Compliance News:
Division I student-athletes in all sports could transfer and compete immediately if a concept under consideration by the Transfer Waiver Working Group is adopted by the Division I Council.

The working group concept would change waiver criteria to allow approvals for first-time four-year transfers in all sports to compete immediately if they:
• Receive a transfer release from their previous school.
• Leave their previous school academically eligible.
• Maintain their academic progress at the new school.
• Leave under no disciplinary suspension.

The group agrees that a waiver process will remain in place for student-athletes who have transferred previously or otherwise do not qualify for the one-time waiver guidelines. Group members think this waiver process should be limited to truly extenuating and unique circumstances that threaten a student-athlete’s health and safety (for example, if the student-athlete is a victim of physical/sexual assault) while recognizing the impact multiple transfers have on the likelihood that a student-athlete graduates.

The working group will seek feedback from Division I members through student-athlete representatives, conference offices, impacted coaches associations and other collegiate athletic professional organizations prior to the Council’s April meeting. The group’s goal is to have the new criteria approved for transfers in the 2020-21 academic year.

Spot the Violation
The UAlbany softball team needs 2 student managers. They could not find any interested students on campus, but the coaches were contacted by a couple of students at a nearby institution.

Can these students serve as managers or do they need to be students at UAlbany?

Student Managers
• Must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at UAlbany.
• If in their final semester, they must be carrying the credits necessary to graduate that semester.
• May participate in limited on-court/on-field activities (assist with warm-ups, batting Must practice), equipment, hydration, laundry.
Volunteer Coaches
Rules on Recruiting:
• Can receive phone calls from prospects
• Can email/text prospects after the permissible date
• Can work for local sports clubs
• Can’t contact or evaluate prospects off campus
• Can’t make phone calls to prospects, parents, or coaches (before NLI)
• Can’t be involved in prospect-aged team (beyond local sports clubs)
• Can’t provide lessons to prospects (women’s golf exception)

Spot the Violation
First to email a correct response with the correct applicable bylaw will win a Starbucks gift card.

Did You Know?
An institution may provide the family members of a student-athlete with reasonable food and drinks in conjunction with educational meetings or celebratory events (e.g., senior night) and on an occasional basis for other reasons.

If there are any upcoming events that you would like to utilize this legislation for, please just let us know.

Coaches, please remember to have your incoming 2020 student-athletes submit all of their materials to the eligibility center as soon as possible. If you need any core course reviews done, please let Dan know.