

# West Virginia University Compliance Monthly

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## Don't Bet On It Drawstring Bags

The Compliance Office has been distributing Don't Bet On It drawstring bags and luggage tags, compliments of the NCAA Agent, Gambling, and Amateurism staff. The bags are being distributed to student-athletes at each squad's end of the year team meeting. The drawstring bag is pictured to the left with Coach Jeff Huntoon.

## Coaches Certification Test

On April 4<sup>th</sup> the Compliance Office emailed all coaching staff with the link to the practice test for the NCAA recruiting certification test. The test is tentatively scheduled to be administered in mid to late May. Here are some things to keep in mind about the certification test:

- Certification for the 06-07 academic year expires on 7/31/07
- If you fail the test you must wait 30 days before being permitted to retake the test
- The test is only offered via computer, so please use the practice test to become familiar with the test format
- Bylaws 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the NCAA Manual are covered on the test

## Visit Compliance on the Internet

To visit the Compliance Page on MSNsportsNET, simply go to [www.MSNsportsNET.com](http://www.MSNsportsNET.com) and select "NCAA Compliance" from the "Departments" menu on the left side of the screen.

## End of Year Team Meetings

Guidelines for the following topics have been covered with WVU student-athletes at the end of the year team meetings with the Compliance Office:

- Academic Satisfactory Progress
- Voluntary Athletically Related Activities
- Extra Benefit
- Employment
- Fee-for-Lesson
- Summer Camps
- Outside Competition

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## New Rule Interps You Need to Know

### **Receipt of Financial Aid During Temporary Certification Period**

It was confirmed that an institution may not provide athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete while his or her initial or transfer eligibility certification is pending during either the 14 day temporary certification period for recruited student-athletes or 45 day temporary certification period for nonrecruited student-athletes.

### **Content of Athletics Department Staff Members' Personal Web Sites and Nonathletics Institutional Web Sites (I)**

It was confirmed that it is permissible for a institution's Web site or an athletics department staff member's personal Web site (or personal page on any site) to include information related to the institution's athletics programs, subject to the restrictions applicable to an institution's athletics Web site. For example, in order to include any recruiting material, highlight videos or information related to prospects on an athletics department staff member's personal site, it must be permissible to include such material and information on the institution's athletics Web site. Further, it is not permissible for an institution's Web site or an athletics department staff member's personal Web site (or personal page on any site) to include a hyperlink to the Web site of a recruiting/scouting service or a noninstitutional publication that reports primarily on the institution's athletics program. Finally, it is permissible for general informational video content related to an institution's athletics programs to appear on institutional Web sites (athletics and nonathletics) and personal Web sites of athletics department staff members, provided such content is generally accessible to the general public (e.g., not included in a separate recruiting section) and is not created for recruiting purposes.

Source: NCAA Legislative Services Database

## Compliance Reminders

- It is almost that time of the year again when the Compliance Office will be sending out Clearinghouse Web Status Reports on a regular basis. In order to get a preliminary look at the status of your signees and invited walkons, you must provide the prospect's social security number to Larissa in the Compliance Office.
- The financial aid renewal / nonrenewal form has been sent to each head coach. Please return this form completed by May 18<sup>th</sup>, as NCAA rules require all scholarship student-athletes to be notified by the Financial Aid Office in writing prior to July 1 whether or not their athletic aid will be renewed.
- Phone logs are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Practice logs are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month
- All athletic department personnel who are going to be involved with an outside sports team, particularly those consisting of prospect aged individuals, must complete a "Prior Approval for Outside Teams" form. The form is available on the Compliance page on MSNsportsNET.com.
- Be sure to remind any of your student-athletes who will be working a non-WVU camp or playing for an outside team that they must register with the Compliance Office prior to engaging in these activities.
- Coaches that miss a rules education session must contact the Compliance Office to schedule a makeup session.

## Compliance # of the Month

325

Donation Request Forms Processed by the Compliance Office since July 2006

# THANK YOU



The Compliance Office would like to thank the following people for their assistance with the recent regularly scheduled compliance review by the Big East Conference:

(names listed in alphabetical order)

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## Complimentary Admissions (NCAA Bylaw 16.2) FAQ

Q: How many complimentary admissions can a student-athlete receive for a competition that they are eligible to compete in?

A: Regular Season (home or away) – 4, Conference Championship/NCAA Championship/Bowl Game – 6

Q: Can hard tickets be provided to student-athletes to distribute to their family and friends prior to a competition?

A: No. Complimentary admissions can only be provided through a pass list. Only those individuals designated on the list by the student-athlete receive admission. This is why each guest of the student-athlete must present identification prior to receiving admission.

Q: Can student-athletes sell their complimentary admissions or exchange them for something of value?

A: No.

Q: Can WVU make a special arrangement for a student-athlete to purchase additional tickets?

A: No. Student-athletes must purchase tickets in the same manner as regular students.

## What Were They Thinking?

### Violations from Other Schools

**Bylaws Violated: 12.5.1.1, 16.11.2.1**

Six student-athletes (SAs) participated in a promotional activity at a local elementary school. As part of National Library Week, SAs visited elementary school and read aloud to students. As a result of their participation, event coordinator provided each SA with a \$20 gift certificate and \$7 coupon for a local restaurant. Institution became aware of violation after receiving a thank you letter from event coordinator.

### What happened next?:

Institution required return of \$20 gift certificate and \$7 coupon or repayment of same amount to charity by SAs. Institution reviewed applicable NCAA legislation with National Library Week program coordinator. Also, institution modified its Promotional Activities Authorization Form to specifically prohibit such extra benefits and will address the issue with outside organizations prior to approving participation. Further, institution informed staff of the violation and applicable legislation at the next monthly coaches compliance meeting. Institution noted it would address issue at initial NCAA rules-education meeting with all SAs. The Parent Facilitator will provide a meal at the site of the next event and will not give any gift certificates or coupons to our SAs in the future. Student-athlete eligibility was reinstated based on institutional requirement of repayment to charity or return of gift certificate and coupon.

Source: NCAA Legislative Services Database

## Where are they now?

A monthly look at a former WVU Compliance staff member and their current position in NCAA Compliance

Jackie (Boston) Thurnes, graduate assistant during the 1996-97 academic year, is now Associate Director of Enforcement for the NCAA.

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