Compliance in the News

Recently Gov. Gavin Newsom of California signed into law senate bill 206, which will allow athletes to profit from the use of their name, image and likeness starting in 2023. What this law will allow is for student athletes to make compensation on top of what their school offers them in room, board, and tuition. This also means that Athletes in California can also sign endorsement deals with brands and companies of their choosing. Athletes will also be able to profit off of signing autographs and can profit off of any camps or teaching that they do of their sport.

NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from using his or her athletic skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport under the NCAA amateurism rules. But in the new California bill it specifically prohibits the NCAA from punishing athletes who participate. The NCAA however, says that this law is in direct violation of its rules and any athlete who participates in this will lose his or her eligibility.

This new law will ultimately be fought over but it for sure will have a huge impact on student-athletes and their ability to profit of their likeness in the future.

2019-20 Admissions Appeal Dates

10/16, 11/7, 12/5, 1/15, 2/6, 3/12, 4/2, 5/7, 6/5

Please remember to submit the following items to Dan by the Wednesday prior to the appeal date:

- A statement from the head coach
- A statement from the prospect;
- An academic success plan;
- Updated transcripts and test scores; and
- Any additional documentation such as academic/athletic accolades/additional recommendation letters.

Spot the Violation

A PSA verbally commits to an “academic and softball career” at UAlbany. They haven’t signed anything or deposited. The local newspaper posts a video and article about the commitment on their website. The newspaper then posts the article link in a Twitter post.

Head Coach comments on the newspaper’s tweet “Awesome article”, but does not tag or mention the prospect. Is this a violation?
Commitment Letters
Coaches, if you would like Compliance to send Institutional Commitment Letters to your nonscholarship prospects to sign, please send an email to Melissa with the following information (1) Full Name (2) Address and (3) Email Address. Please remember these are nonbinding.

Eligibility
A prospect must (1) Register with the Eligibility Center and (2) Be deemed admissible.

Agreement
• An NLI is a binding agreement that, once signed by a prospect, requires the prospect to attend the signing institution for one academic year, provided the prospect meets all applicable university, conference, and NCAA rules for the receipt of aid.
• The NLI must be accompanied by a financial aid agreement, which serves as the institution’s commitment to provide financial aid for a designated period.

Recruiting Ban
Once a prospect signs an NLI, other institutions may not recruit the prospect.

NLI Penalty
A prospect who does not attend the signing institution or attends for less than one full academic year may not represent a second institution in competition until he or she completes one academic year in residence. The prospect also loses a season of competition.

Signing Requirement
An NLI must be signed within 7 days of its issuance date and sent to the conference office within 14 days after the prospect signs.

Notes
• Coaches, please email Zach at zeisler@albany.edu your 2020 prospects you would like added to your IRL.
• Advanced Registration is Wednesday, October 16th

Spot the Violation
First to email a correct response to me (stating either there are no violations or listing all violations AND correct applicable bylaw) will win a Starbucks gift card.