

# WASHINGTON STATE

## UNIVERSITY

### COMPLIANCE NEWS

February 21, 2014 – February 27, 2014

#### **RECRUITING CALENDER**

##### Baseball

Feb 21 – Feb 27: Quiet Period

##### Men's Basketball

Feb 21 – Feb 28: Contact Period

##### Women's Basketball

Feb 21 – Feb 28: Evaluation Period

##### Football

Feb 21 – Feb 28: Quiet Period

##### Cross Country/Track

Feb 21 – Feb 28: Contact Period

##### Women's Volleyball

Feb 21 – Feb 28: Contact Period

#### **Tip of the Week**

##### **Participation on Outside Teams**

Any participation by a student-athlete on an outside team (national team, club team, etc.) must be approved by the Compliance Office prior to the student-athlete leaving campus for participation. Student-athlete eligibility can be jeopardized by unapproved participation. This includes practices, try-outs (or combines) and competition. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

NCAA Bylaws 14.6.1, 14.6.2, & 17.02.09

**As Always, Please Remember to Ask Before You Act!**

### WSU Compliance News

- Coaches please remember that CARA forms are due each Monday of the new week.
- Also unofficial visits need to be logged into Radar before unofficial visit tickets are approved.

### NCAA News: Electronic Transmissions, Social Media Platforms and Recruiting (I)

*(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)*

**Question No. 4:** May a coach or other athletics department staff members communicate publicly with or about a prospective student-athlete on a social media platform?

**Answer:** A coach or other athletics department staff member may not communicate publicly with a prospective student-athlete until the prospective student-athlete has signed a NLI or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Prior to that time, public communication with or about a prospective student-athlete is contrary to the publicity legislation. Further, a coach or other athletics department staff member may not publicly reference the name, nickname or other personally identifiable information (e.g., address) of a prospective student-athlete, other than to confirm recruitment of the prospective student-athlete, nor may a coach or athletics department staff member forward or republish identifiable information generated by a prospective student-athlete (e.g., "retweet").

**Question No. 5:** May a current student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete connect and communicate via a social media platform at any time and publicly communicate with or about a prospective student-athlete?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the communication does not occur at the direction of a coach or other athletics department staff member and the communication does not relate to the prospective student-athlete's recruitment (e.g., a student-athlete may not publicly comment on a prospective student-athlete's verbal commitment, a student-athlete may not post any information that would publicize a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus), including information that was initially generated by the prospective student-athlete (e.g., "retweet").

**Question No. 6:** May a coach or other athletics department staff member connect and communicate publicly with a prospective student-athlete's coach or team via a social media platform at any time?

**Answer:** Although it is permissible to connect and communicate with a prospective student-athlete's coach via private communication at any time, coaches and other athletics department staff members are not permitted to make any public comment that promotes or endorses any prospective student-athlete's coach or team, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes.

**Question No. 7:** May a coach send a generic good luck or congratulatory message which mentions a specific high school on social media (e.g., a tweet on Twitter or a Facebook wall post that states, "Good luck, City High School, during the 2013 soccer season!")?

**Answer:** No. Such messages would constitute an endorsement of the high school.

**Question No. 8:** If an athletics department staff member's son or daughter is a prospective student-athlete, is it permissible for the staff member to send a good luck or congratulatory message in which the son or daughter's high school or team is mentioned (e.g., "Congrats to my daughter, Suzie, and the Central High volleyball team on winning the conference tournament this weekend!")?

**Answer:** Yes; however, the staff member is not permitted to comment specifically on any other prospective student-athlete on the team unless the prospective student-athlete has signed a NLI or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

**Question No. 9:** If an athletics department staff member has a pre-existing relationship with a high school coach, is it permissible for the staff member to send a good luck or congratulatory message mentioning the coach's name (e.g., "Congrats, Coach Smith, on your 400th career victory! Proud of you, my friend.")?

**Answer:** No. This would constitute an impermissible endorsement of the mentioned coach.

**Question No. 10:** May an athletics department staff member post a tweet commenting on a particular facility used by prospective student-athletes (e.g. "Great ballgame at Township High School. One of the best high school baseball fields in the country!")?

**Answer:** No. While it is permissible for an institutional staff member to publicly post generic information on a social networking website including locations visited (e.g., visit to a high school or town, attending a contest), comments made about a specific prospective student-athlete, coach, high school or athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes are not permissible.

**Question No. 11:** May an institutional staff member post an individual photograph of a prospective student-athlete taken during a camp or clinic on the institution's campus to the staff member's microblog, personal website, institutional website, social networking or other social media site?

**Answer:** Although it is permissible for a picture of a prospective student-athlete taken while visiting the institution's campus, including attendance at any camp or clinic held on the institution's campus, to be used in permissible publicity and promotional materials such as press releases, media guides or camp brochures, an individual or "staged" photograph of a prospective student-athlete cannot be posted to any of the above platforms prior to the prospective student-athlete signing a NLI, an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or receipt of his or her financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.3.2.8 (promotion or endorsement of a prospective student-athlete's team, coach or athletics facility), 13.4.1.4 (electronic transmissions), 13.4.1.4.1 (exception – basketball and men's ice hockey), 13.4.1.4.2 (exception -- electronic transmissions after commitment), 13.10.2.1 (comments before commitment), 13.10.2.4 (prospective student-athlete's visit), 13.10.2.7 (photograph of prospective student-athlete) and 13.10.3 (publicity after commitment); official interpretation (3/14/07, Item No. 2); staff interpretation (09/09/13, Item No. b) and staff interpretation (12/05/13, Item No. a)]

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## COMPLIANCE QUIZ

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1. An OPEN EVENT conducted by or held on the campus of an institution is not considered a tryout provided which of the following?
  - A. The event is not classified by age group or level of educational institution.
  - B. Selection of participants is limited ONLY by number, geographical area or some objective standard of performance.
  - C. All participants must be amateurs.
  - D. Both A and B.
2. It is permissible to make in-person contact with a prospective student-athletes at a competition site on the day or days of competition prior to the prospective student-athlete being released by the appropriate authority (e.g. high school/two-year college/club team coach).
  - A. True.
  - B. False.

## SUDOKU

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## Telephone Reminder

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### All Sports (except Football and Basketball)

- Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> before the senior year – **One Call Per Week**

### Football

- Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> of the senior year – **One Call Per Week**

### Men's Basketball

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

### Women's Basketball

- Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> at the beginning of the junior 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:

3. D) Both a and b. 13.11.3.1
4. B) False. 13.1.6.2

### Answers to Compliance Quiz from Last Weeks Scoop Sheet:

1. A) True. 13.7.2.7
2. A) True. 13.6.3

### Compliance Cup Standings:

Rowing – 12  
SAD – 5  
Graphics – 5  
Athletic Training - 2  
Student Athlete Retention - 1



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