**VACATION PERIOD REMINDERS**

The information below provides an overview of NCAA legislation and SDA policy relating to vacation-period activities. Please let the Compliance Office know if you have any questions regarding any of the activities you plan to conduct with your student-athletes during ASU’s winter vacation period (December 11 - January 8).

**MEALS**

- Student-athletes required to remain on campus for practice or competition may receive meal expenses.
- Student-athletes living at home during the vacation period cannot receive meal expenses, but they may participate in team meals incidental to participation.
- The maximum meal allowance under SDA policy is $20 per day ($5 breakfast, $5 lunch, and $10 dinner).
- SDA may provide additional meals incidental to participation but may not consistently provide student-athletes with both meal stipends and meals incidental to participation.

**TEAM ENTERTAINMENT**

Reasonable team entertainment in connection with practice or competition may be provided for in-season sports.

**PLAYING AND PRACTICE HOURS**

Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to CARAs during the vacation period for in-season sports.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Please remind all international student-athletes to confirm they are in good standing with the ASU International Students and Scholars Center (ISSC). Returning student-athletes who must report to the ISSC will see a task on their MyASU profiles. Any ISSC hold on a student-athlete’s account will impact that individual’s athletics scholarship disbursement.

New international student-athletes enrolling for Spring 2017 must report to the ISSC as soon as possible after arriving on campus to complete the check-in process. The ISSC must see new student-athletes’ original immigration documents – specifically their I-20s, student visas, and passports.
**NOTRE DAME**

The University of Notre Dame was recently penalized for academic misconduct. A former student athletic trainer completed coursework for two football student-athletes over a three-year period and also provided six other football student-athletes with impermissible academic assistance over a two-year period. The academic misconduct violated Notre Dame’s academic honesty and integrity policies which led Notre Dame to erroneously certify the eligibility of the two student-athletes. These two student-athletes were retroactively deemed academically ineligible for competition. So Notre Dame had to vacate wins in which the academically ineligible student-athletes participated (2012 and 2013 seasons). Other penalties include probation, public reprimand and censure, a $5000 fine, and a two-year, show-cause order for the student trainer.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

1. NCAA rules prohibit institutional employees (even student employees) from engaging in activities that violate ASU’s academic misconduct policy.

2. Only personnel authorized by OSAD may be involved with student-athletes’ coursework and they must follow OSAD rules. Student-athletes who do not submit their own work (e.g., having others complete online tests, copying someone’s work) may face ineligibility, expulsion, or loss of financial aid.

3. Student-on-student academic misconduct resulted in a loss of 21 wins for the Notre Dame football program and the head coach.

**SPOT THE VIOLATION**

University of Argon hired a new director of marketing. The new director of marketing would like to earn some extra money and announce local high school basketball games. The director of marketing checked with both men’s and women’s basketball staffs and confirmed Argon is not recruiting any prospects from these two teams. East High School hires the director of marketing as its home game commentator for all men’s basketball games and starts immediately.
A violation occurred when the director of marketing served as East High School’s basketball game commentator. An athletics department staff member may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest where a prospect is participating from the beginning of the contest (e.g., warm-ups) through the end of post-game activities (e.g., post-game interviews).

**HOLIDAY GIFTS**

With the holiday season upon us, remember that NCAA rules prohibit coaches and other staff members from providing gifts (regardless of value or type) to student-athletes. If your team hosts a gift exchange or Secret Santa event, please make sure student-athletes only exchange gifts with other student-athletes (no coaches or staff) and their participation is voluntary.

**HOLIDAY CARDS**

Holiday cards sent to prospects, like all other correspondence, must comply with the recruiting materials time restrictions, so all sports may provide holiday cards only to juniors, seniors, and junior college prospects. Also, holiday cards must meet NCAA size restrictions relating to general correspondence (e.g., may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when fully opened) and envelopes (e.g., may not exceed 9 by 12 inches) and may not be bought in a store.

Note: The rules above also apply to individuals linked to a prospect (e.g., coach, mentor, family member).

**MYTHBUSTERS**

**Myth:** Coaches do not have to follow NCAA recruiting rules if they have a pre-existing relationship with prospects and their families. Also, boosters do not have to follow NCAA recruiting and preferential treatment rules if they have a pre-existing relationship with prospects and their families.

**Busted:** No pre-existing relationship rule exists for coaches and prospects. All NCAA recruiting rules must be followed. Also, while a pre-existing relationship rule exists relating to boosters providing preferential treatment to prospects, a strict, four-part test must be administered and passed before a booster can provide a prospect with any benefit. The four-part test can be found [here](#).

**Spring Lieu Check Pick-Up Schedule**

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Please note this table has dates that run until December 31. Many of the periods run past December 31. Visit the [NCAA Recruiting Calendars website](https://ncaalinks.ncaa.org/t1/) for full recruiting calendars.