



## ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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### Attention Student-athletes:

Verify your class schedules on Uconnect due to some possible class cancellations or time changes. Student-Athletes who have not registered or are below the minimum required 12hrs for Fall 2015 need to contact their Athletic Advisor, Melinda Elizondo immediately! Registration is still underway for Summer Session 2 and Fall 2015!

If you did not make your PTD at 24 hours or if your GPA has fallen below 2.0 you will need summer school.

### Summer Session Dates Available at this point:

Summer Session 2 – July 13<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

## Bylaws and Interps of Interest

**13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs** - In sports other than basketball, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 100-mile radius of the institution).

**16.7.2 Vacation Periods.** An institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable local entertainment during vacation periods when the team is required to remain on or return to campus (or a practice site normally used by the institution) and classes are not in session.

### 13.10.1 Presence of media during contact

**Interp** - The Legislation Committee confirmed that an institutional staff member may attend an off-campus institutional press conference or celebratory event held for the purpose of announcing the name(s) of a prospective student-athlete(s) who has accepted offers of admission and/or athletically related financial aid in a particular sport at the institution regardless if media are present. It is not permissible for an institutional staff member to attend a noninstitutional press conference or celebratory event if media are present.



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## HOT TOPICS

### **Arkansas Tech Provided Improper Benefits to Student-Athletes**

Arkansas Tech University failed to monitor its housing operations when it waived or paid \$14,250 in housing security deposits for 57 prospects and student-athletes from 2009 to 2013, according to a decision issued by the Division II Committee on Infractions.

The university also reserved on-campus apartment rooms for student-athletes, which is contrary to NCAA rules because the general student body was not allowed to reserve rooms. Student-athletes on the university's baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, football and women's volleyball teams received the impermissible benefits.

Penalties, including those self-imposed by the university, are two years of probation, scholarship reductions in men's and women's basketball, reduced recruiting opportunities, reduced countable athletic activity and a vacation of games in which ineligible student-athletes competed.

This case was resolved through the summary disposition process, a cooperative effort where the involved parties collectively submit the case to the Committee on Infractions in written form. The NCAA enforcement staff and university must agree to the facts of the case in order for this process to be utilized instead of having a formal hearing. An expedited penalty hearing was held because all parties did not agree to all of the proposed penalties.

During the four-year period, the university had no procedures in place to detect, and require the reporting of, instances where prospects and student-athletes did not pay the required housing security deposit. The university also did not have procedures in place to ensure the reservation of rooms in on-campus apartments did not violate NCAA rules. The university's housing office was responsible for monitoring security deposits, but it did not provide NCAA rules education to the housing staff. Additionally, the education provided to coaches did not include information about the limits for reserving on-campus housing for student-athletes. The lack of communication among campus departments and the lack of education contributed to the university's failure to monitor certain aspects of its housing operation.

#### **Penalties and corrective measures prescribed by the committee include:**

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Two years of probation from June 4, 2015 through June 3, 2017.
- A vacation of all wins in which ineligible student-athletes competed from 2009 through 2013. The public decision contains further details on the vacation.
- Attendance at an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar for the vice president who oversees the housing official and the athletics compliance officer.
- A \$5,000 fine.

#### **Penalties and corrective measures imposed by the university include:**

- A reduction of men's basketball scholarships by 0.5 for both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.
- A reduction of women's basketball scholarships by 0.35 for both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.
- A two-week reduction in the men's basketball recruiting calendar during the 2014 and 2015 summer evaluation periods.
- A one-week reduction in the women's basketball recruiting calendar during the 2014 summer evaluation period.
- A reduction of one official visit in the women's and men's basketball programs.
- A two-year reduction of countable athletic activity in women's and men's basketball from 20 hours a week to 18 hours a week, for a total yearly reduction of 32 hours each year.



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## NCAA DIVISION II SPONSORSHIP AND NUMBER OF CONTESTS

SPORT	Minimum Number of Contests for Sponsorship	Minimum Number of Contests for Selections	Maximum Number of Contests/Dates
Baseball	24	24	50 contests
Men's Basketball	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	26 contests
Women's Basketball	22	22 overall; 18 in-region	26 contests
Cross Country	5	4 (no double duals to count toward minimum)	7 dates
Men's Golf	6	7 (4 in Spring); 12 rounds (6 in Spring)	21 dates
Women's Golf	6	15 18-hole rounds (6 in Spring); 12 of the 15 rounds must be 5 team tournaments	21 dates
Men's Soccer	10	10 in-region	18 contests
Women's Soccer	10	10 in-region	18 contests
Softball	24	24	56 contests with no tournament exception
Volleyball	9	15 Division II matches (60% of matches must be against Division II teams)	26 dates

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### Reporting Violations

Violations are an unfortunate aspect of compliance and they are to be taken seriously. If you suspect that a violation may have occurred, you should report it to your immediate supervisor. However, if you know that a violation has occurred, it is not enough to report the violation to just your immediate supervisor. If you know of a violation, it needs to be reported to any of the following individuals: our Athletic Director Griz Zimmermann, Director of Athletic Compliance Henry Miller, or Associate Director of Athletic Compliance James Bonnette.

### Recruiting Calendars

Men's Basketball – June 15 – August 1, 2015	Evaluation Period
Women's Basketball – June 15 – August 1, 2015	Evaluation Period
All other sports	Evaluation Period