



# COMPLIANCE



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### CHANGES TO TRANSFER RULES

The Division I Council unanimously adopted a package of rules changes to allow transferring student-athletes who meet certain academic eligibility requirements to be immediately eligible at their new school, regardless of whether they transferred previously.

To be immediately eligible after a transfer:

- Undergrad SAs must leave previous institution while academically eligible and meet PTD requirements at UC before competing.
- To be immediately eligible after a transfer, graduate student-athletes must earn a degree from their previous institution, leave academically eligible, and be enrolled as a full-time postgraduate student while continuing to satisfy minimum academic standards.
- Grad transfers may enter before their transfer window opens, but may not enter after it has closed.
- Walk-ons must now adhere to their sports' given transfer window and may not enter at any time.

### NIL REFORMS

The Division I Council unanimously adopted a proposal that allows schools to provide assistance in supporting NIL activities for student-athletes who disclose NIL arrangements, effective immediately.

Schools would be able to increase NIL-related support for student-athletes, including identifying NIL opportunities and facilitating deals between student-athletes and third parties.

- Student-athletes aren't obligated to accept assistance from the school and must maintain authority over the terms of the NIL agreements.

The existing prohibitions against pay-for-play and schools compensating student-athletes for use of their NIL remain in place.

### ARIZONA STATE FOOTBALL VIOLATION

Arizona State football committed several violations, including:

- Impermissible in-person recruiting contacts during the COVID-19 dead period
- Recruiting inducements
- Impermissible tryouts
- Tampering

The parties agreed that the violations demonstrated unethical conduct by involved individuals and a head coach responsibility violation. Several involved individuals also failed to meet their responsibility to cooperate throughout the investigation. The school also agreed that it failed to monitor its football program.

Penalties include:

- Four years of probation for the school
- Vacation of records for contests in which ineligible student-athletes competed
- A self-imposed postseason ban for the 2023 football season
- A fine
- Scholarship reductions
- Recruiting restrictions
- Show-cause orders for involved individuals

# IS THIS PERMISSIBLE?

A swim and dive student-athlete at home over summer break sends a video of them doing a CrossFit workout to their coach. Is there coach able to post the video on social media with a comment like “Swim and Dive still working hard even in the off season!”

- No

A reminder that you are unable to post voluntary workout videos on social media, even if they are sent by the student-athlete (without the coach asking) or if the student-athlete requests it be posted on the team account.

## SUMMER SOCIAL MEDIA

Student-Athlete Actions on Social Media	Permissible?
SA posts photos/videos of voluntary athletically related activities/workouts on personal social media accounts.	Yes, if not at the direction of athletics staff.
SA posts photos/videos of voluntary athletically related activities/workouts on team or athletics department account.	No
SA tags coach, team, athletics department account in post about voluntary athletically related activities/workout on personal page.	Yes, but coach may not respond

## ARKANSAS STATE SOCCER AND FOOTBALL VIOLATION

- The women’s soccer program provided impermissible travel expenses for families of recruits during official visits.
- The football program committed a tampering violation by contacting a Division II student-athlete who was not in the Transfer Portal.
- Applicable penalties are as follows (full penalties in the official release)
  - One year of probation;
  - A \$15,000 fine;
  - Reductions in off-campus recruiting activities and official visits;
  - One-game suspension for the WSO head coach; and
  - One-year show cause orders for 2 football staff members

## MICHIGAN FOOTBALL INFRACTIONS CASE

- The program was involved with in-person recruiting contacts during the COVID-19 dead period, impermissible tryouts, and noncoaching staff members engaging in technical or tactical instruction with student-athletes.
- Five individuals reached an agreement with NCAA enforcement on impermissible recruiting activities and the program exceeding the permissible number of countable coaches.
- Enforcement also determined a head coach responsibility violation occurred and the institution failed to “detect and deter” impermissible activities.
- Penalties include:
  - Three years of probation for the institution;
  - A fine and recruiting restrictions in alignment with the Level I-Mitigated classification for the institution; and
  - A one-year show cause for the participating individuals consistent with the Level II-Standard and Level II-Mitigated classifications

# MAY RECRUITING CALENDARS

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Women's Basketball

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
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WBB: May 17-19 evaluation period, evaluations permitted at NCAA certified nonscholastic events

## Men's Basketball

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
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## Women's Lacrosse

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Women's Volleyball

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
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## Baseball

Sun	Mon	Tue	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	22	23	24	25
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## All Other Sports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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