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# **COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER**

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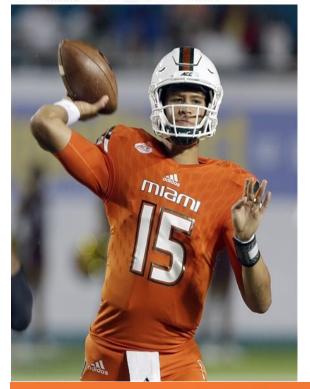
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# **Social Media**

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

- Prior to a prospective student athlete signing a national letter of intent, it is impermissible to publically contact or comment on, individuals via social media outlets.
   (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, LinkedIn, etc.)
- However, actions of approval are permissible ("like", "favorite", "retweet") toward prospective student-athletes prior to the signing of an NLI.
- Please contact Compliance for any other questions regarding permissible and impermissible uses of social media.





# **Complimentary Admissions**

Since football season is upon us, its important to remember that all recruits who are provided complimentary admissions are technically on Unofficial visits. Neither recruits nor their guests should be provided parking passes from coaches or staff members. If recruits or their guests would like to purchase a parking pass, they should be directed to the ticket office.

Additionally, we are not allowed to provide recruits with meals at tailgates at the stadium or inside of the recruit area of the stadium, unless they have paid for the meals. It is an extra benefit and an improper inducement for recruits on unofficial visits and their guests to receive free meals. If you have any questions concerning unofficial visits, please contact the compliance office.

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# **Extra Benefits**

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional staff member/ representative of athletic interest (booster) to provide a Student-Athlete or their family or friends with a benefit that is not generally available to a particular segment of the student body.

#### **EXTRA BENEFITS ARE PROHIBITED BY THE NCAA!**

**Common Examples:** Money, Loans, Bonds, Co-Signing of Loans Free Transportation (use of a car, airline tickets, bus tickets, boat etc.) Free Merchandise, (clothes, video games, etc.) Entertainment and Meals Discounted Merchandise Use of Credit Card, Calling Card, etc.

# **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 asses 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, offcampus 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.

## **COMPLIANCE MVP**

This month's compliance MVP comes to us from the academics/compliance staff. We would like to thank Latrice for helping foster an atmosphere of compliance, and working with our staff.







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# **COMPLIANCE NOTES**

The use of amateur athletes' names and likenesses is an exciting 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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# In the News: Former College Players' Suit Dismissed

The US District Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by ten former collegiate athletes accusing TV networks and college conferences from profiting from their names and likenesses without permission. The Court ruled that the decision to grant the defendant's motion to dismiss was "a notably sound and thorough opinion."

The former athletes filed suit in Nashville, Tennessee in October 2014. The plaintiffs included football and basketball players from Vanderbilt, Washington, Tennessee, Tennessee State, Chattanooga, and Maryland-Eastern Shore. Defendants included ESPN, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, and the Southeastern Conference.





# SEPTEMBER RECRUITING CALENDAR

### **BASEBALL**

- Quiet Period September 1-8
- Contact Period September 9-30

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Quiet Period September 1-8
- Recruiting Period September 9-30

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Quiet Period September 1-8
- Contact Period September 9-29
- Evaluation Period September 30

## **FOOTBALL**

• Evaluation Period - September 1-30

## **ALL OTHER SPORTS**

• Contact Period - September 1-30



# **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, Volley-ball:

 Unlimited phone calls and text messages to prospective student-athletes beginning September 1of 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.

# **ASK BEFORE U ACT**

Compliance Questions? Contact a compliance staff member, e-mail us at Athleticscompliance@miami.edu, or call 305-284-2692. Please follow us on Twitter (@UCompliance) and "like" us on Facebook, (www.facebook.com/UCompliance).