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VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS

Coaches and sport-specific non-coaches are not allowed to observe voluntary workouts during the summer. For example, sports staffs can not “walk through” the workout, observe from above or outside a venue where the workouts are taking place, or have their own workout at the same time as their student-athletes. Strength coaches and medical staff can attend to ensure student-athletes’ safety. But no one can report back to sport staffs about attendance or performance of student-athletes at the workouts.

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HEAD COACH RESPONSIBILITY

Each head coach is responsible for making sure their assistant coaches and administrators are acting in compliance with NCAA and Big 12 rules and regulations. Each head coach must promote an atmosphere for compliance and monitor the activities of all assistant coaches and other administrators. If an assistant coach or administrator does commit a violation, then the head coach could also be held responsible.

LOSING AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete can lose their amateur status in several ways. Those include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Uses their athletic skill to earn money in any form in that sport.
- Accepts a promise to be paid once their intercollegiate career is over.
- Enters into a contract or commitment to play professional athletics.
- Enters into an agreement with an agent.
- Receives any form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations.
- Competes on any professional athletics team, even if the student-athlete is not paid.
- Enters a professional draft.

PROTECT

YOUR  TEAM

PSA SUMMER CONTACT

Contact cannot be made with a prospective student-athlete at an athletics competition (i.e., summer tournament, national meet) from the time their coach asks them to be at the event to the time they finish competing in that event. If the tournament lasts several days and the prospective student-athlete's team is not knocked out until the last day, they cannot be contacted until they finish competing that day. The prospective student-athlete also must first be released by their team's coach. Electronic contact can be made while a PSA is between competitions during a tournament or meet, as long as they are not at the competition site. Contact can also be made while the PSA is traveling from one tournament/meet to another.

FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

The elements of financial aid that CU and all NCAA member institutions can provide include:

- Tuition and fees.
- Room and board.
- Required textbooks.
- Other attendance-related expenses, up to the cost of attendance.

REASONABLE REFRESHMENTS

If CU hosts an educational presentation, such a life-skills speaker, or a business presentation meant to educate student-athletes, it is permissible for CU to provide student-athletes with reasonable refreshments. Those reasonable refreshments could include snacks or appetizers and/or reasonable beverages.

COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO



JAMES HARDY

Speed/Strength & Conditioning

James has constantly engaged the Compliance Office since he assumed the duties of overseeing the training for the teams at Coors Event Center. We have greatly appreciated his willingness to always ask questions regarding his interaction with his teams, especially due to the increased scrutiny given to Countable Athletically Related Activities with strength coaches on a nation-wide scale. Thanks James!

TRANSFER EXCEPTION

A student-athlete, unless they are competing in football or basketball, can transfer once during their eligibility and not have to sit out a year. But any student-athlete can transfer and not sit out a year if their old school dropped their sport. The exception also applies if the original school has only announced it plans to drop the sport. With schools around the nation dropping sports because of tightening budgets, this exception could benefit your respective program at CU.