



# COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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### IN THE NEWS

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#### University of Tennessee

Coach Jeremy Pruitt and nine members of his football program's staff were relieved of their duties after an investigation into the teams recruiting activities. While the investigation is still ongoing, the institution's Chancellor put in a termination letter that has since become public that Coach Pruitt "did not meet the university's expectations for promoting an atmosphere of compliance and/or monitoring the activities of the coaches and staff who report to him." Details remain somewhat unknown but rumors from this morning include direct payments of cash from staff members to PSAs.

While the exact recruiting violations have not been made public, in the same Chancellor's letter to Coach Pruitt the institution references that Pruitt and staff committed "a significant number of Level I and Level II Violations."

Level I/II violations include a severe or significant breach of conduct that usually include substantial recruiting, competitive, or other advantages and/or substantial impermissible benefits. Level I/II violation penalties are known to include postseason bans, probation, significant financial penalties, reduction of scholarships, recruiting restrictions, show-cause orders, head coach suspension and/or termination of involved individuals.

Per NCAA rules, head coaches are presumed to be responsible for the actions of all assistant coaches and staff who report, directly or indirectly, to the head coach. Pursuant to this requirement, head coaches must promote an atmosphere of compliance within their programs and should document all compliance related communication and monitoring efforts.

**Maintaining an atmosphere of compliance is the responsibility of all athletic department staff members. As a staff member, you are required to report all perceived or potential violations of NCAA, ACC, or UM Athletics Department rules, policies and procedures to the appropriate individuals (Blake James or Craig Anderson), and may do so without fear of reprisal.**

## COMPLIANCE MVP



This month's Compliance MVP comes to us from the athletic training staff. We would like to thank Athletic Trainer, Andrew Compameschi.

We appreciate all  
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## Impermissible (“Extra”) Benefits

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete or their friend or family member a benefit not authorized by the NCAA. The receipt of a benefit is not in violation of NCAA legislation if it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to the general student population or a particular segment of the student body.

There are many types of benefits that the University of Miami provides to our student-athletes that are not extra benefits. General academic counseling and tutoring services are available to student-athletes. The institution may also provide student development and career counseling, the use of computers, meals, school supplies, and other services and benefits in conjunction with permissible team activities.

Here are a few examples of impermissible/extra benefits:

- Money, loans, bond, or co-signing of loans
- Free transportation (use of a car, boat, airline tickets, bus tickets, etc.)
- Free storage
- Free merchandise (clothes, video games, etc.)
- Free entertainment (sporting events, movies, concerts, nightclubs, etc.)
- Free lodging (hotel rooms, staying at apartment/house)
- Free meals (outside of what is permissible per NCAA rules)
- Discounted merchandise because of status
- Free use of a credit card, calling card, etc.

It’s important for institutional employees and boosters to refrain from providing benefits or services to student-athletes or prospective student-athletes, and instead contact the Compliance office with any questions concerning what benefits you may provide to a prospective or current student-athlete.

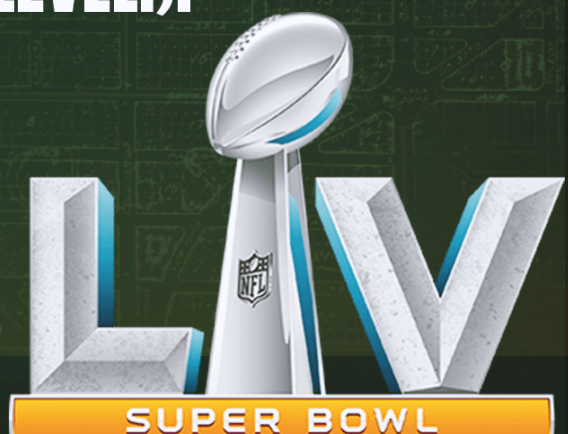


*Don't Bet On It.*

**STUDENT-ATHLETES AND UM ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES ON ANY SPORT SPONSORED BY THE NCAA (AT ANY LEVEL!).**

**PUTTING SOMETHING AT RISK TO WIN SOMETHING IN RETURN ON AN AMATEUR, COLLEGIATE, OR PRO SPORTING EVENT IS A SPORTS WAGERING VIOLATION!**

***THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO PARTICIPATION IN SUPER BOWL SQUARES, FANTASY LEAGUES, ONLINE BETS, BETTING APPS, PARLAY CARDS AND PROP BETS.***



## DI Council's Statement and Resolution Regarding Name, Image and Likeness and Transfer Proposals

The NCAA Division I Council approved the following statement in light of input from the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division regarding the NCAA's name, image and likeness and transfer proposals: *"The NCAA Division I Council recognizes the need to pause action to modernize rules related to transfers and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). Throughout the development of the current proposals, the Division I membership expressed strong support for these changes and, as a result, the Council intends to move forward with efforts to modernize these rules as soon as practicable. The Council will use this additional time to consider enhancements to the current proposals and continue its efforts to modernize legislation with the intent to enhance student-athlete well-being."*

## Three Points to Remember Regarding Current Name, Image and Likeness Rules

Student-athletes may not:

- **Profit off their name, image and/or likeness.**
- **Promote any for-profit business/commercial entity, or a for-profit business/commercial entity's products or services.**
- **Enter into an agreement (verbal or written) with an agent or receive benefits from an agent (or any individual working for an agent).** *An agent is currently defined as any individual who, directly or indirectly: (a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or (b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.*



## 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

If you know of any student-athletes being contacted by outside individuals looking to represent them in future Name, Image, and Likeness deals please notify the Compliance Office.

We need to be working with these student-athletes to ensure their eligibility is not jeopardized.

# RECRUITING CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 2021

BASEBALL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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MEN'S BASKETBALL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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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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