For Your Interpretation...

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February 2018 Recruiting Calendars

Men's Basketball
February 1-28 - Recruiting Period

Women's Basketball
February 1-28 - Evaluation Period

Football
February 1-3 - Contact Period
February 4 - Quiet Period
February 5-8 - Dead Period
February 9-28 - Quiet Period

Baseball
February 1-28 - Quiet Period

Soccer
February 1-4 - Contact Period
February 5-8 - Dead Period
February 3-28 - Contact Period

Softball
February 1-28 - Evaluation Period
*Scholastic Events only

Volleyball
February 1-28 - Contact Period
*In states that play high school volleyball season in the winter, contacts and evaluations shall be permissible Jan. 1 through the Friday prior to the Presidents Weekend Tournaments

All Other Sports
February 1-28 - Contact Period

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Change to Reimbursement Rate for Mileage

The University of Missouri System has recently announced a reduction in the mileage reimbursement rate from the current rate of 50.5 cents per mile to the new rate of 37 cents per mile. This rate change will be in effect starting February 1, 2018 and is intended to increase efficiency and generate savings at all four campuses. This change not only effects staff members who utilize their personal vehicles for business travel and seek reimbursement, but also the amount provided to prospective student-athletes who drive themselves to and from campus for official visits. NCAA rules specifically tie the rate of reimbursement provided to a prospective student-athlete for transportation on an official visit to "the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel". Accordingly, any prospect who make official visits on or after February 1, 2018 may only be reimbursed at the new rate of 37 cents per mile.

New Legislation Passed at NCAA Convention

The NCAA conducted their annual convention in Indianapolis from January 17-20. The DI Council only reviewed 4 proposals at this meeting and changes made include: an earlier date for first competition in basketball, increasing the number of days women's basketball teams may practice before their season starts, and requiring football to provide one day per week with no on-field practice during preseason. Remaining proposals will be reviewed in April. The Council also heard recommendations from the Transfer Working Group and pushed any vote on transfer proposals to this summer.

Within the Autonomy Conferences, new regulations passed, which are immediately effective, include: allowing non-coaching staff members to participate in on-campus evaluation of PSA video and staff conversations related to the selection of PSAs; the addition of a graduate assistant coach for Diving, and the ability to provide snacks to a PSA and 4 family members while on an official visit. Other regulations adopted which will go into effect on **August 1** include: providing basketball student-athletes with three consecutive days off during winter break, increasing entertainment money during official visits from $40 per day to $75 per day, and allowing volunteer coaches to participate in entertainment with the team, receive admission to home games when accompanying PSAs, and receive meals with a PSA on an unofficial visit. Lastly, new legislation will require Mizzou to pay medical expenses related to an athletics injury suffered by a student -athlete while attending Mizzou for up to two years following the student-athlete's graduation or departure from Mizzou.



From the Interpretations Files…



This month, we wanted to present interpretations from the NCAA that are celebrating their 30th birthday this year. The interpretations below are still in effect, should a similar situation arise today. We have added notes when further explanation may be necessary.

Booster club loan to member institution's coach
Date Published: January 15, 1988
Determined that it would not be permissible for a booster club (regardless of whether the club is associated with the institution) to provide a loan to a member institution's coach unless the booster club can document that the loan is a legitimate loan available to the general public with regular pay-back procedures.

Student-athlete receiving preventive flu shots
Date Published: December 16, 1988
Determined that extra benefits legislation would not preclude an institution from providing preventive flu shots at no cost to its student-athletes, inasmuch as this is considered a benefit incidental to participation.
NOTE– Since this interpretation, Bylaw 16.4 (Medical Expenses) has been greatly expanded and would cover flu shots along with other immunizations.

Transportation in family airplane for official visit
Date Published: January 06, 1988
Determined that it would be permissible for a member institution to reimburse a prospective student-athlete for the cost of transportation on an official visit when the student-athlete travels to a campus in the family's airplane [as opposed to the car] when reimbursement is equal to or less than the amount of the commercial airline transportation fee for such a trip.
NOTE– Should this situation present itself, please consult with the Compliance Office.

Tutor expenses not countable toward student-athlete's financial aid limit
Date Published: November 09, 1988
Determined that tutoring expenses provided by a member institution to a student-athlete would not be calculable toward a student-athlete's individual financial aid limit, inasmuch as such expenses are not considered a part of commonly accepted educational expenses (i.e., tuition and fees, room and board, and required course related books).
NOTE– Not only are these expenses not countable, but the NCAA has since mandated tutoring and advising be provided.

Use of a student-athlete's name or picture on a game ticket
Date Published: February 18, 1988
Agreed that an institution may produce a game ticket that has the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete on the face of the ticket and a commercial company's coupon or advertisement (unrelated to the student-athlete) on the back of the ticket.

High-school coach riding with prospective student-athlete on official visit
Date Published: June 17, 1988
Determined that Bylaw 13.8.1.2 (Transportation Reimbursement) would not preclude a member institution from paying the round trip expense at the same mileage rate allowed for travel by its own personnel when a prospective student-athlete travels in an automobile to visit the institution's campus on an official visit even though the prospective student-athlete's high school coach accompanies the prospect in the automobile, inasmuch as Bylaw 13.5.2.2 permits relatives or friends of the prospect to accompany the prospect in the automobile on such an occasion.
NOTE– This interpretation would not permit the Coach to transport the PSA and the PSA be provided the reimbursement.

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