



# RALPHIE'S REVIEW



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## "ATHLETICS AS A MAJOR CRITERION"

A student-athlete may accept financial aid from outside sources. How the aid affects a team's scholarship numbers is determined by whether or not 'athletics' is a crucial component in awarding the aid.

When asked if 'athletics' was a major criterion, the NCAA wants one main question answered...was a student required to have participated in athletics to even be eligible for the aid? If 'yes,' generally the aid will count.

**Example of "countable:"** High school track team gives a scholarship to an outstanding senior team member. This is considered "countable" because the student had to be on the track team to be considered for the scholarship.

**Example of "noncountable:"** High school gives a scholarship to the school's outstanding senior student who just happens to be an athlete. In this case, the award was given due to academics, etc. but was available to any student.

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## EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier early, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria:

- A combined SAT score (critical reading and math) of 1000 or a sum score on the ACT of 85
- A core-course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 13 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 13 core courses shall include:
  - Three core courses in English
  - Two in mathematics
  - Two in natural or physical science (including one lab science)
  - Six additional core courses in any NCAA core area.

These course must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center!

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## **MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

It is permissible for a CU student-athlete to participate in media activities. Student-athletes:

- May appear on radio/television programs
- May engage in writing projects (e.g. blog)
- Cannot endorse a commercial product/service
- May receive actual necessary expenses for participating in the activity
- Cannot miss class
- Must be academically eligible if activities occur during the offseason
- Should always consult with Sports Information.

## **N.L.I.**

The earliest a PSA can sign with CU is 7 a.m. on the first day of the National Letter of Intent signing date. This year the initial date is Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in all sports except Football, Soccer, and Track & Field/Cross Country. The NLI and the written offer of aid from CU cannot be signed before the initial signing date (which is Wednesday).

## **POST-CONTEST C.A.R.A.**

Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests/rounds/events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in tennis, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament).

## **THE "BATON" RULE**

It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus contact or evaluation before another coach who is off campus actually returns to campus. The total number of coaches recruiting for CU cannot exceed the permissible number at any time. The coach being replaced must have finished recruiting AND return to CU's campus before they can resume recruiting.

## **COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO**



### **CHRISTY KOZELISKI**

*Sports Medicine*

Christy has done an outstanding job partnering with the Compliance Office and has proved invaluable in our office's efforts petitioning for hardship waivers for student-athletes. Many student-athletes have received a year of eligibility back or have had their clock extended because of the contemporaneous medical documentation provided by Christy and the Sports Medicine staff. Thanks again, and congratulations Christy!

## **PERMISSIBLE AWARDS**

All awards given to student-athletes by CU must conform to NCAA awards limits. These limits are in place for awards given to student-athletes competing on behalf of the Buffs who were enrolled at CU during the academic year. Awards given to a student-athlete who is NOT representing CU in competition must conform to that competition's award structure. A student-athlete could not receive an iPod for a prize if the typical award was a hat, t-shirt, etc. Awards must be uniform for all student-athletes.