

WASHINGTON STATE

UNIVERSITY

COMPLIANCE NEWS

December 6, 2013 – December 12, 2013

RECRUITING CALENDER

Baseball

Dec 6 – Dec 12: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

Dec 6 – Dec 12: Contact Period

Women's Basketball

Dec 6 – Dec 12: Evaluation Period

Football

Dec 6 – Dec 12: Contact Period

Cross Country/Track

Dec 6 – Dec 8: Contact Period

Dec 9 – Dec 12: Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball

Dec 6 – Dec 12: Quiet Period

Tip of the Week

Meals on Official Visit

The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians, spouse or children need not be included in the \$40-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. A reasonable snack (e.g., pizza, hamburger) may be provided in addition to the three meals.

NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7.7

Interpretation:

In football, it is permissible for an institution to provide meals during an official visit to the sibling of a prospective student-athlete, who is also prospect-age or is being recruited by the institution, without constituting an official visit for the prospective student-athlete's sibling provided no recruitment of the sibling occurs during the visit.

As Always, Please Remember to Ask Before You Act!

WSU Compliance News

- Coaches remind your student-athletes that textbooks will be collected in the Book Supplies section of the Bookie during Finals week, from 9am – 5pm, Monday-Friday.
- Reminder **no** CARA during Dead or Finals Week, except for football.

NCAA News: Wichita State baseball assistant didn't know she was committing NCAA violations

A Wichita State administrative assistant was unaware of which apparel items she ordered for baseball players, unknowingly committing NCAA violations, according to her lawyer.

Shelley Wombacher, a long-time employee of the baseball program, is at the center of an internal review regarding improper clothing and apparel benefits to members of the team. On Wednesday, sources at WSU identified Wombacher as the person with access to a discounted Under Armour account. Players ordered non-baseball items such as hunting gear at as much as a 50-percent discount, a violation of NCAA rules.

Randy Rathbun, Wombacher's lawyer, said he is angry that the university is using her as a scapegoat after her 20-plus years of work. According to Rathbun, coaches, administrators and athletes, from the baseball program and other sports and departments within the athletic department, often ordered from Under Armour through Wombacher. The practice was common, he said, for several years.

Wichita State athletic director Eric Sexton declined to comment, referring to statements made in Tuesday's news release announcing the review.

Rathbun said Wombacher received no training from the department on how to use the account, and that she has not been fired.

"They would come to her with a SKU number and order items," Rathbun said. "She had no idea what she was ordering. I don't know if anybody knew what was being ordered."

Coaches, staff and administrators are allowed to order apparel. Athletes are allowed to order items, such as running shoes or sweat suits, used in their sport.

Rathbun said Wombacher said some of the packages came through the baseball office. Others went to home addresses.

"It's just disgraceful the way they're treating this lady," he said "How in the heck does a secretary know it's a violation?"

As many as 16 current players could be involved, sources said. Under Armour supplies WSU's baseball uniforms and other apparel. The company did not respond to an email request for comment.

According to WSU sources, the purchases go back two or three years and took place without the knowledge of former coaches Gene Stephenson and his assistant coaches. Members of the current coaching staff discovered the issue and brought it to the attention of the administration. Stephenson was fired after 36 season on June 4. Arkansas assistant Todd Butler was hired June 16

WSU announced the review on Tuesday, the same day Wombacher was asked to leave her office at Eck Stadium and complied. The university hired Bond Schoeneck and King, an Overland Park law firm that specializes in NCAA rules compliance, to help investigate. It's website touts that it has conducted more that 100 investigations into potential major infractions.

COMPLIANCE QUIZ

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1. An institution may not publish recruiting or promotional materials designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes in any type of publication that provides information concerning the athletics participation or evaluation of prospective student-athletes.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. Before _____ of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution shall not provide a written offer of athletically related aid or indicate in writing to the prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution.
 - a. June 1
 - b. July 1
 - c. August 1
 - d. September 1



Telephone Reminder

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All Sports (except Football and Basketball)

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

Football

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

Men's Basketball

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

Women's Basketball

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

Compliance Website/Social Media

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

Compliance Quiz Answers

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Answers to Compliance Quiz:

1. A) True. 13.4.3.1
2. C) August 1, 13.9.2.2



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