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IN THE NEWS

Charleston Southern University

Violation Summary: The Charleston Southern women's volleyball head coach had 79 impermissible contacts with at least eight student-athletes and two parents of student-athletes he previously coached or recruited at a different university without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process.

Penalty Summary: One year of probation, which extends the university's current probation period through Oct. 15, 2021. A \$5,000 fine. A one-year show-cause order for the coach. During that period, he is prohibited from participating in all recruiting communication contacts and off-campus recruiting for two weeks during the next contact period. The coach also must reduce his number of evaluation days during the next recruiting cycle by four. The coach must be suspended from 10% of the next season. The suspension will be served during home games. The university must include a letter of admonishment in the coach's human resource record. The head coach must attend one NCAA Regional Rules Seminar in 2021 at his own expense.

Full case details available [HERE](#).

COMPLIANCE MVP



This month's MVPs come to us from the women's soccer staff. The Compliance Office would like to thank Nicky Petrucelli and Jeremy Williams.

We appreciate all



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Compliance Office!



NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Sport (s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2020	November 18, 2020
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2021	May 19, 2021
Football (Early Period)	December 16, 2020	December 18, 2020
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2020	January 15, 2021
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2021	April 1, 2021
All Other Division I Sports	November 11, 2020	August 1, 2021

Eligibility	A prospect must be registered with the Eligibility Center. Four-year college transfers may sign a GIA but not NLI.
Agreement	<p>An NLI is a binding agreement that, once signed by a prospect, requires the prospect to attend the signing institution for one academic year, provided the prospect meets all applicable university, conference, and NCAA rules for the receipt of aid.</p> <p>The NLI must be accompanied by a financial aid agreement, which serves as the institution's commitment to provide financial aid for a designated period.</p>
Recruiting Ban	Once a prospect signs an NLI, other institutions may not recruit the prospect.
NLI Penalty	A prospect who does not attend the signing institution or attends for less than one full academic year may not represent a second institution in competition until he or she completes one academic year in residence. The prospect also loses a season of competition.
Signing Requirement	<p>NLI may not be signed prior to 7:00 AM (PSA's local time) on the initial signing date for the applicable sport.</p> <p>NLI must include a parent or legal guardian signature if the prospective student-athlete is under the age of 21.</p> <p>NLI must be signed within 7 days of issuance date.</p>

Publicity Prior to Commitment (PSA has not signed NLI/GIA)

May a media entity be present during recruiting contact made by a coaching staff member on or off campus?

- No. The media may never be present during recruiting contact.

May a coach comment publicly on the likelihood of a prospective student-athlete (PSA) committing to the institution?

- No. Before a PSA signs an NLI, an institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the PSA. The institution may not comment on the PSA's athletic ability, potential contribution to the team, or the likelihood of the PSA signing an NLI.

Publicity After Commitment (PSA has signed NLI/GIA)

Teams may not publicize a PSA's commitment until Compliance has verified the NLI.

Compliance will notify the coaching staff, sport admin, academics, and sport information director via email once the prospective student-athlete's NLI has been validated, at which point the team may publicize (i.e., press release) a prospect's commitment.

The NCAA DI Council has provided new guidance regarding on- and off-campus contacts during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.

The following updates were made to the COVID 19 Q & A:



A coach **may not** have off-campus contact with an NLI/GIA signee.

NLI/GIA signees **may not** take an official or unofficial visit.

A prospect coach (or IAWP) **may not** attend a closed to the public practice. Note, due to the ongoing pandemic, open practices are subject to UM COVID Committee approval. Please speak with your sport administrator if there are questions.

NAME, IMAGE & LIKENESS LEGISLATION

The NCAA DI Council has introduced name, image, likeness concepts into the legislative cycle for membership review over the next couple months and vote on in January.

In the meantime, current NIL rules continue to apply to any activity involving the name, image, or appearance of any current student-athlete.

Here are some reminders relating to social media posts:

It is not permissible for UM coaches or staff to tag a business or provide a link to the business's website in a social media post containing student-athletes.

In addition, coaches and staff should not use student-athletes' NIL in conjunction with equipment or gear reveals.

Examples:

- Sport programs may not tag the location of team entertainment (e.g., Top-golf) or team meals/snacks (e.g., Kona Ice, Eat Clean) in social media posts with photos or videos containing current student-athletes.
- Sport programs should not use current student-athletes to promote a new shoe or other apparel items received from adidas.
- Local businesses (i.e., barbershop, hairdresser, gym) cannot use student-athletes NIL in social media posts.
- Student-athletes cannot post photos or highlight videos that include the logo, watermark, branding, or name of the individual or company that created the photo/video.

If you become aware of an impermissible social media post please notify the Compliance staff so that we can take the necessary steps to have the post removed.



VACATION PERIOD

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES (CARA)

In-Season Sports - Daily & weekly CARA hour limits cease once the final exam period ends (12/4), however, the team should still be provided one day off per week during the winter vacation period (Bylaw 17.1.7.7.5).

Out-of-Season Sports- For teams outside the declared playing season, CARA is prohibited during winter break (Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1). RARA is permissible during this time, provided student-athletes are given two weekly required days off (Bylaw 17.1.7.7).

- Out-of-season sports may participate in voluntary athletic activities conducted by a strength & conditioning coach who is not also a countable coach. *Subject to University COVID restrictions.*

Remember, for an activity to be VOLUNTARY, the following must be true:



The student-athlete initiates and requests the workout;



Attendance is optional and attendance / performance may not be reported back to coaches;



No reward for participation or punishment for non-participation is given; and



Coaches and sport-specific staff may not observe (any athletic department staff member (manager/trainer) who is permitted to observe, may not report back).



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

Speaking Engagements

For the purposes of the COVID-19 recruiting rules, virtual speaking engagements include, but are not limited to, activities such as virtual banquets or fundraisers, Zoom calls, Facebook or YouTube live chats, and podcasts whether they are live or recorded for future broadcast.

Please make sure to follow the UM speaking engagement process by having someone from the outside entity complete the UM speaking engagement request form.

Finally, please review the tip sheet found [here](#) for more information on speaking engagements.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 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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