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# Recruiting Calendars

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## Quick Hits: Recruiting Contact Violations



Two Baylor University assistant football coaches exceeded the number of allowable recruiting evaluations for two prospects, and had impermissible contact with one of the prospects, according to a decision issued by a Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

Despite receiving education about recruiting rules, two assistant football coaches tried to find a loophole in the rules to allow them to be seen more by prospects in the spring. According to the NCAA Committee on Infractions, during one compliance education session, a coach asked if the staff could attend a track meet and turn their backs when the prospect they wanted to be seen by was competing. This would allow them to not log an evaluation for this instance. Although the compliance office stated this would be allowable, the committee noted that counsel was ill-advised at best. It further noted that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for a school to monitor when, or if, a coach attending a track meet looks down or turns away from a certain event to avoid evaluations of a prospect.

After receiving the guidance from compliance, the two assistant coaches attended track meets during the spring of 2015 and positioned themselves where contact with prospects was possible. Schools are limited to two evaluations per prospect in the spring evaluation period, so the three evaluations with one prospect and four evaluations with another violated NCAA rules.

Among the self-imposed penalties was a \$5,000 fine, recruiting limitations on track meets, and suspensions of the coaches involved for one regular season game.

A former Appalachian State University assistant football coach sent 416 impermissible texts to a prospect's mother, contrary to NCAA rules at the time, according to a Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

Shortly after the prospect made an unofficial visit on the campus, the former assistant coach cautioned the mother that they were not supposed to text, but said it was fine if no one knew about the communication. The text messaging continued for the next four months. The communication was undetected by the university because the football program did not designate the prospect as a recruit, so the monitoring software did not recognize the texts as inappropriate.

The panel laid down a one-year show-cause order for any school wishing to hire the now former assistant coach., and gave Appalachian State a \$5,000 fine.

### 13.02.7 Evaluation.

An evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospective student-athlete participating in any practice or competition at any site.

### 13.02.4 Contact.

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., staff member positions himself or herself in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs.

# Social Media NCAA Chart



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## Athletics Personnel Social Media Policy



Before a PSA has committed to UC, athletics department staff member **CAN**:

- Friend or Follow a PSA's social media profile prior to the first permissible date to provide recruiting materials.
- Like, Favorite, or Repost a post originated by a prospective student-athlete's social media profile prior to the first permissible date to provide recruiting materials.

Before a PSA has committed to UC, athletics department staff member **CANNOT**:

- Share a post by a Scouting Service about a PSA
- Comment on the post of a prospective student-athlete on his or her social media platform
  - Example: You had a big game last night! Great job!
- "Tag" or "mention" a prospective student-athlete's social media profile in a post or picture generated by the athletics department staff member's social media profile
  - Example: @PSA1 had a great game yesterday
- Use a hash-tag commonly used by a PSA's high school, coach, or team
  - Example: #TigerPride
- Comment on a Facility Used by a PSA
  - Example: Had a great time at City High School Gym last night. Such a great arena to watch basketball in!

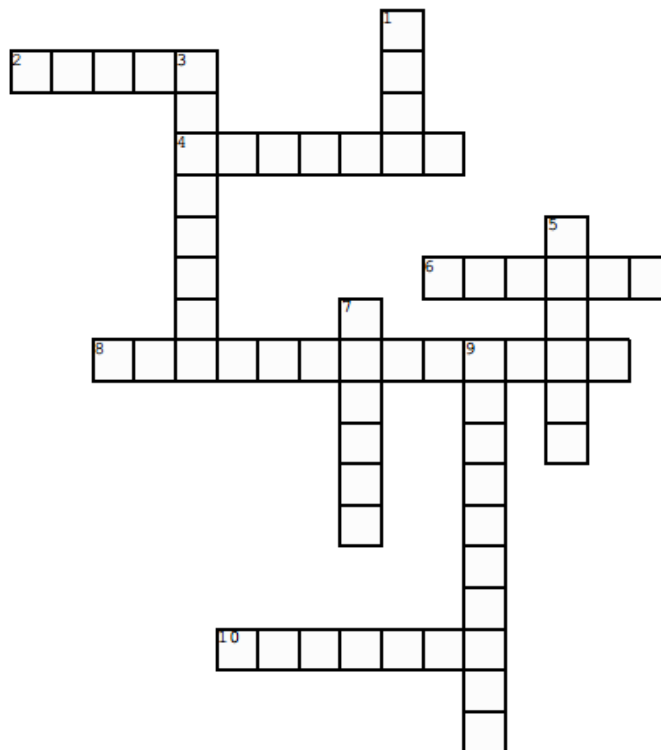


# Compliance Crossword Puzzle

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Complete the crossword below



## Across

2. Participation on a team that includes a professional \_\_\_\_\_ or referee does not cause the team to be classified as a profession
4. CARA stands for: Countable Athletically \_\_\_\_\_ Activities.
6. A staff member may earn \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to the institutional salary by performing services for outside groups (Bylaw 11.3.2).
8. Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is \_\_\_\_\_, except as provided in Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and
10. A PSA \_\_\_\_\_ take an official or unofficial visit during a dead period

## Down

1. How many years do you have to play your four seasons of eligibility?
3. A medical \_\_\_\_\_ waiver may be submitted on behalf of an athlete who suffers an injury early in the season.
5. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ limit for books, so long as each book is required (Bylaw 15.2.3)
7. There are no \_\_\_\_\_ on the number of student-athletes in baseball who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics
9. Meals \_\_\_\_\_ to participation are not deducted from the SA's financial aid. (Bylaw 15.2.2.1.6)

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Can a SA receive meals if they are required to be on campus during the vacation period?**

A: YES! NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.1.6 sets forth that a SA may receive meals incidental to participation. In this instance a SA could receive meals from the institution if required to stay on campus for athletic activities.

**Q: Are in-season sports limited to 20 hours of CARA per week during a vacation period?**

A: NO! Sports which are in-season can have unlimited CARA during a vacation period. However out-of-season sports cannot have any CARA during the vacation period.

**Q: If a PSA has paid his/her financial deposit for admissions, but has not signed an NLI may they visit with coaches during a dead period (sports other than football)?**

A: YES! NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2 states that as long as a PSA has paid his/her financial deposit the dead period restrictions do not apply to them. So they can visit with coaches without incurring a violation.

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*Remember to **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!***