

NCAA Rule of the Month

December 2011 Compliance Acronyms

In compliance, we use many acronyms that you might not quite understand. Below is a list of frequently used acronyms and a definition to help you better understand our dialect.

PSA/SA: Prospective Student-Athlete/Student-Athlete. PSAs are any students in grades 9-12, regardless of athletic ability. For men's basketball, students in 7th and 8th grade are also considered prospects. Student-athletes are any CU students on the roster of a team.

CARA: Countable Athletically Related Activities. Any athletic activity required or observed by a coaching staff member in which a student-athlete participates. Includes practice, strength & conditioning, competition and many other activities.

IEW: Initial-Eligibility Waiver OR Incidental Expense Waiver. Two types of waivers that can be filed on behalf of a student-athlete. The Initial-Eligibility Wavier attempts to waive NCAA rules for incoming freshmen who show academic success but do not quite meet NCAA rules. An Incidental Expense Waiver, when approved, allows CU to pay certain expenses for SAs when mitigating circumstances are involved (i.e., flight to a funeral of family member).

SAF/SAOF: Special Assistance Fund/Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. Two funds available to student-athletes to help provide assistance when financial hardship is present.

PTD: Progress towards degree. The academic benchmarks that student-athletes must meet in order to maintain eligibility from term to term.

SLR: Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. The committee CU appeals to when a waiver of NCAA rules is requested.

APR: Academic Progress Rate. A number calculated by a complicated formula that tracks both the eligibility and retention of student-athletes. By meeting the APR thresholds, teams are able to maintain their scholarships and ability to compete in post-season competition.

SAR: Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The process a student-athlete must go through to regain their eligibility when they are declared ineligible due to a violation in order to regain their eligibility.

NLI: National Letter of Intent. The document a prospect signs with a financial aid agreement when committing to join a CU team.

HH: Happy Hour. Where compliance sometimes ends up after a long day ☺.

If you have any questions regarding these acronyms or others that you have seen or heard, please feel free to contact compliance.