



For Your Interpretation...

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September 2016

Recruiting Calendars

Men's Basketball

Sept. 1-8 - Quiet Period

Sept. 9-30 - Recruiting Period

Women's Basketball

Sept. 1-8 - Quiet Period

Sept. 9-29 - Contact Period

Sept. 23-25 - Evaluations

permitted at certified

nonscholastic events

Sept. 30 - Evaluation Period

Football

Sept. 1-30 - Quiet Period

Except for 42 evaluation days

in September, October, and

November

Baseball

Sept. 1-8 - Quiet Period

Sept. 9-30 - Contact Period

All Other Sports

Sept. 1-30 - Contact Period

Athletics Involvement with Student Hosting Groups

This past month, the SEC sent a reminder to all member institutions regarding student groups being involved in the recruiting process. Athletics departments are expected to remain completely uninvolved in the management and operation of these programs as set forth below.

- I. The only students that may engage in “hosting duties” are student-athletes and members of official university host groups (e.g., admissions hosting group). Examples of hosting duties include, but are not limited to, entertaining, escorting via walking or other transportation (e.g., golf carts), providing tours, etc.
- II. When recruiting activities are involved, student managers and other student employees (e.g., part-time student-workers) are considered to be students (as opposed to athletics department employees) and are not permitted to “host” prospective student-athletes, except as expressly permitted under NCAA bylaws (e.g., student-managers may receive a meal with a PSA, but may not engage in other hosting duties at the meal, etc...). Such student workers who are involved in game day activities should be limited to “behind-the-desk” administrative duties – not engaged in hosting duties.

And for those of you who are extra interested, we have posted the original Educational Column for your reading pleasure [HERE](#).

Practice and Competition Activities for Non-Coaching Staff and Managers

NCAA legislation significantly limits the types of activities in which non-coaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities (e.g., directors of operations, quality control personnel) and student managers can engage. The following is a non-exhaustive list of common activities and the permissibility of each. Please see the Compliance Office with questions regarding specific activities.

Practice and Competition Activities	Non-coaching Staff	Student Manager
Sit on bench/sideline and be in game huddle	Yes	Yes
Provide coaching instruction (i.e., technical or tactical instruction)	No	No
Set up offensive or defensive strategy	No	No
Participate (limited) in practice drills (e.g., shag balls, rebound, throw batting practice)	No	Yes*
Participate as a practice player	No	No
Assist with warm-up activities	No	Yes
Participate with or observe voluntary activities of student-athletes (e.g., pick-up games, captain's practices)	No	Yes**
Handle/assign equipment	Yes	Yes
Keep play chart and handle statistics	Yes	Yes
Run practice clock	Yes	Yes
Officiate	No	Yes
Signal in plays at the direction of a coach – hold play cards	No	Yes
<u>Other Activities</u>		
Attend or participate in meetings involving coaching activities	Yes	Yes
Edit/splice game film	Yes	Yes
Coordinate film exchange	Yes	Yes
Analyze video of Mizzou team or an opponent	Yes	No
Scout opponents in person	No	No
Evaluate and/or select prospects (e.g., analyze prospect film)	No	No

* Please see the Compliance Office regarding sport specific activities in this category.

** Student managers may not report information regarding voluntary activities to coaches or staff members.



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From the Interpretations Files...



Question: Is it permissible for a non-coaching baseball staff member to work a non-MU camp during a quiet period?

Answer: No. New legislation effective August 1, 2016 in the sports of baseball and volleyball states that neither a coach nor a non-coaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) at a camp other than an institutionally owned camp or clinic.

Question: Due to two incoming student-athletes choosing not to enroll, Coach has discovered there is additional equivalency remaining in their team limit for this academic year. Coach would like to award a walk-on student with a full scholarship during the 2nd week of class. Can Mizzou provide this student the full scholarship for 2016-17?

Answer: No, because the student was not awarded aid until the 2nd week of class, the amount awarded for room and board must be prorated based on the remaining number of days in the academic term. NCAA Bylaw 15.3.1.3 states that institutional financial aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may not exceed the remaining room and board charges and educational expenses for that term and may not be made retroactive to the beginning of that term.

Question: While the Women's Volleyball Team was participating in a foreign tour in May 2016, a student-athlete represented MU in competition associated with the foreign tour. This student-athlete did not participate in the 2015-16 season. Does her competition in the foreign tour change her status as a redshirt for the 2015-16 season?

Answer: No, NCAA Bylaw 12.8.3.6 states that a student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season which was just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour both after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility.

Question: Due to the extremely hot summer we have had in Missouri, the Women's Soccer team asked if they can move their practice to late at night, in order to beat the heat. Since this is the preseason practice period, is it permissible for the team to be on the field from 10pm to 1am?

Answer: No, NCAA Bylaw 17.1.7.6.3 states that countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m. There is not a legislative exception for preseason practice.

Question: There is a high school senior who could potentially enroll mid-year. During a permissible in-person off-campus contact, would we be allowed to present this recruit with an MU Financial Aid Agreement?

Answer: Yes. While it is impermissible to allow a prospect to sign an NLI off-campus in the presence of an institutional staff member, the same restriction does not apply to institutional athletics aid agreements. Therefore, it would be permissible to present to the prospect, off-campus, an MU financial aid agreement for his or her consideration and signature. Lastly, if the student-athlete is not enrolling mid-year, it is not permissible to present a prospect with an MU Financial Aid Agreement until after the regular NLI signing date for your sport.

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