



For Your Interpretation.....

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University of Missouri Professional Sports Counseling Panel

Created in 2000, the University of Missouri Professional Sports Counseling Panel (PSCP) provides student-athletes with a working knowledge of the agent selection process as well as the financial and personal business management needs of the professional athlete. Over the last 14 years the panel has assisted numerous student-athletes with issues such as declaring for the draft and contract negotiations. A few additional services that this panel provides include:

- **Educational Sessions:** These sessions inform student-athletes, their parents, and coaches about the NCAA rules related to professionalism in sports.
- **Agent Selection:** The panel has developed agent selection guidelines. These guidelines have been used to assist student-athletes in selecting a professional sports agent as well as agent contract reviews. The panel also keeps an updated list of agents who have registered with the panel and the State of Missouri and can assist in reference checks and interviews.
- **Disability Insurance Selection:** The panel assists student-athletes with the selection of professional disability insurance. Whether through the NCAA plan or through private insurance brokers, the panel has worked with various student-athletes to determine what policy fits his/her needs.

As you can tell from the services provided above, the panel can serve as a valuable resource to student-athletes as they contemplate a career in professional sports. If you are coaching a student-athlete who has the athletic potential to compete in professional sports please refer him or her to the Professional Sports Counseling Panel. Utilizing the Professional Sports Counseling Panel and its services will assist the student-athlete in making the best decisions for his/her professional career. For further information please contact CJ Tatum at tatumc@missouri.edu.

SEC Financial Aid Agreement Reminder

As a reminder, a prospect cannot be released from an SEC Financial Aid Agreement, even if the prospect is released from his or her NLI. An institution would need to request a waiver of SEC Bylaw 15.01.2 (a) from the Commissioner. An institution would also need to request a waiver of the SEC recruiting ban contained in the agreement before any contact could be made with the prospect.



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May 2014 Recruiting

Calendars

Baseball-

May 1-31—Contact Period

Football-

May 1-31—Evaluation Period*

*168 evaluation days (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the Director of Athletics

Men's Basketball-

May 1-21—Quiet Period

May 22-30—Dead Period*

*Except NBA Draft combine evaluation period (TBD)

May 31—Quiet Period

Softball-

May 1-26—Contact Period

May 27-31—Dead Period

Track and Field-

May 1-31—Contact Period

Women's Basketball-

May 1-31—Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball-

May 1-23—Quiet Period

May 24-31—Contact Period

All Other Sports-

May 1-31—Contact Period

From the Interpretations Files...



Question: Would it be permissible to create an instructional video that includes current student-athletes? If so, must the time spent filming the instructional video be included in weekly hour limitations? Would it be permissible to sell the instructional video at camps this summer?

Answer: It is permissible to create an instructional video (i.e. sport-related demonstrations) that includes current student-athletes so long as the video is for educational purposes and there is no express or implied endorsement of a commercial product by a student-athlete(s) during the film. Additionally, student-athletes who participate in the film may not be compensated, except that they may receive actual and necessary expenses related to participation. Lastly, any student-athlete with eligibility remaining must sign a release prior to participating in the video, to be filed in the Compliance Office, to ensure proper use of the student-athlete's name and image.

Like participation in promotional activities, student-athlete participation in educational opportunities, such as the proposed instructional video, is an exception to the normal playing and practice season requirements of Bylaw 17. As such, the time spent filming the instructional video does not need to be included in weekly hour limitations, so long as creation of the video meets the criteria noted above. While it is not permissible to show highlight film during institutional camps, inasmuch as this would constitute a recruiting related activity, it would be permissible to provide an instructional video to individuals who attend camp, so long as the value of the video is included in the camp fee or an additional fee is charged to any individual who wishes to obtain a copy of the video.

Question: Would it be permissible for the coach of one sport to place a call to or receive a call from a prospect of another sport? Would it be permissible for the coach of one sport to engage in text messaging with a prospect of another sport?

Answer: 1) Telephone Calls: It would not be permissible for a coach of one Mizzou sport to place a call to a prospect of another sport. Not only must all telephone calls be made by a head or assistant coach, but current legislation also requires that the head or assistant coach must count toward the coaching limits of the sport which is recruiting the prospect. Accordingly, it would only be permissible for head and assistant coaches of the prospect's sport to initiate calls to that prospect. That said, it would be permissible for any institutional staff member to receive a call initiated by a prospect, regardless of that staff member's sport affiliation.

2) Text Messaging: Text messages, like emails, are considered to be electronic correspondence, which is not considered a recruiting coordination function. As such, it is permissible for any institutional staff member to engage in both email correspondence and text messaging with a prospect so long as that prospect is old enough to receive recruiting materials and is either a men's or women's basketball prospect. Effective August 1, 2014, prospects in other sports, except for football, swimming and diving, and track and field, may also be eligible to receive text messages in addition to emails.

Question: We are creating the student-athlete pass list (i.e. the four complimentary admissions each student-athlete can utilize for guests) for an upcoming home meet. Are there any student-athletes who would be prohibited from assigning these complimentary admissions to guests?

Answer: Bylaw 16.2.1.1 typically permits any student-athlete, even one who is serving a year in residence, to provide up to four complimentary admissions to guests for both home and away competitions. However, there is a staff interpretation which limits our ability to provide this benefit in the instance of a student-athlete who is still enrolled in school but has exhausted his or her eligibility. As such, a post eligible student-athlete may not assign complimentary admission to guests but could still receive complementary admission for his or her personal use.

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