Compliance News:
Former Pennsylvania head men’s basketball coach violated NCAA rules

Former University of Pennsylvania head men’s basketball coach violated NCAA ethical conduct rules by impermissibly accepting at least $250,000 from a prospect’s father.

In exchange for this monetary value, the former head coach agreed to train, recruit and place the prospect on the recruited student-athlete list, according to an agreement released by the Division I Committee on Infractions.

The former coach’s actions resulted in multiple tryout and recruiting contact violations in addition to accepting the supplemental pay without reporting it as athletically related income while employed at the university. It was ruled that the coach did not promote an atmosphere for compliance within the men’s basketball program because of his personal involvement in the violations.

Approved penalties were:
• Two years of probation.
• A $5,000 fine.
• A reduction of men’s basketball recruiting-person days for the 2019–20 academic year by seven.
• A 15-year show-cause order for the former coach. During that period, any NCAA member school employing him must restrict him from any athletically related duties unless it shows cause why the restrictions should not apply.
• In the year after the expiration of the show-cause period, any member school employing the former coach must suspend him for the first 50% of the season if he is employed as a coach.

Spot the Violation

UAlbany football coaches are putting together a general correspondence email to send to a prospect. In the email is a graphic of a group of prospects. Is it permissible for such an image to be included in general correspondence sent to prospects?

Coaches:
Please remind your PSAs to log into the Eligibility Center on April 1 and request final amateurism certification. If you have any questions just let Dan know.
There is a temporary recruiting dead period in all NCAA Division I sports. The dead period will remain in effect at least until April 15, at which time the Council Coordination Committee will re-evaluate the status of the situation.

- During a dead period, it is still permissible to make telephone calls, video calls, text, email, private/direct message and write letters.
- During a dead period, it is not permissible to have any prospects visit campus, have off-campus contact with prospects or evaluations, or conduct camps and clinics.

National Letter of Intent (NLI) signings have been suspended until at least April 15, 2020.

There has been a number of changes to the scheduling of ACT, SAT, and TOEFL examinations. Please check the emails from Melissa for further details.

SAT Coronavirus Updates – March and May SAT Administrations, Future Testing Opportunities, FAQ

ACT April 2020 National Exam COVID-19 – April 2020 National Exam, FAQ

ETS Testing Updates due to COVID-19