



COMPLIANCE

TIGER TIDBITS

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Topics of the Month

VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS REMINDER:

What constitutes a voluntary workout?

(NCAA Bylaw 17.02.18)

- Activity must be **initiated & requested** solely by the student-athlete (SA)
- **Participation** is **NOT** required
- Activity is not at the request or **viewed by a countable or volunteer coach**
- SA isn't required to **report** back to a coach/designee (non-coaching staff member) any information related to the activity.
 - **NOTE:** non-coaching staff members who observe activity (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) may NOT report back to the coaching staff.
 - Strength staff may not provide instruction
- Attendance & participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purpose of reporting to coaching staff or other SAs
- SAs may not be subjected to penalties should they not participate
- No recognition or incentive may be awarded to SA based on attendance or performance.

NOTE: Noncoaching staff members (EX: Directors or Operations, Administrative Assistants, Interns, Video Staff) are PROHIBITED from observing voluntary workouts (NCAA Bylaw 11.7.3)

EXCEPTIONS:

1. **Safety Exception** – A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in a Clemson practice facility to provide safety or skill instruction but may NOT conduct the individuals workout.

This rule only applies to the following sports at Clemson:

- Diving
- Rowing
- Track (Field events, jumping hurdles, jumping element of steeplechase ONLY)

2. **Vacation Period & Summer** – A strength coach may design and conduct specific workout programs for SAs, provided the workouts are voluntary and at the student-athletes request. (NCAA Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1)

Finals Period – CARA reminder

IN SEASON SPORTS (FB, MBB, WBB, Diving & Track):

- Daily and weekly hour limitations still apply

OUT-OF-SEASON SPORTS:

- All Countable Athletically Related Activity (CARA) is **PROHIBITED one week prior to the beginning of the final examination** period through the conclusion of each SA's final exams.
- **Voluntary Workouts:** Permissive but may not be conducted by strength staff.
 - They may only be monitored for safety purposes (by strength staff and athletics trainers).

Head Coach Responsibility-Compliance Discussion Topics

1. **Voluntary Activity:** Know the definition and what limitations the coaching staff/non-coaching staff must abide by. (Bylaw 17.02.18)
2. **Unofficial Visits:** Know limitations as it relates to complimentary tickets, housing in dorms, transportation during the visit, meals, parking and activities. (Bylaw 13.7)
3. **Reduction or Cancellation of Athletics Aid:** Understand why and when aid may be reduced/cancelled during the academic year and what obligations we have to our SAs (Bylaw 15.3.4)
4. **Volunteer Coaches:** Know the limitations as it relates to instruction, recruiting and potential compensation. (Bylaw 11.01.6 & 11.7.6.2.3)

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Recruiting Calendar

BASEBALL

Dec 1-Jan 1 Quiet

XC/ TRACK & FIELD

Dec 1-14 Contact

Dec 15-18 DEAD

Dec 19-Jan 2 Quiet

FOOTBALL

Dec 1-16* Contact

*14th is a quiet period for JC

Dec 15-Jan 14 DEAD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec 1-23 Recruiting

Dec 24-26 DEAD

Dec 27-31 Recruiting

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec 1-23 Eval

Dec 24-26 DEAD

Dec 27-31 Eval

VOLLEYBALL

Dec 1-7 Contact

Dec 8-16 Quiet

Dec 17-31 DEAD

GOLF/ ROWING/ TENNIS/ DIVING

December Contact



ARMS Reminder – CARA Input:

Be mindful of event type when inputting team activities into the calendar. Incorrect activity label will potentially trigger a violation event in ARMS.

Event choices:

- **Coach-led skills**
- **Competition** (Should not be selected as an activity outside of playing season)
- **Conditioning**
- **Film review**
- **On-field walkthrough** (Should not be selected as an activity outside of playing season)
- **Practice** (Should not be selected as an activity outside of playing season)
- **Scrimmage** (Should not be selected as an activity outside of playing season)
- **Team meeting**
- **Travel Day** (Should not be selected as an activity outside of playing season)
- **Weight Training**

If further assistance is needed, please contact Bud Pough in the compliance services (opough@clemsun.edu; 854-656-0396).

Squad List Reminder:

1. Please review and double check your squad list.
2. The squad list should include all student-athletes (scholarship and walk-ons) practicing on the team as well as medicals and those that have exhausted eligibility and receiving 5th year aid.
3. Maintaining an accurate roster on the squad list is essential for our Sikes Hall Certification Team to determine eligibility, services from Vickery Hall, Title IX compliance and team GPA and APR calculations.
4. If you have any changes (additions, quit or dismissed from team), please submit the Squad List Change (Scholarship or Walk-on) Form via ARMS.

Ed. Column of Interest:

Issues Related to Crowdfunding (11.6.14)

A student-athlete's name or picture cannot be used to promote or to solicit funds for a commercial product or service of any kind. This prohibition applies to traditional, brick-and-mortar businesses, commercial websites, for-profit crowdfunding sites and other online businesses that seek to use a student-athlete's name, picture or likeness for any commercial purpose (e.g., promotion, generation of revenue). Further, a student-athlete may not use his or her name, picture or athletics reputation to solicit funds through a personal online profile or crowdfunding site, except as permitted by NCAA legislation.

Additional Q&A that may be helpful...

Question: What is crowdfunding?

Answer: Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the internet.

Question: Is a SA's eligibility affected if a crowdfunding entity solicits funds during their collegiate enrollment that are earmarked for the SA upon graduation or exhaustion of athletics eligibility?

Answer: Once the SA accepts the promise of pay, the SA has jeopardized his/her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, even if the funds will not be disbursed until after completion of his/her collegiate participation.

Question: Is a SA permitted to set up his/her own profile on a crowdfunding website to solicit funds to pay for expenses associated with competition and practice for an outside team?

Answer: Yes. This is permissible because a SA who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition from an outside sponsor other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests.

NCAA Interpretations of Interest:

Permissible Electronic Correspondence Sent During an Institution's Athletics Contest (11.21.14):

An institutional staff member may send permissible electronic correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles and text messages) to prospective student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's athletics contests.

Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach or Manager Enrolled Less Than Full-Time During Penultimate Term (11.7.14)

An undergraduate student assistant coach or manager may be enrolled less than full-time during the penultimate term (i.e., term before the final term) of his or her degree program, provided he or she is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.

Restitution Provisions do not Apply to Cases of Impermissible Academic Assistance (11.13.14):

The restitution provisions of Bylaw 16 do not apply to an extra benefit violation in which a student-athlete receives an impermissible academic arrangement or assistance from an institutional staff member or representative of an institution's athletics interests. In such a situation, reinstatement of the involved student-athlete's eligibility for competition is required.