



# PACIFIC ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

## NCAA UPDATES

### Legislative Proposals

The Division I Council has introduced four new proposals into the modernization track. These proposals, along with all the remaining legislative proposals, will be voted on at the Division I Council Meeting that takes place April 13-14, 2022.

- 2022-3 - would change when a prospective student-athlete becomes a student-athlete. An individual would remain a prospective student-athlete until they have signed a National Letter of Intent, an athletic aid agreement, or confirmed with admissions AND they have completed all high school graduation requirements or all transfer academic eligibility requirements. However, a student-athlete will revert to prospective student-athlete status if they do not attend class while enrolled full-time in the first regular academic term after they complete their high school graduation requirements or transfer academic eligibility requirements. This proposal will be effective immediately.
- 2022-4 - would eliminate the 48-hour length of an official visit. Instead, an institution would not be able to provide more than two consecutive nights of lodging to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with an official visit. This proposal has an effective date of August 1st.
- 2022-5 - would eliminate the limit on the number of official visits a prospective student-athlete may take. While a prospective student-athlete would still be limited to one official visit to an institution in each permissible time period, they could take official visits to more than five schools in each time period. In addition, this does not change the institutional limitations on the number of official visits that may be provided in certain sports, nor does it alter the prohibition on nonqualifiers and academic redshirts taking official visits during their first year of enrollment at a two-year college. This proposal has an effective date of August 1, 2022.
- 2022-6 - would change the contact rules in sports other than basketball so that contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at their educational institution during the time of day that classes are in session. For two-year colleges that have classes throughout the day, contact may not be made until after 4 p.m. and the prospective student-athlete shall not miss class for such contact. This proposal has an effective date of August 1, 2022.

We will provide additional information on these modernization track proposals as well as the legislative proposals following the Division I Council Meeting in April.

### Changes in Drug Testing Policy

The NCAA is changing its cannabinoid testing policies. At its February meeting, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) increased the THC threshold and recommended a reconfiguration of the penalty structure for student-athletes who test positive for THC.

CSMAS aligned with THC threshold levels established by the World Anti-Doping Agency, raising the threshold for student-athletes from 35 to 150 nanograms per milliliter. The threshold adjustment is effective immediately and applicable to drug tests administered in fall 2021 or later. Any future change to the NCAA threshold may occur in response to changes initiated by the WADA and remain subject to CSMAS review and approval.

## NCAA Updates continued...

The committee also recommended that each division consider changes to the current penalty structure for student-athletes who test positive for THC during NCAA drug testing. Drug testing penalties are legislated under NCAA bylaws, so each division will be required to separately adopt new legislation before changes are made.

The proposed new penalty structure:

- First positive test: No loss of eligibility if the school provides a management plan and education for the student-athlete.
- Second positive test: No loss of eligibility if the school provides additional management and education and confirms the student-athlete was compliant with the original management and education plan. However, the student-athlete must be withheld from 25% of regular-season contests if they were not compliant with the original management and education plan.
- Third positive test: No loss of eligibility if the school provides additional management and education and confirms the student-athlete was compliant with the previous two treatment and education plans. However, the student-athlete must be withheld from 50% of the regular-season contests if they were not compliant with the previous management and education plan.

Keep in mind, these changes apply to NCAA drug tests, not Pacific drug tests. The Pacific Substance Use Policy continues to apply to Pacific drug tests and a review of our department policy is currently taking place. We will continue to provide updates regarding any changes to the penalty structure as they become available.

### Initial Eligibility Requirements - Test Scores

Division I and II have taken another step toward removing test scores from initial-eligibility requirements for future student-athletes. Academic committees in both divisions have unanimously recommended removal of the test score from initial-eligibility requirements. Committee members from both divisions recommended their councils introduce test score legislation into the 2022-2023 legislative cycle, with an anticipated vote at the NCAA Convention in January 2023. The Division I Council will consider the committee recommendations on removing the test score requirement during their spring meeting.

Keep in mind, there is a COVID waiver to not require test scores currently in place for those entering in 2022-2023. We will continue to provide additional information regarding these potential changes as it becomes available.

## REQUESTING FINAL AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

April 1st is the first date that those enrolling in Fall 2022 can request final amateurism certification through the NCAA Eligibility Center. Please remind all incoming freshman and those transfer student-athletes whose first enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution will be in Fall 2022, that they will need to request final amateurism certification beginning April 1st. Transfer students who have not attended an NCAA Division I or II institution will need to confirm that their enrollment term is Fall 2022 as well. These incoming student-athletes should review the participation information they submitted to the NCAA Eligibility Center as part of the registration process and update any additional participation that has taken place since they registered prior to requesting final amateurism certification.

Please remind your prospects to check their account in the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure that there are not other open tasks that need to be completed as well.

## TRANSFER REMINDERS

The mandatory educational transfer module, designed to help student-athletes who are considering transferring make an informed decision, is now available for Division I student-athletes to complete prior to requesting entry into the Transfer Portal. All Division I student-athletes will now need to complete the education module prior to entering the Transfer Portal. Once they complete the module, there is a certificate of completion the student-athlete will need to save. They will upload this certificate as part of completing the Notification of Transfer Form in ARMS. Student-athletes are notified of this new requirement and provided a link to the module when they contact the Compliance Office to request information regarding being put in the Transfer Portal.

As a reminder, those considering entering the NCAA Transfer Portal, must be entered into the portal by the following deadlines to use the one-time transfer exception:

- May 1st - Fall and Winter Sports (Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, Men's Water Polo)
- July 1st - Spring Sports (Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Women's Water Polo) **2**

## FINANCIAL AID RENEWALS

We will be starting the Financial Aid renewal process for the 2022-2023 academic year in late March/early April.

Once the costs for the 2022-2023 academic year are available, the Compliance Office will be sending head coaches a tentative aid budget for 2022-2023 based on the aid agreements for 2022-2023 or current aid awarded, as well as a list of current student-athletes who receive athletic aid or are scheduled to receive athletic aid in 2022-2023. This list of current student-athletes will also indicate those who have qualified for a Season of Competition and/or Extension of Eligibility Waiver, as well as how many years of eligibility they have remaining and if their athletic aid will count against NCAA scholarship limits for each year of eligibility remaining

If a student-athlete plans to transfer to another institution to use their final year(s) of eligibility they will need to contact the Compliance Office, complete the transfer education module, and submit the Notification of Transfer Form in ARMS before they can contact other institutions, directly or indirectly, about competing and/or receiving athletic aid. Additional information will be sent to the coaches once the costs for 2022-2023 are available and the worksheets have been updated.

## NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS DISCLOSURE

Student-athletes who are participating in Name, Image, and Likeness activities are required to disclose **ALL** NIL activities to the Compliance Office per California State Law. If student-athletes are involved in any NIL activities, they must complete the Name, Image, and Likeness Disclosure Form in ARMS, regardless of whether they are receiving discounts, merchandise or cash payments. If you are aware of student-athletes participating in any NIL activities, please remind them to complete the disclosure form in ARMS so we can ensure their NIL activities do not violate the Athletics Department NIL policy, NCAA rules, or conflict with Athletic Department contracts. The complete Athletics Department NIL policy can be found [here](#).

## MARCH MADNESS GAMBLING REMINDER

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering on college sports. NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes, and athletic department, conference, and NCAA national office employees from wagering on intercollegiate, amateur and professional sports in which the association conducts championships.

The NCAA defines sports wagering as putting something at risk - such as an entry fee, or a wager (including dinner or a t-shirt) in return for the opportunity to win something. Thus, small-dollar bracket pools and friendly wagers of a dinner or t-shirt are not allowed. Bracket pools of this nature are illegal in most states anyway.

**The NCAA and Pacific discourage participation in all bracket contests, including those that have no entry fee (among friends, online, etc.)**



## RECRUITING CALENDARS

### Baseball

Contact Period .....Mar. 1-May 29

### Men's Basketball

Recruiting Period ..... Dec. 27-Mar. 30  
 Dead Period .....Mar. 31-Apr. 7 (noon)  
 Recruiting Period .....Apr 7 (noon)  
 Evaluation Period (NCAA Certified Events only) .....Apr. 8-10  
 Dead Period .....Apr. 11-14  
 Recruiting Period .....Apr. 15-20  
 Quiet Period.....Apr. 21  
 Evaluation Period (NCAA Certified Events Only) ....Apr. 22-24

### Women's Basketball

Contact Period .....Mar. 1-30  
 Dead Period ..... Mar. 31-Apr. 7  
 Quiet Period.....Apr. 8-10  
 Dead Period .....Apr. 11-14  
 Evaluation Period (Scholastic Events only).....Apr. 15-19  
 Quiet Period.....Apr. 20-21  
 Evaluation Period .....Apr. 22-24  
 (Certified nonscholastic events only)

## RECRUITING CALENDARS

### **Beach Volleyball**

Contact Period .....Jan. 15-Apr. 30

### **Cross Country/Track & Field**

Contact Period .....Mar. 13-June 7

### **Golf**

Contact period .....Jan. 2-July 31

### **Softball**

Evaluation Period .....Jan. 2-May 30

(For scholastic practice and competition activities only)

### **Women's Volleyball**

Contact Period .....Feb. 18-Apr. 30

Additional Information Can Be Found

[NCAA Recruiting Calendars Web Page](#)

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Break..... Mar. 14-18

Advising Resumes for Summer/Fall 2022 for continuing students ..... Mar. 21-28

Classes Resume..... Mar. 21

Last Day to Withdraw..... Mar. 25

Registrations Opens Summer 2022 for continuing students (no appointments required)..... Mar. 29

Early Registration Appointments Begin Fall 2022 for continuing students ..... Mar. 29

Deadline to file Application for Graduation Fall/2022/ Spring 2023/Summer 2023..... Apr. 2

Classes End .....May 3

Study Day .....May 4

Final Examination Period ..... May 5-11

Commencement (Stockton) .....May 14

Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades (5:00 pm) ....May 16

Commencement - School of Health Sciences (held in Sacramento).....May 21

Summer Session 1 (5 weeks)..... May 16-June 17

Memorial Day (Holiday - no classes) .....May 30

Summer Session 2 (5 weeks)..... June 20-July 22

Fourth of July (Holiday - no classes) .....July 4

Summer Session 3 ..... July 25-Aug. 26

Student Break (no classes) ..... Aug. 2

## COMPLIANCE GAME

Service Ace is a volleyball prospective student-athlete being recruited by Tigers University. Service Ace is on an official visit and wants to play in open gym with members of the volleyball team. This is a voluntary activity for the current members of the volleyball team. Is it permissible for Service Ace to play in open gym with members of the volleyball team?

Submit your answers to Wendy Cornwall ([wcornwall@pacific.edu](mailto:wcornwall@pacific.edu)). Everyone who answers will earn points for their team (10 points for a correct answer, 5 points for an incorrect answer). If everyone on the team answers, correctly or incorrectly, the team will receive 10 bonus points. Points will be awarded until 3:00pm on Friday, March 18th. The first three people to answer correctly will also win a prize.

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**ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**