COMPLIANCE BRIEF

February 2012

11 – CONDUCT AND EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

Coaches Off-Campus Recruiting Limits ~ At Any One Time [Bylaw 11.7.4.3]

Please be reminded of the limits in your sport regarding the number of off-campus recruiters at any one time (Bylaw 11.7.4).

It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus recruiting before another coach who is off-campus actually returns to campus, under the following conditions:

- You do not exceed your total limit for off-campus recruiting at any time;
- A coach being replaced must complete their recruiting activities before another coach begins recruiting; and
- A replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until they return to campus.

* Basketball ONLY – July Evaluation Periods: A replaced coach is not required to return to the TTU campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided not more than 3 coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day.
* Sports other than basketball: During June, July & August a replaced coach is not required to return to the TTU campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided not more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in off-campus recruiting activities **each day**.

12 – AMATEURISM

Amateur Status [Bylaw 12.1.2]

An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual:

- Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;
- Accepts a promise or pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;
- Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics (except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.5.1);
- Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation;
- Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.4, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses is received, except as permitted in 12.2.3.2.1;
- After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft; or
- Enters into an agreement with an agent.

13 - RECRUITING

Local Sports Clubs [Bylaw 13.11.2.3]

Sports other than basketball [Volleyball see bylaw 13.11.2.3.4 for additional regulations regarding local sports clubs]

- Coach may be involved in any capacity in the **same** sport or a sport **other than** the coach's sport;
- Must be located in the institution's home community; and
- All prospects participating are legal residents within a 50-mile radius of the institution.

Basketball

- Coach may only be involved in any capacity in a sport **other than** the coach's sport for a local sports club;
- Must be located in the institution's home community; and
- All prospects participating are legal residents within a 50-mile radius of the institution.

*****Athletics staff members involved in local sports clubs in any capacity *MUST* notify the compliance office on an annual basis and complete a registration form (if club involves prospects)*****

Recruiting Case Study

Post Up is a senior in high school and signed a National Letter of Intent with College USA in November. Post is a finalist for a few awards, but he needs a few letters of recommendation for the awards committee to review. Post asks the Head Men's Basketball Coach at College USA to write a letter of recommendation for him. *Is this permissible?*

No. NCAA Bylaws 13.2.1 and 13.11.2 would preclude an institution's coach from writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of a prospective student-athlete.

14 – ELIGIBILITY

Seasons of Competition [Bylaw 14.2.3]

- Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport.
- Applies to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution
- Exceptions**:**
  - Participation in a scrimmage at a two-year college provided it meets the requirements listed in bylaw 14.2.3.1.1;
  - During the initial year of enrollment, competition in preseason exhibition or practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) is not countable as a season of competition; and
  - Soccer & Volleyball – a SA may participate in a competition in the spring, without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible for competition in the fall.
  - A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17.

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15 – FINANCIAL AID

*****PLEASE REMIND YOUR ATHLETES TO APPLY FOR OUTSIDE AID ASAP*****

Have your athletes contact Ben Montecillo with any questions about applying for institutional aid at 806-742-3487 ext. 227 or ben.montecillo@ttu.edu.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Allows all students to apply for need-based financial aid.
- Helps in determining financial aid packages.
- For more information, or to submit an application, please go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Special Assistance Fund for Student-Athletes (SAFSA)

- Funded by the NCAA and distributed through the conference office.
- To determine eligibility for SAFSA, a domestic student-athlete must complete a FAFSA application.
- International student-athletes must submit an application for SAFSA to the compliance office.
- Student-athletes may use the money to purchase clothing or other essential items.

For more information, please contact Megan Graham in the Compliance Office.

16 – AWARDS, BENEFITS, AND EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

Occasional Meals [16.11.1.5]

A student-athlete or the entire team may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.

A student-athlete or an entire team may receive an occasional meal from a booster on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions:

a) The meal must be provided in an individual's home, on-campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered;

b) A booster may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that representative;

c) Per Texas Tech policy, an occasional meal form (located in Compliance Manual) ***must be completed and approved prior to the meal***; and

d) Per Texas Tech policy, each booster may provide one occasional meal per student-athlete, per year (meal will count towards the sports limits for the given term). Coaches and staff members may provide a maximum of 4 occasional meals per semester per student-athlete and a maximum of 3 occasional meals per student-athlete in the summer (total of 11 August - July).

For more information, please contact Justin Opperman in the Compliance Office.

17 – PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS

Mandatory Medical Exams: [Bylaw 17.1.5]

Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities, student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility are required to undergo a medical examination administered or supervised by a physician.

- The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities;
- In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition must be administered by an institutional medical staff member to determine if additional examinations are required; and
- The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

Contact Arnold Gamber to schedule and/or coordinate medical exams.

Recruiting Calendar February 1 – February 29

Football	Track/ CC	M Basketball	W Basketball	Softball	Baseball	Volleyball	Soccer	Tennis/ Golf
Dead: Feb. 1 - 2 **Quiet:** Feb. 3 - 29	**Dead:** Feb. 1 - 2 **Contact:** Feb. 3 - 29	**Evaluation**: Feb. 1 - 29	**Evaluation:** February 1 - 29	**Contact:** Feb. 1 - 29	**Quiet:** Feb. 1 - 29	**Contact:** Feb. 1 - 29	**Dead:** Feb. 1 - 2 **Contact:** Feb. 3 - 29	**Contact:** Feb. 1 - 29