



# MAKING HEADLINES

### College Admission Scandal Involves Some NCAA Athletics Programs

Coaches at Yale, Southern California, UCLA, Wake Forest, and Texas were among those implicated in a massive bribery scheme unveiled by the FBI and federal prosecutors earlier this month.

The FBI and federal prosecutors allege that some coaches received kickbacks in exchange for designating the involved high school students as preferred walk-ons. In NCAA terminology, a preferred walk-on is a prospective student-athlete who is recruited to a team and guaranteed a roster spot, but not given a scholarship. Some institutions may have more lenient academic requirements for a preferred walk-on to gain admittance compared to a traditional applicant.

The trials will be ongoing over the coming months. However, former Yale women's Head Soccer Coach Rudy Meredith pleaded guilty this week to charges for seeking almost \$1 million in compensation from parents to classify their children as athletes at the Ivy League institution. Another 12 individuals, including six former college athletic coaches involved in the scandal, pleaded not-guilty earlier this week to racketeering conspiracy charges.



## COMPLIANCE

### MVP:

This month's Compliance MVP comes to us from our athletic medical staff. We would like to thank Dr. Eric Goldstein for his support and help with the Compliance Office. Thank you, Dr. Goldstein!





## MARCH MADNESS GAMBLING REMINDER

With the NCAA Basketball Tournament (i.e. “March Madness”) in progress, this is your friendly reminder that NCAA rules prohibit any member of our athletic department staff and student-athletes to participate in any gambling activities in any NCAA sport.

**Sports wagering** includes placing, accepting, or soliciting a wager 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. **Bylaw 10.02.1**

A **wager** is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value. **Bylaw 10.02.2**

Any wager, no matter the value is a violation (i.e. \$1, \$5, \$10, wearing a t-shirt of an opposing team). Please contact the compliance office with any questions concerning this issue.

## SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES

The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

- (a) **Staff members** of an institution’s athletics department;
- (b) Non-athletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department.
- (c) Staff members of a conference office; and
- (d) Student-athletes.





## COMPLIANCE NOTES

All known violations are required to be submitted to Craig Anderson or Blake James. If you are aware of a violation, recruiting or otherwise, please make sure that one of these two individuals is informed. Feel free to contact the compliance office with any questions you may have.

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## Vacation Period Expenses Reminder

During a Vacation Period, Student-Athletes may receive room and board expenses in the following circumstances:

- Student-Athletes who are required to remain **on campus** for organized practice sessions or competition if the dorms and dining halls are closed.
- If a student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided, except for a meal that is incidental to participation to required activities.
- Student-Athletes who return to campus from institutional competition during the official vacation period during a regular academic term (e.g., Spring Break). Room and board expenses may be provided when the student-athlete arrives on campus.

If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes, a cash allowance may be provided not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away from campus trips.

## Vacation Practice Hours Reminder

A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer.

Coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform strength and conditioning duties on a department-wide basis may conduct and design specific workout programs for student-athletes provided that the workouts are voluntary and by request of the student-athlete. The participation in these activities may not be reported back to the coaching staff however, and the student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity.

For sports that are in their declared regular season during spring break however, daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities.



# MARCH / APRIL RECRUITING CALENDAR

## BASEBALL

- Contact Period - March 1 - July 31

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Recruiting Period - March 1 - 31
- Quiet Period - April 1 - 3
- Dead Period - April 4 - 11
- Recruiting Period - April 11 - 14
- Dead Period - April 15 - 18
- Recruiting Period - April 19 - 24
- Quiet Period - April 25
- Evaluation Period - April 26 - 28
- Recruiting Period - April 29 - May 2

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Contact Period - March 1 - Apr. 31

## TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

- Contact Period - March 10 - June 4

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Contact Period - March 1 - April 4
- Dead Period - April 5 - 11
- Quiet Period - April 12 - 14
- Dead Period - April 15 - 18
- Evaluation Period (scholastic only) - Apr. 19 - 23
- Quiet Period - April 24 - 25
- Evaluation Period (certified non-scholastic) - April 26 - 28
- Quiet Period - April 29 - May 4

## FOOTBALL

- Quiet Period - March 1 - April 14
- Evaluation Period - April 15 - 20
- Quiet Period - April 21
- Evaluation Period - April 22 - 27
- Quiet Period - April 28
- Evaluation Period - April 29 - May 4

## ALL OTHER SPORTS

- Contact/Evaluation Period - March 1– July 31



# ASK BEFORE U ACT

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