Compliance in the News

*Former Appalachian State assistant football coach penalized for sending hundreds of impermissible texts*

A former Appalachian State University assistant football coach sent 416 impermissible texts to a prospect’s mother, contrary to NCAA rules at the time, according to a Division I Committee on Infractions panel.

The panel noted that the former assistant coach knew that he could not have a text message conversation with prospects and their parents. Shortly after the prospect made an unofficial visit on the campus, the former assistant coach cautioned the mother that they were not supposed to text, but said it was fine if no one knew about the communication. The text messaging continued for the next four months.

The communication was undetected by the university because the football program did not designate the prospect as a recruit, so the monitoring software did not recognize the texts as inappropriate.

Penalties prescribed for the university by the panel include the following:

A one-year show-cause order for the former assistant coach. During that time, any NCAA member school that hires him in an athletically related position must restrict him from all recruiting activities until Aug. 31, 2017, and hold monthly one-one-one compliance sessions that focus on recruiting rules. Appalachian State was also fined $5,000.

Spot the Violation

The University at Albany women’s soccer student-athletes will receive rings for winning the America East Conference Championship game. If any of the student-athletes want to exchange the ring for another item, is that permissible?

Answer on next page.

National Championship and NFL Playoffs

*Sports Wagering Rules*

Just a quick reminder with the College Football National Championship and NFL playoffs on the horizon that NCAA legislation does not allow any betting on these events. If something of value (e.g. money, services, goods, etc.) is wagered it is impermissible. A good equation to follow is:

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\text{ENTRY FEE} + \text{PRIZE} = \text{VIOLATION}
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FAFSA Reminder

Just a reminder that you must file a FAFSA to be eligible for Federal Student Aid. Below is some important information:

Income Information

When filing the FAFSA, estimated income figures can be used initially and replaced with actual income figures after the student and parent(s) file their federal tax returns.

Federal School Code

The UAlbany federal school code, which must be entered on the FAFSA, is 002835.

UAlbany FAFSA Completion Dates

Available every year after January 1st, the FAFSA should be completed and submitted on-line through www.fafsa.ed.gov. Continuing students wishing to receive priority consideration for campus-based aid* administered by the Office of Financial Aid must have completed the FAFSA and received an official expected family contribution from the Department of Education by April 1st.

Employment Forms Reminder

With the start of a new semester, please remember that if you have a job (either on or off campus) during the spring semester, and have not yet completed the forms in ARMS, to do so as soon as possible. Please contact the Office of Compliance Services if you have any questions or cannot locate the form.

Spot the Violation Answer:

No. NCAA Staff Interpretation-12/5/13- Student-Athletes Selling Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics (I) - states that a student-athlete may not sell, or exchange for another item of value, any item received for athletics participation.

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