

NCAA Rule of the Month

**September 2011
Volunteer Coaches**

All sports other than basketball and football are allowed one volunteer coach each academic year. Cross Country and Track and Field are allowed a total of 6 volunteer coaches. If a volunteer coach leaves the staff during the academic year, they can be replaced with another volunteer but the volunteer that left the program cannot return during that academic year.

A volunteer coach cannot receive any compensation or remuneration from CU's athletics department or any organization funded partly by the athletic department or any organization that is involved primarily in the promotion of CU's athletics program. Further, the following restrictions apply:

- **A volunteer coach may not contact or evaluation prospects off campus, may not scout opponents off campus and cannot perform recruiting coordination functions.

- **A volunteer coach may receive two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach's sport.

- **A volunteer coach may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities, and official visit meals as long as the individual dines with the prospect.

Volunteer Coaches may receive compensation for their employment at CU camps and clinics. Also, volunteer coaches may receive apparel and equipment that is incidental to coaching duties.

Most importantly, volunteer coaches may participate in the coaching and instructing of student-athletes during permissible countable athletically related activities as well as during competition.

Volunteer coaches must sign a coaching agreement and pass the NCAA Coaches recruiting exam to be a part of the CU athletic program.