



# COMPLIANCE



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### KENTUCKY FOOTBALL AND SWIM VIOLATIONS

Impermissible benefits occurred in the Kentucky football program and CARA violations occurred in the swim program. At least eleven football student-athletes received payment for work not performed between spring 2021 and March 2022. Eight athletes competed and received actual and necessary expenses despite being ineligible. Penalties include:

- Two years of probation for the school, a fine, and vacation of records of any games where the ineligible athletes competed, which is in alignment with Level-II violations.

Student-athletes in the swim program exceeded CARA limits when they were not provided with required days off and exceeded practice hours for nearly three years. Kentucky agreed that the swim violations supported a failure to monitor the program and head coach responsibility violations. The swim penalties are still pending.

### NOTRE DAME MEN'S SWIM GAMBLING SUSPENSION

Notre Dame is self-imposing a suspension for its men's swimming program for at least one academic year after discovering gambling issues that violate NCAA rules.

The women's swim team and the diving team were unaffected by the suspension. The head coach and the rest of the staff were not part of the suspension, as they were completely unaware of the behavior.

The men's swim team created their own sportsbook for betting on their own performances, with the majority of the returning 24-25 team placing bets. The team also placed bets on other sports at other schools.

Notre Dame also noted that the overall culture and behavior within the program was deserving of the suspension in addition to the gambling.

### MICHIGAN FOOTBALL VIOLATIONS

A D1 infractions committee determined former Michigan head football coach, Jim Harbaugh, committed Level I and Level II violations of recruiting and inducement rules, engaged in unethical conduct, failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance, and violated head coach responsibility obligations during the Covid-19 dead period.

Harbaugh denied any involvement in the impermissible recruiting contacts and inducements despite overwhelming evidence and refused to participate in a hearing before the committee. Penalties include:

- A four-year show-cause order, where he would be barred from all athletically related activities at any employing NCAA school.
- If hired during the show-cause order, he would be suspended for the entirety of his first season of employment and all wins would not be included in his coaching record.

# WOFFORD MEN'S BASKETBALL VIOLATION

Wofford and its former Men's Basketball Head Coach Jay McAuley received hefty penalties from the Division I Committee of Infractions when he violated CARA rules and head coach responsibility rules.

Over the course of two academic years, McAuley made student-athletes participate in CARA on required days off, including film review, walk-throughs, and individual workouts. At least three student-athletes did not have a required day off during a majority of the basketball season.

McAuley also made one student-athlete meet him for CARA after midnight, violating rules that prohibit CARA between midnight and 5am. McAuley directed assistant coaches to ensure the CARA violations occurred.

Because the violations were not discovered until the university president received a letter signed by the men's basketball team stating that they no longer wanted to play for McAuley, the school and enforcement staff agreed that Wofford failed to monitor its men's basketball program.

- Wofford did not have adequate compliance monitoring in place to deter and detect the violations, including not collecting CARA logs for a 9-week period.

Level II-Mitigated penalties for the university include:

- One year of probation
- A \$5,000 fine
- Reduction of CARA by two hours per week during the 24-25 season.
- Three student-athletes will review and confirm the accuracy of CARA each week during the 24-25 season.

Level II-Aggravated penalties for McAuley include:

- Two year show-cause order. Any employing school must restrict McAuley from all athletically related duties from the beginning of the show-cause order through the first regular-season contest and from participation in all CARA activities outside the playing season until the end of the first year of the show-cause period. Any employing school shall suspend him from 50% of regular-season contests in the first season of his employment.

## IS THIS PERMISSIBLE?

The baseball team at College University has just lost a tough away match. On the bus ride home, a student-athlete asks his coach to go over the film from the game with him on the way home. The coach and the student-athlete review the game film together for the rest of the bus ride. Is this permissible?

- A. Yes, this is permissible since the game just happened and the loss is fresh in everyone's minds.
- B. No, this is not permissible since the film review with the coach counts as CARA.
- C. Yes, this is permissible since the student-athlete approached the coach to review the film together.
- D. No, this is not permissible because a student-athlete cannot watch film whatsoever after a competition.

Answer: B. No, this is not permissible since the film review with the coach counts as CARA.

Reviewing film with a coach is classified as CARA. CARA is not permitted following competition.

**17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition.** Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament). *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/13/09)*

# CARA Reminder:

## Labor Day

Monday, September 2nd



**20hrs.** • All in-season sports do not have daily hour limitations, but must stay within 20 hours for the week, 4 daily hours for the other days, and have one day off. Labor Day can be used as an off day.

*Football / Soccer / Cross Country / Golf / Volleyball / Tennis (effective 9/1)*

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**8hrs.** • All out-of-season sports are prohibited from CARA

*Basketball / Track and Field / Swim and Dive / Baseball*

# SEPTEMBER RECRUITING CALENDARS

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

Sun	Mo	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					

## Men's Basketball

Sun	Mon	Tu	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					

## Women's Basketball

Sun	Mo	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
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## 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
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## All other sports

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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