Recent NCAA Interpretation

Questionnaires for Prospective Student-Athletes Prior to the Permissible Date to Receive Recruiting Materials

Although the content of a questionnaires is left to institutional discretion, prior to the first permissible date to receive recruiting materials, questionnaires may not include any recruiting language intended to solicit a PSA’s enrollment, including general information about the institution’s athletics programs. Images of institutional or athletics facilities without any accompanying descriptions may be included at any time. Lastly, there is no restriction on the size of questionnaires; however, at no time may questionnaires include a detachable portion (e.g., poster, postcard).

Vacation Period Reminders

During the Thanksgiving break it is permissible to provide room and board expenses to those student-athletes who are required to remain on campus for practice and/or competition. If a meal is not provided, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the institutional per diem rate.

It is also permissible for staff, coaches or boosters to host student-athletes at their homes for Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally transportation to & from campus may be provided. Please remember to complete an Occasional Meal form in ARMS.

Spot the Violation

Ralph Wiggum, a freshman on the UAlbany Men’s Soccer team, was selected to receive a $5,000 scholarship for the 2016-17 academic year. Upon review of the scholarship, it was determined that one of the criteria for the award was the recipient must attend UAlbany. Is this a permissible source of financial aid for Ralph to receive?

Answer on next page.

Two Week Dead Period

A reminder for all fall sports concluding their seasons in the coming weeks, that beginning with the day after their season has ended, the entire team must have a 14-day dead period (see page 49 in the Albany Compliance manual for more details). Although, it is permitted to have end of season one on one meetings with your student-athletes during this period.
Local Sports Clubs

Coaches in sports other than basketball may be involved in any capacity in the same sport for local clubs or organizations in the community. Provided the following:

### Requirements

All participants in the club must be legal residents within a 50-mile radius of UAlbany’s campus, unless the club is the closest opportunity for a PSA who lives outside the 50-mile radius to participate in the sport.

- The “closest opportunity” is not defined in the legislation but requires a factual determination. If you have a PSA who is seeking to use this exception, please contact The Office of Compliance Services to discuss whether the exception applies.
- A PSA who relocates to an area on a temporary basis (e.g., visiting relatives) is not a legal resident of that area.

No institutional sponsorship may occur (e.g., no reduced rental rates for use of any UAlbany’s facilities).

In order for a coach to be involved the Club must be an established and continuing program; and

Documentation of the above must be filed yearly with The Office of Compliance Services

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**Early NLI Signing Period Reminder**

Just a reminder that the early NLI signing period begins November 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so please submit your signees through ARMS using the Initial Grant in Aid form. Also, if you would like your walk-on’s to sign something please send their contact information to Jose Genao.

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**Spot the Violation Answer:**

No. Bylaw 15.2.6.3 (a) states that, a student-athlete may receive financial aid from an established and continuing program provided the recipient’s choice of institution is not restricted by the donor of the aid.