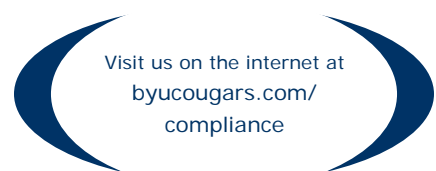


Don't forget to...
Ask Before You Act!!!

Sport Secretaries

The Compliance Office "Stamp of Approval" this month goes to those each of our wonderful sport secretaries for their efforts in assuring National Letters of Intent are turned in on time to the Compliance Office. This gives the Compliance Office enough time to complete the paperwork and issue the NLIs to the prospective student-athletes which in turn helps everyone! Thank you all for your concerted efforts in making this process move quickly and simply!



This is JEOPARDY!

*Email or detach this portion and give to Compliance by 5:00 p.m April 30th to be entered in a drawing to win gift cards from the Compliance Office!

\$200	Florida State University received four years of probation and a vacancy of wins for <u>this violation</u> , what the NCAA considers to be among the most egregious of rules violations.	What is _____
\$400	If a prospect is moving into the locale of the institution during the summer, the prospect and coach need to fill out <u>this form</u> PRIOR to their arrival to the area.	What is _____
\$600	In basketball, any participation in <u>what type of competition</u> is prohibited at all times, and will result in a student-athlete's ineligibility?	What is _____
\$800	<u>This form</u> should be filled out if the athletic department or a booster is assisting in the arrangement of employing a prospect.	What is _____
\$1000	True or False. In <u>team</u> sports, it is permissible for a coach to conduct an individual workout with a student-athlete, if it is at the request of the student-athlete.	What is _____



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NCAA Penalties Extend to 10 FSU Sports

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The Florida State football team will vacate an undetermined number of wins, serve four years' probation, and face a reduction in scholarships and other penalties due to what the NCAA described as "major violations" from an academic cheating scandal.

Nine other programs were also penalized and all face the same sanctions. Overall, the scandal involved 61 athletes.

Football coach Bobby Bowden would have entered the coming season with 382 career victories, trailing Penn State

coach Joe Paterno by one win on the all-time list. The sanctions will force him to forfeit all wins during which ineligible students competed in 2006 and 2007.

In November 2007, Florida State and the NCAA agreed that athletes who had received "improper help" would be suspended for 30 percent of their seasons. According to the Orlando Sentinel, officials interviewed 75 individuals, and 39 admitted receiving improper assistance in an online music course. Roughly two dozen football players were suspended for the Music City Bowl, which FSU

lost 35-28 to Kentucky. FSU officials and players were under the impression those athletes had already served their punishment, but the NCAA said on Friday that the instant a player cheated in class — regardless of whether school officials knew about it — he became ineligible, and if that athlete played in a game, it must be vacated. That could cost FSU games from 2006, when the academic fraud began.

"They are ineligible at the time of that violations until they are reinstated," the NCAA said. **cont p2 FSU Violations**

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Policy on Prospect Moving to Locale of University

As an institution, unless a prospective student-athlete (PSA) will be receiving summer athletics financial aid, we do not recommend or encourage PSA's to move to the BYU/Provo community prior to their first full-

time enrollment at BYU. However, if a PSA chooses to move to the locale and arrives in the community prior to their first full-time enrollment, it is imperative that coaches and student-athletes do not provide

any extra benefits or make any impermissible arrangements for these PSAs. In order to keep record of these situations, please remember that it is required that the *Prospect in Locale of* **cont p. 2 Prospects**

FSU Violations cont. from P1

“If they participated while ineligible, obviously the games they participated in will have to be vacated. The trigger is if those 61 individuals obviously, as identified by the institution, committed academic fraud. At that point, they rendered themselves ineligible.”

The committee stated this case was “extremely serious” because of the large number of student-athletes involved and the fact that academic fraud is considered by the committee to be among the most egregious of NCAA rules violations.

The NCAA determined that a for-

mer learning specialist, academic advisor and tutor gave improper assistance” to Florida State athletes who were taking online courses. According to the NCAA, the former learning specialist typed portions of papers for at least three athletes and also provided answers to an online psychology course quiz by instructing another athlete to complete the quiz on behalf of the athlete enrolled in the course.

“I must say that Florida State did a great job in cooperating with the enforcement staff in accumulating all of the information that was required,” the NCAA said. “Yes, Florida State did self-report. They did

an outstanding job. We have to give Florida State University credit for that.”

Penalties, some of which were self-imposed by the institution include:

- **Scholarship reductions for all teams involved**
- **4 years of probation**
- **Vacation of wins in which ineligible students participated**
- **Show-cause penalties for academic advisor, learning specialist and former tutor**

enrolling at the English Language Center in order to study the TOEFL) the athletic department will actively discourage the PSA from moving to the BYU/Provo area until such deficiencies are resolved.

In addition, if the PSA has any academic deficiencies remaining (i.e., hasn't yet taken the ACT/SAT test or

Prospects cont. from P1

the University Form must be filled out by the prospect and coach **PRIOR** to their arrival to the area..

Questions addressed on the form are as follows:

- Where will the PSA live upon arriving at BYU/Provo?
- Who arranged the living arrangements?

- Who will pick the PSA up from the airport, bus or train station?
- Who arranged the transportation?
- How will the PSA get around town?
- Will the PSA be working?
- If yes, where and for whom?

In addition, if the PSA has any academic deficiencies remaining (i.e., hasn't yet taken the ACT/SAT test or

April 2009 Recruiting Calendar

🏆 **Baseball, Softball, Gymnastics, Volleyball (Women's)**
Apr 1-5; 10-30 Contact Period
Apr 6-9 DEAD Period

🏆 **Basketball (Men's)**
Apr 1; 23-30 Quiet Period
Apr 2-9(noon); 13-16 DEAD Period
Apr 9(12:01pm)-22 Contact Period

🏆 **Basketball (Women's)**
Apr 1-2 Contact Period
Apr 3-9; 13-16 DEAD Period
Apr 17-19 Evaluation Period
Apr 10-12; 22-30 Quiet Period

🏆 **Football**
Apr 1-14 Quiet Period
Apr 15-30 Evaluation Period

🏆 **Track and Field/CC**
Apr 1-30 Contact Period

🏆 **All Other Sports**
Apr 1-30 Contact Period

Bylaw 14.7 Outside Competition

As a general rule, for all sports other than basketball, student-athletes are **not** permitted to participate as a member of any outside teams in any competition during the academic year.

Outside of the declared playing and practice season and during the institution's vacation periods, a student may be permitted to participate on an outside team in non-collegiate amateur competition. To ensure that students don't have eligibility issues, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Obtain coach's approval
- Complete the *Outside Competition Form* with the Compliance

Office

- Limit on the number of permissible student-athletes to participate on each team must be observed (see below).

Sport	Limit on # of Student-Athletes
Baseball	4
Football	5
Golf	2
Gymnastics	2
Soccer	5
Swim	5
Tennis	2
Track	7
Cross Country	2
Volleyball	2

Basketball:

Participation in **any** organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition causes a student-athlete to lose eligibility for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball. See Bylaw 14.7.2.1 for a description on what constitutes “organized basketball competition.”

(Exceptions for participating on outside teams during the academic year include High School Alumni Games, Olympic Games, Official Pan American Games Tryouts and Competition, US National Teams, Official World Championships, World University Games and World Cup Tryouts and Competition, and Multisport Events. Additional exceptions for basketball may apply including officially certified summer basketball leagues.

Employment of Prospects

Per NCAA Bylaw 13.2.4.3 it is permissible for an institution to arrange for the employment of a prospective student-athlete (PSA) as long as it does not begin prior to the prospect's graduation from high school.

The Compliance Office must be apprised of all details regarding employment of a PSA prior to a BYU

athletics staff member making any arrangements and/or the PSA actually beginning employment for a representative of BYU athletics interest (booster). They will be required to fill out the “Prospect Employment Form” with the Compliance Office.

If a booster wishes to employ a PSA at a site that is not in the

vicinity of BYU campus, the prospect will not be permitted to work for the booster, except in unique circumstances approved by the Athletic Director.

In addition, the prospect must only be paid for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for that type of job.

Question and Answer...

Q: If a student-athlete asks their coach to help them train or improve technique over the summer, can the coach help them in their request?

A: As a general rule, in all sports, a student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically

related activities over the summer (i.e., practice, conditioning, skill instruction, weight lifting, etc). They may, however, utilize BYU athletic facilities voluntarily without a coach present. Strength coaches may be present for safety purposes and even design and conduct workout programs at the

request of the student-athlete.

In individual sports (as opposed to team sports) a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request is initiated by the student-athlete.