

RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC



September 2011

Involvement of Former
Student-Athletes

PROTECT
YOUR  TEAM

Former Student-Athletes

- ⊙ Former student-athletes are considered to be representatives of CU's athletics interest (i.e. boosters).
- ⊙ We appreciate everything that former student-athletes have done and will do for CU in the future, but they are still governed under NCAA rules.

Former SAs and PSAs

- ◉ Former student-athletes are not permissible recruiters for CU, unless they are a staff member.
 - ◉ Please note — Charles (CJ) Johnson is no longer considered a staff member since he is now employed by BSP and not the athletic department. It is not permissible for him to meet with prospects on or off campus.
- ◉ Arranging for a prospect and a former student-athlete to meet, on or off-campus, would constitute an impermissible recruiting contact.
- ◉ If a former student-athlete is enrolled in classes, they may have on-campus contact with a prospect.

Former SAs and current SAs

- ◉ Former student-athletes and current student-athletes may maintain the relationship they had while they were teammates.
- ◉ A former student-athlete may participate in practice sessions with a team on an occasional basis. CU has determined this to be twice a month and this cannot be advertised to the public.
- ◉ A former student-athlete can be involved in Alumni events, weekends, meals, etc. with current student-athletes.

Former SAs and current SAs

- ⊙ Former student-athletes may now be professionals in their sports or offer lessons in that sport.
- ⊙ A current student-athlete would need to pay a former student-athlete the going rate for any lessons and/or athletically related guidance.
- ⊙ This type of interaction should not take place in CU's facilities.

Former SAs and current SAs

- ⊙ Further, a former student-athlete who is now a professional should not be providing any extra benefits to current student-athletes.
- ⊙ This includes travel, meals, game tickets and anything of value.
- ⊙ We also need to be aware of former student-athletes and their relationships with agents. They should not be facilitating a relationship between a current SA and an agent/runner/financial advisor.

References

- ▣ Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6- Exception -- Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis.
 - A former student at the certifying institution (e.g., former student-athlete) may participate in an organized practice session on an occasional basis, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student at any time before the practice session. (*Adopted: 3/3/11*)

References

- Educational Column Issues Related to Benefits from Former Teammates and Agents During the NFL Draft (I) Date Published: April 17, 2009
- NCAA institutions should note that a current student-athlete's attendance at certain draft day parties may result in violations of NCAA legislation if a student-athlete does not pay for the benefits or services he or she receives in the course of attending such parties.
- The NCAA agent, gambling and amateurism activities staff are aware of previous draft day parties where draft prospects invited friends and former teammates, some of whom were then-current student-athletes, to attend such parties. Travel expenses, lodging, meals and other expenses (e.g., entertainment) were provided to the student-athletes at no charge. Unbeknownst to the student-athlete, those expenses were financed by an NFL certified contract advisor. Please note that receipt of such expenses constitutes an impermissible benefit from an agent. Further, even if all of the benefits received by a student-athlete associated with attendance at a draft day party came directly from a friend and former teammate, there may still be a violation involving impermissible preferential treatment.
- The issue of a current student-athlete receiving benefits from a former student-athlete was reviewed by the former NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Legislative Review/Interpretations (LRIS) in 2001. At that time, the subcommittee directed the staff that the standard for reviewing cases involving benefits provided to a current student-athlete from a former teammate should be whether the type of benefit provided is consistent with what was provided when the donor and recipient of the benefit were college teammates. This analysis is still used when determining whether a student-athlete received impermissible benefits from a former teammate.