

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Baseball

April 26 – May 2: Contact Period

Men's Basketball

April 26 – April 28: Evaluation Period

April 29 – May 2: Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

April 26 – May 2: Quiet Period

Football

April 26 – May 2: Evaluation Period

Cross Country/ Track

April 26 – May 2: Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

April 26 – April 30: Contact Period

May 1 – May 2: Quiet Period

Tip of the Week

Camps and Clinics

This week's tip deals with telephone calls regarding institutional camps & clinics. Athletics department staff members and coaches are allowed to place and return calls to prospects and/or their parents relating to camps & clinics logistical issues. Examples of logistical issues include medical documentation, directions, times, equipment needed, etc.

Official Interpretation

Communication Regarding Institutional Camp and Clinic Logistical Issues (I)

Interpretation:

The committee determined that **telephone** calls, electronic mail and facsimiles to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relate solely to institutional **camp** and clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) are not subject to the restrictions on **telephone** calls or recruiting materials, provided, in the case of **telephone** calls, no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a **camp** or clinic occurs and, in the case of electronic mail and facsimiles, the correspondence contains no recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a **camp** or clinic occurs.

As Always, Please Remember to Ask Before You Act!

WSU Compliance News

I just wanted to update you on the status of the Athletics Department's textbook return policy. In the past, student-athletes on textbook scholarships returned their textbooks to the Compliance Office during finals week. Over the years, this arrangement has proven burdensome and inconvenient. Starting this Spring 2013 semester, during finals week, student-athletes will be returning their textbooks directly to the Bookie. Textbooks will be collected **in the Book Supplies section of the Bookie during Finals week, from 9 am - 5 pm, Monday-Friday**. The Books Supplies section will be clearly marked as the location where student-athletes should return their books.

NCAA NEWS

Graduate Student-Athlete Eligibility (I)

NCAA Division I institutions should note that a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period.

Further, a graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception and has eligibility remaining.

Finally, a graduate student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to participation in a sport for which the exception is not available, shall qualify for the one-time transfer exception as a graduate student, provided the student:

- (a) Fulfills the remaining conditions of the one-time transfer exception;
- (b) Has at least one season of competition remaining; and
- (c) The student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of graduate student-athlete eligibility legislation.

Admission and Enrollment

Question No. 1: Is it permissible for a graduate student-athlete to compete if he or she is considered a nondegree seeking graduate student?

Answer: No. Graduate student-athletes must be regularly enrolled, degree seeking students.

Question No. 2: Is a graduate student-athlete who is a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student eligible to compete even though he or she is not enrolled in a specific graduate degree program (e.g., graduate at large)?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: Is a graduate student-athlete eligible to compete if he or she is a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student but is required to earn, as a condition of continued enrollment in the graduate program, an enhanced grade-point-average (e.g., 3.00 or above) in each term of his or her first academic year as a graduate student at the certifying institution?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athlete is considered to be in good academic standing as interpreted for all students by the appropriate academic officials at the institution.

Transfer Graduate Student-Athletes

Question No. 4: May a student-athlete use the graduate student one-time transfer exception to pursue a second baccalaureate degree at the next institution?

Answer: No. A student-athlete who has previously graduated must be enrolled in a graduate or professional school at the next institution to qualify for the one-time transfer exception.

Question No. 5: Can a student-athlete who graduates after three years and has more than one season of competition remaining use the graduate student one-time transfer exception?

Answer: Yes, provided the student meets the requirements of the exception and is regularly enrolled as a degree seeking student in a graduate or professional school at the next institution.

Question No. 6: In sports for which the standard one-time transfer exception does not apply, may a student-athlete who is notified of the nonrenewal of athletics aid after indicating intent to transfer to another institution use the one-time transfer exception for graduate student eligibility?

Answer: Yes. The timing of the nonrenewal of athletics aid does not impact a student-athlete's ability to qualify for the graduate student one-time transfer exception, provided all criteria for the exception are met.

Question No. 7: May a student-athlete who does not receive a baccalaureate degree but is accepted for enrollment in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate be eligible to use the graduate one-time transfer exception?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 8: May a baseball or basketball graduate student-athlete who qualifies for the one-time transfer exception but initially enrolls as a full-time student at the certifying institution after the first term of the academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) be eligible for competition immediately?

Answer: No. Such a student-athlete cannot be eligible for competition until the following academic year.

Progress-Toward Degree Certification

Question No. 9: Is a football student-athlete who graduated with a baccalaureate degree required to earn nine semester hours or eight quarter hours and the APR eligibility point during the fall term to be eligible for all contests during the following playing season?

Answer: No.

Question No. 10: Must credits earned by a graduate or postbaccalaureate student-athlete be degree applicable to satisfy the six semester or quarter hour requirement?

Answer: Credits acceptable toward any degree program offered by the certifying institution (graduate or undergraduate) may be used to satisfy the six semester or quarter hour requirement, provided the student-athlete is permitted to complete such courses in accordance with published institutional policies applicable to graduate students.

Noncountable Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members Serving as Countable Coaches (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may temporarily employ and compensate a noncountable coach (e.g., volunteer coach) or noncoaching staff member as a countable coach if the regular countable coach has left the program, provided the institution does not exceed the total number of countable coaches for the sport. Further, the noncountable coach or noncoaching staff member may return to his or her original position once a permanent countable coach is employed by the institution.

Use of Male Students During Women's Basketball Summer Athletic Activities (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that male students may participate in summer athletic activities with women's basketball student-athletes, provided they are enrolled in summer school, or meet the academic requirements exception to enrollment, and are not receiving any form of financial assistance from the athletics department (e.g., compensation, financial aid).

Compliance Quiz

April 26, 2013 – May 2, 2013

(The answers to this quiz can be found at the end of the Scoop Sheet.)

1. In regard to the renewal or nonrenewal of a student-athlete's athletics aid, which is NOT required of the institution?
 - a. Notification must be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which the reduction or nonrenewal is to become effective.
 - b. Notification of the reduction or nonrenewal must be in writing.
 - c. Notification of the reduction or nonrenewal must come from the institution's regular financial aid authority.
 - d. Notification of the reduction or nonrenewal must include a written statement from the coach.

2. It is permissible for an institutional administrator to co-sign or provide a loan to a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or friends.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.

Telephone Reminder

April 26, 2013 – May 2, 2013

All sports (except football and basketball)

- Beginning July 1 before the senior year – **One Call Per Week.**

Football

- Beginning September 1 of the senior year – **One Call Per Week.**

Men's Basketball

- Beginning June 15 at the completion of the sophomore year - **Unlimited Phone Calls.**

Women's Basketball

- The month of July after their junior year – **Three phone calls.**
- Beginning August 1 before the senior year – **One Call Per Week**

Compliance Website/Social Media

April 26, 2013 – May 2, 2013

- Compliance Website - <http://www.wsucougars.com/compliance>
- Compliance Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/WSUCompliance>
- Compliance Twitter - <http://twitter.com/WSUCompliance>

Compliance Quiz Answers

April 26, 2013 – May 2, 2013

Answers to Compliance Quiz:

1. D) Notification of the reduction or nonrenewal must include a written statement from the coach. (15.3.5.1)
2. B) False. (13.2.1; 13.2.1.1)

Scoop Sheet is distributed every week to all department staff members. If you would like to receive a hard copy in lieu of the e-mail version, please contact Mikayla at 5-2006 or mbrandhorst@wsu.edu. If you would like to include news or information in the next Scoop Sheet, please send it to Mikayla via e-mail or by other means before 12:00p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2013.