Compliance in the News
A former University of South Carolina assistant football coach was found to have violated NCAA recruiting contact and communication rules, according to the NCAA. The impermissible communication began after a highly rated prospect made a permissible official visit, however the next day the coach sent an impermissible text to the prospect. The coach sent impermissible texts notifying the prospect that he would be attending and watching him. He later sent a text confirming a meeting with the prospect which was an impermissible contact with the prospect.

The assistant coach’s text messages violated NCAA rules because recruiting communications cannot permissibly be sent until after a football prospect’s sophomore year of high school. NCAA rules were also violated because off-campus recruiting contacts are not allowed until after a football prospect’s junior year of high school.

The penalties for the school include:
- One year of probation.
- A reduction of football evaluation days by 12 for the academic year.
- A restriction on all telephone and text communications with football prospects for two.
- The university ended the recruitment of the prospect.

Spot the Violation
To earn some extra money in the off-season a UAlbany women’s lacrosse coach would like to officiate games in the area. A couple of the games have prospect-aged participants. May the coach officiate?

Note: If you have any questions on CARA related activities please visit the website where a full list of Countable and non-countable activities are listed. If you have further questions feel free to stop by the compliance office and ask.
### Thanksgiving Break CARA Reminders

**Out-of-Season (8-hour segment)**
- No CARA
- Voluntary activities may take place but must strictly meet the definition of voluntary

**In-Season (20-hour segment)**
- Daily limitations do not apply
- No CARA between midnight and 5:00am
- Activities do not have to be entered into arms

### Signing Dates

**Prospective Student-Athletes Signing 2019-20 and Enrolling 2020-21**

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### Spot the Violation

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

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A reminder to submit all Initial Grant-in-Aid Requests for any prospects you would like to sign during the upcoming signing period. If you would like to provide prospects a commitment letter, please email a list which includes full name and NCAA ID number to Melissa. The Head Coach, Recruiting Coordinator and Media Relations contact will be updated once valid documents are received so you can publicly announce the signing of your prospects.

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