football championship since 1968.

The NCAA said the university allowed a total of 129 student-athletes to compete and receive financial aid and travel expenses when they were ineligible. The majority of these student-athletes had not met progress toward degree or transfer requirements, the report said.

The committee also deemed Texas Southern a "double repeat violator," because the athletics program has either been on probation or had violations occurring on campus, or both, for 16 of the past 20 years, the report said. The school had said in the past that it was self-imposing sanctions, but the committee found that it had not, a factor in the severity of the new sanctions.

"That's a unique circumstance," said Greg Sankey, a member of the infractions committee and the chief operating officer of the Southeastern Conference. "That may be the most notable piece of the institution's past circumstances."

The SWAC does not send its teams to the FCS football playoffs, but it does have a conference championship game and in the past teams that have been banned from postseason play by the NCAA were not allowed to compete in the league title game.

The NCAA levied heavy sanctions on Texas Southern's softball and tennis programs in 2008. The softball program was placed on four years of probation and was banned from postseason play in 2009. The men's and women's tennis programs were disbanded in the spring of 2007.

Texas Southern fired Athletic Director Alois Blackwell in February 2008. The school received five academic performance warning letters from the NCAA in 2007. Former Prairie View Athletics Director Charles McClelland took the Texas Southern job in April 2008, and he hired a compliance consultant to clean up the school's department.

Sankey said the school's recidivist status raised the possibility of a "death penalty," the rarely used punishment that bans a school from competing in a particular sport. The NCAA used it to shut down SMU's football program for the 1987 season.

Sankey said the cooperation from McClelland and president John Rudley helped persuade the committee not to consider the death penalty in this case.

"That was a factor in the committee's evaluation in the application of these penalties," Sankey said.

The most prominent violations involved former football coach Johnnie Cole and former basketball coach Tony Harvey. Cole was fired in April 2011, and Harvey resigned after the 2011-12 season. The committee noted "particularly serious violations" occurred when Cole "knowingly allowed a booster to recruit for the football program" and Harvey "provided false or misleading information during the investigation."

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Specifically, the report said that Cole and former assistants “were all aware that a booster was contacting potential transfers and their parents.” The booster also bought an airline ticket for a recruit’s girlfriend. The committee said Cole and his staff encouraged the booster’s efforts and failed to contact the NCAA about possible rules violations related to the booster’s activities.

The men’s basketball team, meanwhile, offered two scholarships that were unavailable after the program was penalized for poor academic performance. During the 2009-10 season, the team also did not adhere to restrictions on practice time, which were imposed after the team fell short on its academic progress report.

Both coaches were ordered to attend a rules seminar, ethics training and are prohibited from any recruiting activities connected to Texas Southern.

The committee also found that the university exceeded financial aid limits between 2008-11.

“Compounding the problems with oversight was that no squad lists were produced by the compliance office during the years the violations occurred,” the report said.

The committee concluded that Texas Southern “lacked institutional control” due to its failure to design safeguards to prevent violations, monitor academic standards and keep track of scholarships. The school “insufficiently investigated academic issues that involved 24 student-athletes and allowed 12 of the 24 student-athletes to receive unearned academic credit.”

Sankey praised Rudley and McClelland for their efforts to fix the athletics department.

“There has been a different level of attention and activity among the university’s current leadership,” he said.

TIMING OF PARTICIPATION AWARDS

The men’s basketball coaching staff at Ocean State University is going to require the student-athletes to wear a jacket and tie when traveling to away from home competitions. Because only a couple of the student-athletes have the proper attire to wear, the staff decided to provide blazers to the team as one of their participation awards for this year. The student-athletes will receive these blazers prior to the first game of the season.

Is this permissible?

No. It is not permissible to provide student-athletes with a participation gift prior to the conclusion of the season.

NCAA Official Interpretation-3/12/12- Permissible Timing for Providing Annual Participation Awards (I)- states that it is not permissible for an institution to provide an annual participation award (e.g., winter coats, travel blazers) to a student-athlete in a particular sport prior to the day of the institution’s final home contest of the regular playing season in that sport.

GOOD LUCK, CAITLIN!

Caitlin has left the Compliance Office after four years because of a family move to Washington, D.C. On behalf of the whole department, we wish Caitlin and her family the best of luck!

Caitlin will be missed greatly, but we look forward to seeing her root on the Bearcats whenever they hit the road to compete against Georgetown.

The search for a new Assistant Director of Compliance is currently under way.

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Coaches, please provide this information to your student-athletes.

REMINDER: You cannot be "friends" with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st of their junior year.

SI REPORT ALLEGES NCAA VIOLATIONS BY FORMER LSU PLAYER TYRANN MATHIEU

Sports Illustrated is reporting that former LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu might have violated NCAA rules by promoting a night club while he was still a member of the team.

The magazine reports Mathieu appeared in a video made by a group of his friends that goes by the name Era Nation in which he promotes a party at a Baton Rouge club called The Palace on March 10 of this year.

His pictures were also on fliers promoting the event called "Era Nation Album Release Party For Tyrann Mathieu." The flier also featured photographs of former LSU star Mo Claiborne, now with the Dallas Cowboys, and current LSU defensive tackle Anthony Johnson.

NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from allowing their names or pictures to be used in advertising the sale of a product or service.

LSU spokesman Michael Bonnette said the school is aware of the promotional material with Johnson's photograph, but does not believe he committed an NCAA violation.

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"We are comfortable that Anthony did not know about it," Bonnette said.

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

M. Basketball - Tennessee- Martin, Nov. 11th @ 2 pm

W. Basketball - Northern Kentucky, Nov. 9th @ 7 pm

Cross Country - NCAA Regionals, Nov. 17th

Football - vs. Rutgers, Nov. 17th @ 12 pm

M. Soccer - BIG EAST Championships, Oct. 31 - Nov. 11

Volleyball - vs. Georgetown, Nov. 2nd @ 7 pm