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REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENT

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CU can pay for student-athlete entertainment under some circumstances, including:

- During an away trip when it is within a 100-mile radius of the contest.
- When it is within a 30-mile radius of CU during vacation periods when the team stays on campus.
- Pro sporting events, but only during away trips. Admission must be provided by or through CU.
- Renting a movie, going to the movies the night before a home contest, or providing a pay-per-view movie in the student-athletes' hotel rooms the night before an away contest.

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PRESEASON CARA EXCEPTION

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

During preseason practices prior to the start of classes, daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities. But as soon as a team competes in a contest against outside competition before the start of classes, CARA rules and limitations should be put in place and adhered to the following day.

A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility or has suffered a career-ending injury can be an undergraduate assistant coach. They count against the program's coaches limit and must meet the following criteria:

- Are enrolled at the institution where they most recently participated in athletics.
- Are enrolled as a full-time undergrad.
- Are receiving only the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete, as well as expenses incurred on road trips.
- Are not involved in off-campus recruiting of prospective student-athletes and do not perform recruiting coordinator functions.

**PROTECT
YOUR  TEAM**

WHEN TO CONTACT A PSA

The following are some helpful reminders about how and when to contact potential student-athletes:

- Except in men's basketball, CU cannot provide any recruiting materials to an individual or their parents until Sept. 1 of their junior year. In men's basketball, it is permissible to provide materials on and after June 15 following their sophomore year.
- There is no limit on electronically transmitted correspondence once a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent.
- All calls must be made and received by the head coach or a countable assistant coach. The rule does not apply to graduate assistants in football who have completed the coaches' certification.

EXHIBITIONS OR SCRIMMAGES

In basketball and soccer, student-athletes in their first year of enrollment can compete in preseason exhibitions and scrimmages against outside competition without using a season of eligibility. In any other sport at CU, a student-athlete who participated in such a contest would be forced to forfeit a season of eligibility.

INCREASING FINANCIAL AID

Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason before the award period begins. The award period usually spans the entire school year. But after that period starts aid can only be increased if it can be demonstrated that the increase is unrelated in any manner to athletics.

COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO



JAMES HARDY ***Speed/Strength &***

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!

CLEAR LINE OF DEMARCATION

The NCAA's principles of amateurism include "a clear line of demarcation" between college athletics and professional sports. Therefore, student-athletes should generally not be involved with professional sports teams or organizations. Also, CU should generally not partner with professional teams or organizations. There are some exceptions, such as when a student-athlete throws out the first pitch at a pro baseball game. That is allowable as long as they pay for their admission.