



For Your Interpretation.....

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July 2014 Recruiting Calendars

Men's Basketball-

July 1-5 —Quiet Period

July 6-8 —Dead Period

July 9 (5pm) - 13 (5pm) —Evaluation Period

July 14 (5pm) - 15 (5pm) —Dead Period

July 16 (5pm) - 20 (5pm) —Evaluation Period

July 21 (5pm)- 22 (5pm) —Dead Period

July 23 (5pm) - 27 (5pm) —Evaluation Period

July 28 (5pm) -31 —Dead Period

Women's Basketball-

July 1-5 —Quiet Period

July 6-12 —Evaluation Period

July 13-22 —Dead Period

July 23-29—Evaluation Period

July 30-31 —Dead Period

Football-

July 1-13 —Dead Period

July 14-31 —Quiet Period

All other Sports-

July 1-31—Contact Period

NCAA Concussion Study

The NCAA and US Department of Defense are teaming up to launch the most comprehensive study of concussions ever conducted. The \$30 million initiative seeks to address a major issue in collegiate, professional, and recreational sports today. The NCAA and Department of Defense hope to develop a much clearer understanding of the changes on the brain from high impact exposure in order to more accurately diagnose, treat, and prevent concussions.

About 3 million concussions occur in the US each year from sport related activities. Unanswered questions about the brain, and the variability of the injury have limited NCAA institutions on improved concussion management.

The head research team will compile two main studies intended to help physicians understand the development, recovery, and future impact on the brain post-concussion. Researchers will utilize head impact sensors inside helmets to study the biomechanics of concussions throughout a high school football season. Preseason, midseason, and postseason clinical studies will be conducted in order to evaluate changes in brain activity and how the brain recovers between seasons. They will also look into the long term effects of concussions in groups of twenty, forty, and sixty year olds that sustained a head injury in high school.

Ultimately the NCAA hopes to change the culture that self-reporting head injuries is a sign of weakness. Educating athletes, coaches, and physicians about the seriousness of brain injuries, and the importance of immediate action, will provide better clinical data and enhance the safety of student-athletes across the country.

Mizzou SA's nominated for NCAA Women of the Year Award

Alyssa Diggs (soccer) and Molly Kreklow (volleyball) will represent Mizzou for the 2014 NCAA Woman of the Year Award. The Tigers are among 205 Division I female student-athletes across the country to be nominated for the award. The NCAA Woman of the Year honors graduating female student-athletes that have excelled in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

Each conference will select up to two women to represent the conference. The top 10 candidates, selected by the Woman of the Year committee, will be honored at the annual NCAA Woman of the Year ceremony in Indianapolis.



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From the Interpretations Files...



Question: Can a Division II student-athlete transfer to a Division I SEC institution during her senior year?

Answer: The SEC requires any student-athlete who enrolls at an SEC member school to have at least two seasons of eligibility remaining, regardless of type of institution from which the student-athlete transfers. That said, a student-athlete with only one season remaining of eligibility could qualify for the newly adopted graduate student exception if the student-athlete intends to pursue a graduate degree providing she meets the following criteria.

- 1) the student-athlete must otherwise be eligible under all SEC and NCAA rules and any necessary NCAA waivers must be complete,
- 2) the student-athlete cannot have been subject to university or athletic department disciplinary action at her previous institution,
- 3) the student-athlete's athletically related financial aid must have been nonrenewed, and
- 4) the student-athlete must have earned all possible APR points at her previous institution.

Question: Is it permissible for a non-coaching sport specific staff member (e.g., director of operations) to act as an official during practice scrimmages?

Answer: No, it is not permissible for a non-coaching sport-specific staff member (e.g., director of operations) to act as an official during practices. To do so would cause the staff member to be considered a countable coach and thus count against our institution's coaching limits. It would be permissible for a student manager to perform this task as they are permitted to have on court presence so long as no coaching activities occur.

Question: Is it permissible for a manager to be designated as the student-host during a recruit's official visit (i.e. to receive meals and be provided host money)?

Answer: Yes. An institutional staff member includes any individual who performs work for the institution or athletics department, regardless of whether or not that individual receives compensation for work performed. By this definition, a manager would be considered a staff member, so long as he is enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student. The manager's status as a staff member permits him to have interactions both on-campus and off campus, within a 30 mile radius, with a recruit who is making an official visit, as well as to participate in official visit meals. Additionally, so long as a student-athlete has not been provided with host money, a staff member, such as a manager, would be permitted receive host funds and expend those for entertainment purposes during a prospect's official visit.

Question: Is it permissible to meet with our student-athletes periodically throughout the summer to chat with them generally about how things are going? The meeting would not revolve around training or athletics participation but would be more to check in with student-athletes while we are out of season.

Answer: Yes, this would be permissible with the following caveats. Required activities are not currently permitted for some sports during the summer. As such, any voluntary meeting between a coaching staff member and a student-athlete must be initiated by the student-athlete, though it could be permissible to provide a meeting location and staff availability upon the student-athlete's request. Additionally, so as to be considered a voluntary activity, the meeting must focus on general counseling-type content, such as academic progress, personal/life concerns, and so on. It would not be permissible to discuss sport strategy or athletic involvement/performance, to incorporate sport-related equipment, or to view film during these meetings, as these activities would be considered countable.

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