Compliance in the News

FBI investigating and charging college basketball coaches for bribing players

As many as 10 college basketball assistant coaches are being investigated in a corruption case related to wire fraud and money laundering.

Investigators have been looking at whether coaches at these schools have been paid by outside entities – such as financial advisors, agents, and apparel companies – in exchange for pressuring players to associate with those entities.

The investigation is being led by the FBI and Manhattan U.S. attorney’s office.

Coaches from Oklahoma State, Auburn, Arizona, USC have been charged, with coaches from Louisville and Miami implicated as well. An Adidas executive has also been implicated.

New Proposals on the Horizon

Here are a few legislative proposals of note that may be upcoming:

• Deregulation of social media, audio/video materials, recruiting questionnaires.
• Extend basketball’s 3 contests in one week, required day-off exception to all sports.
• Eliminate the limit of 2hrs of skill instruction out-of-season.
• In sports other than football, allow publicized skill instruction.
• Allow foreign tours once every 3 years.
• Allow for a redshirt season to be used as a lost participation opportunity in a waiver of the 5yr rule.
• In football, change the spring eval period to a contact period & permit contacts with juniors and seniors.
• In MBB, require graduate transfers to count against the counter limit for 2yrs.

Spot the Violation

The men’s basketball coaches at Albany are putting together some materials to send to those recruits who will be visiting campus the next few weeks. One of the items they want to send is a video that was produced by the Albany admissions office that includes a virtual tour of the campus. The coaches, however, would like to add text to the background of the video to include the recruit's name and the dorm he would likely be staying in as a student-athlete. Is this permissible?

Answer on next page.

FAFSA

The 18-19 FAFSA will be available to complete starting October 1st. Please let your student-athletes and incoming PSAs know.
Early NLI Signing Period

Please remember that all scholarship offers to incoming PSAs should be completed through ARMS and the PSA must be admissible. Please start planning who you would like to send an NLI and Offer to so that we can make sure the letters are completed in a timely manner.

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Walk-On Signing

If you have walk-ons that you wish to send something out for they can sign, we have created an institutional commitment letter for them to sign. **Please be aware this is not binding and it does not allow their signing to be announced publicly until they have signed an admissions letter or submitted a financial deposit. Please contact the Office of Compliance Services with any questions.**

Bylaw Review

As part of the deregulation of Bylaw 16.8 for certain travel expenses the NCAA permits institutions to pay for parking fees incurred by SA’s for practice/competition. This would include parking passes but the passes may not be used for general or event parking. If you have any questions regarding what is permissible please contact Melissa or Jose.

ARMS Tip

If you have any forms or questions you are constantly having your student-athletes complete try utilizing ARMS to streamline your process. Entering forms for team meals, team rules, end of the year player evaluations, sizing info for incoming students, or whatever other information you’re looking to gather can help you in this process.

Spot the Violation Answer:

No. When text, images or video are layered (e.g., superimposed in the background or foreground) for recruiting purposes with an otherwise permissible video, the resultant material is impermissible to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete because it constitutes video that has been created for recruiting purposes.

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