Compliance in the News

NCAA vacates wins from 2012 & 2013 seasons for Notre Dame football team over academic misconduct violations

A recently completed NCAA investigation found a Notre Dame student athletics trainer violated NCAA rules when she committed academic misconduct for two football student-athletes and provided six others with impermissible academic extra benefits.

The NCAA has prescribed the following penalties for the violations: one year probation, a two-year show cause on the student trainer, a two-year disassociation on the student trainer from the athletics program, all wins from the 2012 & 2013 season are vacated, and a $5,000 fine.

Finals and Practice Hours

For all out of seasons teams, all practice activities must end 1 week prior to the start of finals. That means December 6th is the last day to have CARA, students may still engage in voluntary practice activities if they wish.

Spot the Violation

The UAlbany Field Hockey team would like to provide Louise Belcher, a senior prospect, with an official visit. The only time Louise can visit campus is during the Albany winter break. One of the current members of the field hockey team has volunteered to be a host, but she lives in the dorms which are closed. Since the dorms are closed the coaches would like the host to stay in the hotel room with Louise. Is this permissible?

Answer on next page.
Participation Awards

With Fall seasons wrapping up, please remember to take into account the costs of your Fall Participation Awards/Senior Gifts. Underclassmen awards may not exceed a combined value of $225 and senior awards may not exceed a combined value of $425.

Please keep the following in mind:
- Awards may be provided at any time;
- They must be uniform across all student-athletes within a category (ex: all seniors get the same senior award);
- Awards must be assigned normal retail value;
- Student-athletes may not contribute to the value in any way and may not sell, trade, or upgrade any item.

Please remember that the cost of the Great Dane Letter Winner Awards must be included in this combined value in order for your student-athletes to receive them.

Eligibility Center Reminder

Following the completion of the Fall semester, please remember to remind your recruits to have their high school(s) send their most current transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. This will allow recruits the opportunity to obtain early certification as a Qualifier and will also help to speed up the certification process come summer.

Textbook Return Policy

Please remind all of your student-athletes who are on book scholarships to return their books to the bookstore by Tuesday, December 20th.