



UCOMPLIANCE APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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IN THE NEWS

NCAA Council Extends Spring Athletes Eligibility

The Division I Council voted on Monday, March 30th to allow schools to provide spring-sport student-athletes an additional season of competition and an extension of their period of eligibility.

Financial aid rules have been adjusted as well to allow teams to carry more members on scholarship to account for incoming recruits and student-athletes who had been in their last year of eligibility who decide to stay. The Council vote also provided schools with the flexibility to give students the opportunity to return for 2020-21 without requiring that athletics aid be provided at the same level awarded for 2019-20. This flexibility applies only to student-athletes who would have exhausted eligibility in 2019-20.

Division I rules limit student-athletes to four seasons of competition in a five-year period. The Council's decision allows schools to self-apply waivers to restore one of those seasons of competition for student-athletes who had competed while eligible in the COVID-19-shortened 2020 spring season.

The Council also will allow schools to self-apply a one-year extension of eligibility for spring-sport student-athletes, effectively extending each student's five-year "clock" by a year. This decision was especially important for student-athletes who had reached the end of their five-year clock in 2020 and saw their seasons end abruptly.

COMPLIANCE MVP



We can all agree, if someone had told us last December that a virus would cause events to be cancelled mid-game, end spring sports' seasons, and have us all working from home, practicing this strange thing known as social-distancing, we'd never have believed them.

The Compliance Office would like to thank this month's Compliance MVP, Blake James, for all he's done to ensure the health and safety of our student-athletes and athletic department staff while navigating an unprecedented situation.

ONLINE/VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING STUDENT-ATHLETES

- The NCAA is permitting **up to 4 hours per week of virtual required film review with student-athletes**. Whether this is done in a team setting, in individual settings, or in smaller groups, it must be recorded on Teamworks.
 - The only requirement for our Coaching Staffs is to make sure these activities are placed on the Teamworks calendar by the end of every week.
 - For purposes of this time, a **week is defined as Sunday to Saturday for all sports**. This means all calendars must be accurate for the previous week by each Saturday evening.
 - All of our normal Time Management Policies are being relaxed at this time – Coaches do not have to place the activity on the calendar within 48 hours of the activity taking place. However, please be mindful of the students' class schedules – **students may not miss class to participate in film review**.
 - Coaches may place the activity on the students' calendars after the activity takes place to ensure accuracy of attendance and calculation of hours.
 - **Sports other than football** - required film review may take place through April 29, 2020 at this time.
 - **Football** - required film review may take place outside of the declared discretionary weeks.
- Student-athletes **may be given workouts with the language that they are strongly recommended, but not required**.
 - Any workout that is being sent out to the student-athletes must be first approved by Luis Feigenbaum.
 - Student-athletes may voluntarily report back to their Strength and Conditioning Coach or countable Coach on their workouts. **Coaches cannot require students to provide updates on their workouts, but Coaches may discuss a student's workouts for wellness purposes** if the student brings it up on their own.
 - It is permissible for a student to send a recorded video to a Strength and Conditioning Coach or countable Coach for review for safety reasons. **This must be voluntary and cannot be required**.
 - It is permissible for a student to post a video of him/her participating in a voluntary workout to his/her social media account. **Coaches (and institutional accounts) may retweet/share/repost that video**. Institutional staff members cannot require students to post videos of their workouts.
- Virtual (live) workouts are not allowed.

As we receive additional guidance from the NCAA and ACC, we will update this policy. Thank you all for your patience as we work through this.

TEMPORARY DEAD PERIOD EXTENDED



The NCAA adopted emergency legislation to extend the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) in all NCAA Division I sports, through at least May 31. The Council Coordination Committee will review the status of the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to recruiting again in early May to determine whether the dead period needs to be extended further.

NLI SIGNING PERIOD



ALL SPORTS NLI SIGNING PERIOD

APRIL 15, 2020 - AUGUST 1, 2020

- NLI/GIA may not be sent to a PSA prior to 12:01 A.M. on April 15, 2020
- PSA's may not sign the NLI prior to 7:00 a.m. on April 15, 2020

RETENTION OF APPAREL/EQUIPMENT



A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel at the end of the student-athlete's participation in collegiate athletics (i.e., graduates, exhausts eligibility).

Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete for the used retail value of the equipment.

VIRTUAL CAMPS & CLINICS



Coaches and non-coaching sport specific staff may not work camps or clinics during the recruiting dead period. This includes virtual camps and clinics.

ONLINE/VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING PROSPECTS

Question: May an institution's coach conduct a group video call with multiple uncommitted prospective student-athletes?

Answer: No. A coach may not conduct group conversations with prospective student-athletes (as on Zoom, Skype or FaceTime) as these interactions are not private between the sender and recipient.

Question: May committed prospective student-athletes virtually participate in required athletically related activities (e.g., team-building, entertainment)?

Answer: No. Prospective student-athletes are not permitted to engage in required athletically related activities with student-athletes.

Question: May a prospective student-athlete use video call software to observe a team position meeting in any sport?

Answer: No. Bylaw 13.1.3.5.2 does not allow an enrolled student-athlete to participate in a telephone call with a prospective student-athlete at the direction of a coaching staff member. Therefore, a prospective student-athlete may not use audio or video call software to listen to or observe a team position meeting if that meeting is scheduled or arranged by the coaching staff. Further, Bylaw 14.2.1.1.1 does not permit prospective student-athletes to engage in meetings (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review).



REPORTING VIOLATIONS

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.

TIP OF THE MONTH

VIRTUAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

A coach may not be involved in virtual speaking engagements because coaches may not conduct group conversations with prospective student-athletes (e.g., Zoom, Skype, FaceTime) because group conversations are not private between the sender and recipient.

Further, recruiting activities like telephone or video calls, may be conducted only by a head or assistant coach who counts towards the institution's coaching limitations; therefore, institutional staff members not permitted to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete are not permitted to participate in a video call.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

APRIL 2020

BASEBALL						
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MEN'S BASKETBALL						
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL						
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FOOTBALL						
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SOCCER						
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TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY						
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VOLLEYBALL						
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ALL OTHER SPORTS						
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CALENDAR KEY	
CONTACT PERIOD	RECRUITING PERIOD (MEN'S BASKETBALL ONLY)
QUIET PERIOD	EVALUATION PERIOD
RECRUITING SHUTDOWN (WBB ONLY)	DEAD PERIOD

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