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RECRUITING PUBLICITY

Remember that media members cannot be present during any recruiting contact, including official visits to CU. If a media member requests a comment from you regarding a specific PSA, you can only confirm or deny that you are recruiting that PSA until the PSA signs with CU. We also cannot announce a PSA's visit, whether by press release, introduction at a CU athletic event, etc.

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TRANSCRIPTS FOR EARLY QUALIFIERS

If a student-athlete is certified as an early academic qualifier and the PSA enters CU in the Fall of 2010, the PSA must submit his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1, 2011. If a PSA is an early academic qualifier and enters mid-year next year (i.e. January 2011) he/she must submit his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1, 2012. This is all done internally by CU Admissions and the Registrar's Office.

COUNTABLE COACH DUTIES

The NCAA just adopted a rule change allowing a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) to participate in activities previously reserved only for "countable coaches." These activities can involve only the coaching staff or administrative duties such as:

- Attend meetings involving coaching activities (e.g. game plan)
- Analyze video of CU or a CU opponent
- Track statistics during practice or competition

Please remember that noncoaches can still not provide ANY instruction, observe voluntary workouts, or engage in off-campus recruiting.

PROTECT

YOUR  TEAM

REDUCTION IS NOT PERMITTED

Athletic grants-in-aid cannot be reduced or cancelled once the period of the award begins if the coach wants to make the reduction due to:

- Any athletics reason
- A student-athlete's athletics ability, performance, or contribution to a team's success
- Injury, illness, or physical/mental medical condition

It is impermissible to include any athletically-related conditions, such as, "the scholarship is only good if you start every game for our team." The award is valid until the end of the period of the award, which is typically the end of the school year (unless a student-athlete is mid-year graduate).

IN-SEASON C.A.R.A.

A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activity (C.A.R.A.) is limited to a maximum of four hours per day. The only exception is if a practice round in golf takes longer than four hours. However, ALL student-athletes (including golf) must not exceed the weekly maximum of in-season hours, which is ***20 hours!***

SPONSOR FAMILIES

It is against NCAA rules for us to assign "sponsor families" to "adopt" student-athletes. Scholarship donor families that we currently have are allowed to have interaction with their assigned student-athlete as long as they do not provide benefits to that student-athlete exceeding the threshold of permissible occasional meals.

COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO



WILL SIMPSON

Ticket Office

Will is an outstanding asset for the University of Colorado Athletic Department. Will does an incredible job administering the pass list for over 100 football student-athletes and uses his immense knowledge of NCAA rules to keep CU compliant in all areas of ticketing. Will has an amazing ability to diffuse possible violations in any area before rules are ever broken and the Compliance Office is grateful for all that he and his staff does!

USE OF AGENTS

A student-athlete shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. It is possible to utilize legal counsel from an advisory standpoint only. That person cannot represent a SA in contract negotiations. If the advisor does represent you in negotiations, it has triggered a "de facto" agent agreement and will leave the student-athlete ineligible.