

September 2018 Newsletter

MAKING HEADLINES

Pick-Up Soccer with Foo Fighters Leads to NCAA Action

Three University of Kentucky Men's Soccer student-athletes and one Women's Soccer student-athlete will miss two supervised team activities for playing a pick-up soccer game with the members of the band the Foo Fighters and members of the Kentucky Soccer coaching staffs.

The pick-up game took place at the end of the academic year within a week before final exams. Per NCAA rules, sports that are out of season are prohibited from conducting CARA and RARA activities beginning a week before final exams start and are prohibited from conducting those activities until the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams.

The Foo Fighters were in town to play a concert at Rupp Arena later that day. The presence of the Kentucky Soccer coaching staffs made the activity impermissible during this time period. Upon realizing the violation, the University self-reported the violation and the involved student-athletes received the suspension. The NCAA took into account that the University self-reported and also considered the unique circumstances of this pick-up soccer game.



COMPLIANCE

MVP:

This month's Compliance *MVP* comes to us from Strength and Conditioning. We would like to thank Caitlin Smith for her support and help with the Compliance Office. Thank you Caitlin!





Recruiting Periods

For sports other than men's basketball, the academic year is divided into four different recruiting periods that allow for various recruiting activities. These include the following:

Contact Period

- ◇ A contact period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period

- ◇ An evaluation period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made during the quiet period.

Quiet Period

- ◇ A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during a quiet period.

Dead Period

- ◇ During a dead period it is not permissible to make any in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off of the institution's campus. However, it remains permissible to call or write recruits during this period.

* **Recruiting Period** - Men's Basketball Only - A recruiting period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Social Media

Social media has grown to be an increasingly prevalent part of everyday life. Staying in compliance with the rules and regulations regarding social media is more important now than ever. Below are a few dos and don'ts to keep in mind:

- Prior to a prospective student athlete (PSA) signing a national letter of intent, it is **impermissible** to publically comment on an individual's social media page/account.
(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, LinkedIn, etc.)
- However, actions of approval are permissible ("like", "favorite", "retweet") for content created by the PSA.
- It is not permissible to like, favorite, etc. content by media outlets posting about prospective student-athletes.



COMPLIANCE NOTES

The use of amateur athletes' names and likenesses is an issue currently in the news. Should you have any questions regarding the case or the implications it has on student athletes, feel free to contact Compliance.

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TEXTING & PHONE CALLS

The following are sport-specific regulations for when it is permissible to text or make phone calls to prospective student-athletes:

Men's Basketball:

- Unlimited phone calls and text messages to prospective student-athletes starting June 15 of the PSA's Sophomore Year

Baseball, Women's Basketball, Golf, Rowing, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field/Cross Country, Volleyball:

- Unlimited phone calls and text messages to prospective student-athletes beginning September 1 of the PSA's Junior Year

Football:

- Phone Calls: 1 call for Junior prospects between April 15-May 31, 1 call per week after September 1 of Senior year, unlimited during contact periods.
- Text Messages: Unlimited beginning September 1 of PSA's Junior Year

Swimming & Diving:

- Phone Calls: Unlimited beginning July 1 following Junior Year
- Text Messages: Unlimited beginning September 1 of Junior Year

Note: Non-coaching staff members should check with compliance before texting or calling prospects.

Compliance Tip of the Month:

It is now permissible during an official visit to provide reasonable snacks to a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the institution's discretion.



SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER RECRUITING CALEN-

Men's Basketball

- Quiet Period - August 1 - Sept. 8
- Recruiting Period - Sept. 9 - Nov. 11

Women's Basketball

- Quiet Period - August 18 - Sept. 8
- Contact Period - Sept. 9 - Sept. 29
- Evaluation Period - Sept. 30 - Nov. 11

Track & Field

- Contact Period - Aug. 22 - Nov. 11

Football

- Evaluation/Quiet Period - September 1 - November 24

Baseball

- Quiet Period - August 27 - Sept. 13
- Contact Period Sept. 14 - Nov. 11

Volleyball

- Contact Period - Sept. 1 - Nov. 11

ALL OTHER SPORTS

- Contact Period - Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Athletic Department Staff Members who got a **PERFECT SCORE** on the Annual Compliance Staff Exam!

Sarah Baron; Derek Brackett; Cheyenne Cousineau; Michael Cox; Lindsey Cugno; Heather de la Osa; Camron Ghorbi; Jon Gombinski; Kevin Ivany; Victor Ishmael; Oneal Little; Mackenzie McCurdy; Megan McLeod; Brandyn Musgrave; Nicholas Petrucelli; Alejandro Rengifo; Karl Rennals; Alfonso Restrepo; Brent Sappe; Alex Schwartz; John Thomas; Carter Toole; Aliana Valenzuela; Arnaud Vidaller; Josh Walters

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