



# COMPLIANCE CORNER



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# FOCUS OF THE MONTH

## D1 COUNCIL UPDATES

### • Transfer Updates

- The one-time transfer proposal has been adopted. This year, all students must provide written notification prior to July 1st. In future years, the date will be May 1st for Fall/Winter sports and July 1st for Spring sports.
- The AAC has eliminated our intraconference transfer policy, allowing for student-athletes from AAC schools to transfer within conference without penalty.

### • Recruiting Updates

- The COVID-19 temporary dead period will end on May 31st and we will return to normal recruiting calendars on June 1st.
- Student-athletes can continue to participate on recruiting calls.
- Non-coaching staff members can continue to initiate calls.
- The Council approved the waiver to allow committed PSAs to participate on virtual team activities once they have graduated from high school or finished their academic year (for transfers).
- The Council approved the waiver to allow uncommitted PSAs to observe virtual team activities one time per PSA through the summer of 2021.
- The Eligibility Center has extended the COVID waiver and 2022 graduates will not need to take a standardized test to be a final qualifier.

# YOUNGSTOWN STATE INFRACTIONS

- A Youngstown State football coach had impermissible contacts with a prospect, and three football staff members were permitted to recruit off campus without completing the coaches certification test, and the school failed to monitor its football program.
- The assistant coach had 41 impermissible contacts without obtaining written permission from the prospect's DII institution. The prospect mistakenly informed the coach he was in the Transfer Portal, but was unaware that DII had not adopted the same rules and the school was not required to add him to the Portal. The assistant coach did not have rules education or access to the Portal, and he did not check to confirm the prospect's transfer status.
- The former head coach and two assistant coaches did not take the 2019-20 coaches certification exam, meaning they had impermissible contacts with 16 prospects and conducted two impermissible

## PENALTIES

- Two years of probation.
- A reduction of official visits by three during the 2021-22 academic year.
- A two-week ban on unofficial visits and all recruiting communication during the 2020-21 academic year.
- A reduction of football evaluation days by three during the 2021-22 academic year,
- The assistant coach was suspended from all coaching duties during three preseason football dates and was banned from recruiting activities from February 13-26, 2021.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INFRACTIONS

- A former USC men's basketball associate head coach violated NCAA ethical conduct rules when he accepted a \$4,100 bribe from a business management company to influence student-athletes.
- In two meetings in 2017, the coach accepted a bribe from financial advisors and business managers in exchange for directing basketball players to retain their services, and also touted his influence and ability to connect current and prospective student-athletes with the company.
- This case is related to a broader scheme involving money and influence in college basketball that has led to the arrests and prosecution of multiple individuals on conspiracy and bribery charges.

## PENALTIES

- Two years of probation.
- A reduction of scholarships by two for the 2018-19 academic year.
- A reduction of official visits to 20 during the 2018-19/2019-20 rolling two-year period.
- A reduction in recruiting person days by 20 during the 2018-19 academic year.
- A three-year show-cause order for the former associate head coach.

## RECRUITING CALENDARS

### All Sports

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	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					

Contact Period

Evaluation Period

Dead Period

Recruiting Shutdown

The NCAA adopted Emergency Legislation to establish a temporary recruiting dead period for all NCAA Division I sports, effective immediately, and in effect until May 31, 2021.