



**SEPTEMBER
2014**

Interp. of Interest

Bylaw Reference:
13.15
Precollege Expenses



An institution may pay expenses to obtain information or receive documents that are necessary to certify or evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete (PSA).



Examples: Document fees to acquire PSA's final transcript with proof of graduation, Express postal delivery charges to receive a translation of an international PSA's transcript.

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BIG GREEN COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

Henderson State placed on probation for violations in women's basketball

INDIANAPOLIS -- Henderson State University did not monitor its women's basketball program to assure it was in compliance with NCAA tryout and recruiting rules, according to a decision issued by the Division II Committee on Infractions.

A former head women's basketball coach violated the NCAA ethical conduct rules and failed to promote an atmosphere for compliance due to his involvement in the violations. The same former head coach provided impermissible meals to prospects and their family members and offered a loan to a prospect and her family.

Penalties include:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Two years of probation.
- A reduction of women's basketball scholarships (4.95 from 10.0 max).
- A \$2,500 fine.
- Show-cause orders for the two former head coaches.

With regard to recruiting violations, two women's basketball student-athletes were allowed to drive a prospect from her two-year college to the university's campus for her official paid visit. The university allowed a prospect to take two official visits, when NCAA rules only allow one.

Additionally, coaches frequently did not request pre-approval for travel or reimbursement. Coaches used personal funds which resulted in the institution losing control of recruiting expenses. During the same time period, women's basketball coaches also exceeded the limits on phone contacts and sent impermissible texts. The women's basketball program also broke NCAA tryout and countable athletically related activity rules.

The committee notes there was a lack of consistent monitoring in a number of areas. The compliance office did not require coaches to submit travel requests or reimbursements per institutional policy, did not ensure that official or unofficial visit records were submitted, and did not monitor whether basketball activities occurred during official visits, summer workout periods or other times outside the playing season.

The university did not follow its own processes when incomplete forms such as contact and evaluation logs, official visit records and others were submitted, but no efforts were made to follow up and obtain complete information. Despite these shortcomings, staff did not recognize these issues as significant and areas that needed to be addressed and corrected.

A former head coach engaged in unethical conduct when he knowingly broke NCAA rules by offering a loan to a prospect, and later gave the university false and misleading information about his involvement in possible violations during its investigation.

Additionally, the same former head coach did not promote an atmosphere for compliance in the women's basketball program due to his involvement in some of the violations in this case.

~NCAA.com, July 29, 2014

COMPLIANT ALL-STAR LINEUP OF THE MONTH

**Congratulations to the following who were the September
“All-Star Lineup of the Month!”**



**Sally
Batton**



**Erin
Lindsay**



**Chris
Gbandi**



**Laura
Sgrecci**



**Pat
Salvas**



**Mitch
Smucker**

With the beginning of the school year quickly approaching, these six have been on the ball when it comes to making sure they are following NCAA rules. Congrats to you six and thanks for being awesome!



Everyone else, keep up the great work!



Lets get ready for a fantastic year, Big Green!

Secondary Infraction of the Month– Bylaw 13.1.2.2

Facts

Head coach, head coach’s wife, volunteer coach, and volunteer coach’s girlfriend all attend a meal in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete’s (PSA) official visit. What’s wrong?

Issue

Because the girlfriend is not a married spouse of the volunteer coach, she does not meet the general exception regarding permissible recruiter legislation, and cannot be in attendance, even if her meal is not paid for by the institution.

Permissible Recruiter-General Exception

Institutional Action

A letter of admonishment was issued to the volunteer coach and rules education was conducted for entire coaching staff.

Please note, this violation did *not* occur at Dartmouth. This is for educational purposes only.

RECRUITING REMINDERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Baseball

Quiet period September 1-11
 Contact period September 12-30

Men's Basketball

Quiet period September 1-8
 Recruiting period September 9-30

Women's Basketball

Quiet period September 1-8
 Contact period September 9-29
 Evaluation period September 30

Cross Country/ Track & Field

Contact period Entire month of September

Football

Evaluation period Entire month of September

M. Lacrosse

Contact period* Entire month of September
**No Lacrosse Evaluations allowed until October 31st*

W. Lacrosse

Contact period Entire month of September

Softball

Contact period Entire month of September

Volleyball

Contact period Entire month of September

Reminders for Coaches

⇒ Recruiting Material Changes:

- ◆ For sports other than *Men's Basketball* and *Men's Ice Hockey*, if a PSA attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g. Southern Hemisphere), you may not provide recruiting materials, general or electronic correspondence, until the opening day of classes of their junior year in high school (previously day after conclusion of sophomore year).

⇒ Beginning of the Year Paperwork

- ◆ **Student-athletes:** Make sure all of your student-athletes have completed the 2014-2015 NCAA and Ivy League Compliance forms that have been sent out electronically, via SurveyMonkey.
- ◆ **Coaches:** Prior to your first contest (including exhibitions/ scrimmages), you will receive an NCAA Squad List from Compliance. This form requires your signature before that contest and is only needed once per year. *Note that this form is different than the "Compliance Rosters" you get whenever there's a change to your roster.

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