Compliance in the News
The University of Seton Hall and a former associate head men's basketball coach was found to have made impermissible phone calls with a prospect's mother. The head coach of the University was also found guilty of not promoting an atmosphere of compliance within his program when he did not take adequate steps to report or stop the calls when he found out about them.

The infraction occurred when the former coach made 154 phone calls to a prospect’s mother without the needed permission to do so. After the prospect informed his original university of his intent to transfer and requested permission to contact Seton Hall, the university denied the request. The former associate head coach learned the request was denied, but still had 87 impermissible calls with the prospect’s mother. The coach tried to defend his actions because he had a personal relationship with the prospect’s mother and believed the calls were permissible. However, having a personal relationship does not absolve coaches from following NCAA guidelines.

The penalties for the University include:
• A reduction of men’s basketball scholarships by one during the 2020-21 academic year.
• A two-game suspension for the head coach during the 2019-20 season.
• A $5,000 fine plus 1% of the men’s basketball budget.

Spot the Violation
PSA is flying from a game site in Colorado for an official visit. She arrives at 7:00pm Friday. Her visit is scheduled to start at 9:00am Saturday. Coach picks her up from the airport Friday night to drive her to the hotel. On the way PSA says she is starving. They go to Burger King and eat inside because the drive through line looks longer. Saturday morning at 9:00am, the coach picks her up from the hotel and takes her to campus. On Monday morning at 8:00am, she boards the plane to go back to her home in Kansas.

Holiday Cards
It is permissible to send a holiday card to a PSA but remember general correspondence legislation applies. Cards can only be sent to PSA’s after September 1st of their junior year and they cannot be bigger than 8.5” x 11” when fully opened, while envelopes may not exceed 9” x 12”. The cards cannot be purchased from a store.
Name, Image and Likeness Update - Federal and State Activities

There has been no new federal legislation introduced related to NIL since Rep. Mark Walker (NC) introduced the Student-Athlete Equity Act last March. Federal interest in this issue continues, however, and on December 5, Senators Chris Murphy (CT) and Mitt Romney (UT) announced the formation of a bi-partisan working group to facilitate ongoing discussions about student-athlete compensation and related issues. NCAA President Mark Emmert released a statement in response to the formation of this group. At the state level, since the passage of California Senate Bill 206 into law, 12 additional states have introduced, pre-filed or carried over NIL-related legislation while legislators from another 19 states have signaled their interest in introducing legislation in their next legislative sessions.

As many of you know, the NCAA Board of Governors voted unanimously this past October to permit student-athletes the opportunity to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner consistent with the collegiate model. The three divisions have begun the process of soliciting feedback and developing proposals to meet the Board’s January 2021 legislative deadline.

Arms Tips:

Before submitting your practice logs, remember to review the Compliance Check to make sure there are no errors. The Compliance Check can be viewed at the top of your Playing Season page which is found under your Team tab.

If the Compliance Check is green there are no errors with your logs. If it appears yellow, then there are errors. The weeks with errors will be designated with a yellow triangle to the right of them. Clicking on the triangle will let you view the issues. If a violation occurred please alert compliance and submit the accurate log.

Spot the Violation
First to email a correct response to me (stating either there are no violations or listing all violations AND the correct applicable bylaw(s)) will win a Starbucks gift card.