



**DECEMBER
2015**

Interp. of Interest

**Permission to
Contact**

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Prior to ANY conversation, either in-person, by mail, or electronically, with an individual from another NCAA/NAIA institution, a coach must first obtain a "Permission to Contact" letter (PTC) from the individual's current, or previous institution.

Regardless if that individual is still on the team or not, their school sponsors the sport you're recruiting them for, or even if they are enrolled or not.

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BIG GREEN COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

NCAA Decreases Syracuse Penalties

Syracuse University will gain back one men's basketball scholarship per year over the next four years, according to a decision issued by the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee. The Infractions Appeals Committee also upheld the vacation of wins and the financial penalty prescribed by an NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

In its appeal, the school stated the vacation of men's basketball and football records was inconsistent with other cases related to extra benefits. Additionally, the school asked the Infractions Appeals Committee to review the men's basketball scholarship reductions because it believed the penalty is disproportionate to the specific details of the case.

After its review, the Infractions Appeals Committee found the vacation of men's basketball and football records was not an abuse of discretion by the Committee on Infractions. However, the Infractions Appeals Committee determined the scholarship reductions in men's basketball were a departure from precedent and modified the reduction. The scholarship reduction of 12 imposed by the Committee on Infractions was reduced to eight scholarships over a four-year period – two scholarships for each academic year (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19).

In March, the Committee on Infractions found that over the course of a decade, Syracuse did not control and monitor its athletics programs, and its head men's basketball coach failed to monitor his program. Syracuse self-reported a number of the violations, dating back to 2001, including academic misconduct, extra benefits, the failure to follow its drug-testing policy and impermissible booster activity. The Committee on Infractions also found impermissible academic assistance and services were provided to student-athletes.

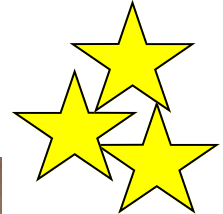
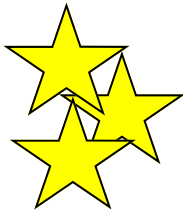
Penalties prescribed by the Committee on Infractions earlier this year, not including those self-imposed by the school, included five years of probation; financial penalties; reduction of three men's basketball scholarships per year for four years; vacation of wins in which ineligible students participated; a suspension of nine conference games for the head basketball coach; and men's basketball recruiting restrictions for two years. Additionally, the panel accepted the school's one-year post-season ban in men's basketball it self-imposed after the NCAA hearing, among other measures outlined in the public decision.

An appeal by the head men's basketball coach is pending.

November 25, 2015, by Emily James

COMPLIANT ALL-STAR LINEUP OF THE MONTH

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



These 4 coaches, and all of Marketing have gone above and beyond to maintain and foster a compliant atmosphere for their programs.

Congrats to you 8 and thank you! Everyone else, keep up the great work!

Secondary Infraction of the Month

Facts of the Case

IMPERMISSIBLE PUBLICIZING OF RECRUITS

A Senior AD allowed a marketing staff member to announce the presence of a local high school boy's basketball team during the University's basketball contest. Specifically, during halftime it is custom that an announcement is made to honor those groups who purchased group tickets, as part of a group sales initiative. This announcement was approved by the Senior AD after looking through the promotions for the evening. Even though the group purchased tickets and their visit was unrelated to recruitment, the group was specifically identified as the high school boy's basketball team, as opposed to just a group from that specific school. The Senior AD thought including "boy's basketball" at the end of the educational institution's name was permissible as it did not individually name prospective student-athletes present at the contest.

Institutional Action

- Letter of admonishment was issued to the Senior AD.
- Mandatory rules education was provided to the entire marketing staff.

Legislative References

13.10.2.1: Impermissible comments of a prospective student-athlete prior to commitment.

Please note, this violation did *not* occur at Dartmouth College.

This is for educational purposes only.

RECRUITING REMINDERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Baseball

Quiet period Entire month of December

Men's Basketball

Recruiting period December 1 -23 and 27 - 31
 Dead period December 24 - 26

Women's Basketball

Evaluation period December 1 -23 and 27 - 31
 Dead period December 24 - 26

Cross Country/ Track & Field

Contact period December 1 - 14
 Dead period December 15 - 18
 Quiet Period December 19 - 31

Football

Contact period December 1 - 20
 Quiet period December 21
 Dead Period December 22 - 31

M. Lacrosse

Quiet period December 1 and 23
 Dead period December 24 - 31

W. Lacrosse

Quiet period Entire month of December

Softball

Quiet period December 1 - 2 and 8 - 31
 Dead period December 3 - 7

Volleyball

Contact period December 1 -7
 Quiet period December 8 - 16
 Dead period December 17 - 31*

**Thursday of the Division I W. Volleyball Championship through Sunday immediately following the Championship (Dec. 18-21), a coach may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day. The evaluation must occur within a 30-mile radius of the DI WVB Championship (Oklahoma City, OK).*

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Reminder for Coaches

Vacation Period MEALS:

We may ONLY provide meals or per diem (not both for the same meal) to student-athletes who are REQUIRED to remain on campus for organized practice/competition. If you are aware of an out-of-season student-athlete who is choosing to stay on campus during winter break, please contact the Compliance Office if you wish to provide them with any expenses.

Outside Competition:

For those sports out-of-season, be sure to keep tabs on the student-athletes who wish to participate (train and/or compete) for an outside team, club, league, etc. Please refer them to the compliance office to seek approval of their participation in outside competition prior to actually doing it.

Practice Hour Rules:

- In-Season Sports = No practice hour limitations
- Out-of-Season = No required activity!

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