



Solid Orange Newsletter

Compliance Newsletter – October 2013

TOPICS OF THE MONTH

Hot Topic – Georgia Tech Thursday Night Football

The upcoming football game against Georgia Tech on Thursday November 14th falls within a dead period for those sports who have a November NLI signing date. All sports with a November signing date are prohibited from bringing any PSAs on campus or official or unofficial visits during this game unless the PSA is a senior who signs an NLI on the November signing date. This applies to Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Men’s and Women’s Tennis, Rowing and Volleyball.

Rules Education Sessions

Compliance Services will conduct our monthly Coaches Rules Education session on October 15th at 10:30 am in the McFadden Team room. Please ensure that at least one member from your staff is present for this meeting. An agenda will be distributed on Monday prior to the meeting.

Phone Log Audits

We will begin conducting bi-monthly phone record audits for coaching staff members. Please maintain your most recent phone records on file as well as a list of all PSAs and their phone numbers you called during each month. Andy Campbell will contact you via e-mail if your records have been chosen for the audit and you can submit all the requested information via e-mail or hard copy.

Oklahoma State Case Study

Compliance Services has put together a case study based on the potential NCAA violations brought out in Sports Illustrated’s expose on the Oklahoma State football program. You will receive a copy of this case study via e-mail and we will review it during this month’s rules education session. Please take the time to review this case study and come prepared with any questions you may have about the processes and procedures Clemson has in place to prevent or address any of these potential issues on our campus.

Boosters Providing Meals

Clemson University’s departmental policies prohibit any representative of athletics interested from providing meals or any other benefits to currently enrolled student-athletes. This prohibition includes otherwise permissible occasional meals if the booster is providing the meal or covering the expenses of the meal.

Recruiting Calendar

BASEBALL

Aug 1-31	Contact
Sep 1 -12	Quiet
Sep 13 – Nov 10	Contact

XC/ TRACK & FIELD

Aug 1-10	Quiet
Aug 1 – Dec 8	Contact
Except Nov 23-24	DEAD

FOOTBALL

Aug 1 – Nov 30	Quiet
Except 42 Evaluation Days	

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Aug 1 – Sep 8	Quiet
Sep 9 – Nov 10	Recruit

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Aug 1 – Sep 8	Quiet
Sep 9 – 29	Contact

VOLLEYBALL

Aug 1 – Dec 1	Contact
Except Nov 11-14	DEAD

GOLF/ ROWING/ TENNIS/ DIVING

Nov. 11- 14	DEAD
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Current Event

Texas A&M President commits secondary NCAA infraction

On June 14, Texas A&M President Loftin tweeted out a seemingly harmless message to a highly sought after recruit following a recent visit “Enjoyed meeting you yesterday during your visit to #TAMU.” The prospective student-athlete responded with the Twitter message, “Yessir it was nice meeting you #gig'em.” The PSA visited College Station on June 13 and committed to A&M on the same day.

Loftin’s tweet (to his 26,640 Twitter followers) was a violation of NCAA bylaw 13.10.5, which states “a member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution’s campus...”

The violation was reported in July to the SEC. As a self-imposed corrective action, Director of Athletics Compliance David Batson was charged with “reprimanding” the very person that he reports to with a rules education session covering social media conduct.

While this was a relatively minor violation, this situation does draw attention to the need of not only coaches being aware of NCAA rules and regulations, but also the constituents surrounding athletics within an institution.

Meals Legislation

We have received several questions regarding meals legislation and wanted to provide a broad overview of the regulations for different periods and different groups. Please find attached to this newsletter a chart outlining the regulations for meals as they apply to coaches, volunteer coaches, graduate assistants, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes for varying times during the academic year. Please let us know if you have any additional questions for us regarding this meals legislation.

National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Football (Regular Period)	February 5, 2014	April 1, 2014
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	February 5, 2014	August 1, 2014
Basketball (Early Period)	November 13, 2013	November 20, 2013
All Other Sports Not Listed (Early Period)	November 13, 2013	November 20, 2013

Recent NCAA Interpretations

Institution's Team Observing Opponent's Competition

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed it is not permissible for an institution to pay expenses for the institution's team to scout a future opponent as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition.

Contact with a Prospective Student-Athlete who Repeats Junior Year

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that, in sports other than basketball, off-campus, in-person contact may be made with a prospective student-athlete beginning July 1 (subject to recruiting calendar restrictions) following completion of his or her junior year (or the applicable date within the sport) even if he or she will repeat the junior year; however, once the prospective student-athlete begins classes as a junior for the following academic year, no further contact may occur until July 1 following the academic year (or the applicable date within the sport) or the first day of classes of his or her senior year, whichever is earlier.

Coaches prohibited from visiting programs deemed to be “non-scholastic”

A team that is affiliated with a scholastic institution, but not subject to the rules and regulations of the scholastic governing body would be considered a non-scholastic team for purposes of applying the evaluation legislation set forth in Bylaw 13.1.7.8.1-(a). ... At this time, the academic and membership affairs staff has presented fact situations involving two teams, Findlay Prep (Nevada) and Huntington Prep (West Virginia), and has determined that based on the facts presented and the above mentioned legislation and interpretation both of those teams would be considered non-scholastic teams ...”

Reporting a Violation

If you are aware of or suspect that an NCAA rules violation has occurred there are three methods to report the violation. The first, stop by compliance services in 105 Jervy and speak with a member of the compliance staff. Second, call compliance services at 864-656-1580. Finally, you can contact the staff by e-mail at Compliance-L@clemsontigers.com. Do not hesitate to contact compliance services any time you become aware or suspect that there is a violation of the NCAA bylaws. Remember, **“If you see something, say something.”**