



# COMPLIANCE CORNER



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### TEXAS A&M INFRACTIONS CASE

The Texas A&M football program violated NCAA recruiting and CARA rules from January 2018—February 2019, with the head coach violating NCAA head coach responsibility rules. The head coach and an assistant coach had impermissible contact with a PSA at their high school. The contact was impermissible because it happened before the completion of the PSA's junior year. As for the CARA violations, during the permissible weeks of spring and summer activity, the football program unintentionally caused student-athletes to exceed activity time limits by approximately seven hours. The head coach failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance because of his direct involvement in the recruiting violation. The university, head coach, and the enforcement staff agreed upon penalty guidelines for Level II mitigated penalties for the university and assistant coach and Level II standard penalties for the head coach.

- One year of probation
- Fine of \$5,000
- Reduction of official visits in football by 17 days
- Off-campus recruiting ban for football coaching staff for November 2019
- 7 day off-campus recruiting ban for football coaching staff for spring off-campus recruiting period and a 10 day off-campus recruiting ban for the coaching staff for the 2020 fall off-campus recruiting period
- End of the recruitment of the prospect by the university
- 6-month show-cause order for the head coach

## REMINDERS

### Back to School:

- ◆ Fall classes begin August 24th
- ◆ Open enrollment is from August 13—August 30

### JumpForward Forms:

- ◆ Forms will be sent out through JumpForward this month and since we are not on campus, we will need your help to stay on student-athletes to fill out their forms. We will send out emails to each coaching staff weekly with the student-athletes who have yet to complete their forms. Without completing the forms they will be barred from practice and competition.

### GIA Renewals:

- ◆ These have already been sent out but we are still missing quite a few of them. Please remind student-athletes when you meet with them to turn them back in to the compliance staff as soon as possible. There will be a hold on scholarship disbursement until we receive the signed agreement.

# SPOT THE VIOLATION

Mitchell Sparrow grew up playing soccer overseas in the U.K where he earned international recognition for his play. He decided he wanted to play intercollegiate soccer in the U.S, so he used an international recruiting company to connect him with college coaches in the U.S. Years later after garnering success playing college soccer, the recruiting company asked him to use himself in a video promoting how the company helped him earn a scholarship overseas. Mitchell agreed to help the company out.



The violations occurred when Mitchell agreed to have his name and image likeness to promote a commercial organization. However, with compliance permission, student-athletes may interview with the company, but they cannot promote it.

**12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete.** After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

(a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or

(b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual's use of such product or service.

**12.5.2.4 Other Promotional Activities.** A student-athlete may not participate in any promotional activity that is not permitted under Bylaw 12.5.1.

## SPORTS WAGERING REMINDERS

Now that professional sports are starting to pick back up, this is a reminder that it is still impermissible for staff members or student-athletes to bet on NCAA sponsored sporting events. This includes the now legal sports betting at casinos and online in Indiana. If found violating NCAA sport wagering prohibitions, student-athletes may be deemed ineligible for competition while institutional staff and coaches are subject to the disciplinary rules governing the NCAA infractions process.

**10.02.1 Sports Wagering** - Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to:

- The use of a bookmaker or parlay card;
- Internet sports wagering;
- Auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests, and
- Pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

## 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.