



# COMPLIANCE CORNER



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### VARA QUIZ

1. Men's basketball student-athletes were playing a game of pick-up basketball over the summer without coaches present and invited the Director of Operations to play with them.
2. Strength & conditioning coach sent an email to all track & field student-athletes letting them know what times he would be available in the weight room each week to supervise voluntary workouts upon request.
3. Women's basketball student-athletes were playing a game of pick-up basketball without coaches present and invited the manager to play with them.
4. A women's soccer student-athlete was voluntarily practicing shooting drills one afternoon when an assistant coach happened to walk past the field, take a picture, and post it to Twitter to give the student-athlete a shout-out for her hard work.
5. Over the summer, the women's tennis head coach sent a recorded, personalized video to each student-athlete recommending various workouts to do at home over the course of the summer months.
6. Football student-athletes were in the weight room engaging in voluntary strength & conditioning activities. At the same time, their head coach happened to be lifting in the weight room as well.
7. Over the summer, a men's track student-athlete requested a 1-on-1 workout with his strength coach.
8. During the summer, the cross-country coach split the team into two separate teams for a summer points competition. Student-athletes were given a list of voluntary workouts each week and whichever team had the most student-athletes snapchat their voluntary activities to the coach received a prize.

### OHIO INFRACTIONS CASE

The Ohio University women's volleyball coaching staff violated NCAA recruiting rules by impermissibly purchasing airfare for the parents of prospects. The coaching staff provided a total of \$4,408 in airfare for one or both parents of eight prospects. Four of the eight prospects enrolled at Ohio and subsequently participated while ineligible.

Penalties:

- One year of probation
- \$5,000 fine
- Reduction of official visits to a maximum of 5 during 2019-20
- Four week ban on official and unofficial visits and a reduction of off-campus recruiting days by 25
- A vacation of records

# SPOT THE VIOLATION

Tess Ocean is a tennis student-athlete at Benedict University. Over the summer, the local tennis club offers her a job to teach tennis lessons at a rate of \$20 per hour, due to her success on the court, while the normal rate for a similar job at the club is \$15. During her time there, a family approaches her about offering private lessons to their daughter, which Tess eagerly accepted. Deciding that using the club for the lessons didn't give her and her student enough privacy, Tess decided to use her campus ID to access the university tennis courts and conduct her private lessons there.



The violations occurred when Tess was paid at a higher hourly rate than normal, and when she used institutional facilities to give lessons.

**12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes.** Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete:

- (a) Only for work actually performed; and
- (b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

**12.4.2.1 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction.** A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided:

- (a) Institutional facilities are not used

## VARA QUIZ ANSWER KEY

1. No. Members of an institution's coaching staff may not observe student-athletes in non-organized athletically related activities, such as pick-up games, outside of a declared playing season.
2. Yes. Athletic department staff members are permitted to give student-athletes information related to opportunities to participate in voluntary activities, such as when a strength coach will be on duty in the weight room.
3. Yes. Managers are permitted to participate in non-organized athletically related activities outside of the playing season, provided they do not report any information back to the coaches.
4. No. In a team sport by observing and recording the shooting drills, the voluntary activities became countable
5. Yes. Videos detailing workouts can be sent to student-athletes for voluntary activities so long as the athletes are not penalized for not participating and they do not share their results with the staff.
6. No. In a team sport coaches are not permitted to observe voluntary athletically related activities.
7. Yes. The activity has to be requested and initiated solely by the student-athlete.
8. No. Staff members may not provide awards or incentives to student-athletes based on their participation or attendance in the activities. Additionally, recording and sending videos of the activities to the coach is not permissible.

## RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period

Evaluation Period

Dead Period

Recruiting Shutdown

### All Sports

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	

The NCAA adopted Emergency Legislation to establish a temporary recruiting dead period for all NCAA Division I and II sports, effective immediately, and in effect until at least August 31, 2020.