

# NCSU COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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*Before you go home for the summer, here are some important reminders concerning issues relating to Compliance and Eligibility. The Newsletter will include rules & regulations, hot topics, and issues making the news in collegiate athletics. Enjoy the summer!!*

### Summer Employment

**Working in the summer will not affect your eligibility if you follow these guidelines.**

Your summer job should pay you at a similar rate compared to other people doing a similar job and your same experience. You CANNOT receive pay or increased pay as a result of being an athlete at NC State.

It is okay to work at a summer camp or clinic if you will be in a supervisor role or coaching and officiating. Like other summer jobs, the pay must be similar to others working the camp with similar experience. You should obtain permission from the compliance office to work at a camp at NC State. You CANNOT be paid for an appearance at a camp or clinic (this includes lecturing or demonstrating). Also, your coach cannot require you to practice while working at the clinics.

**FOOTBALL EXCEPTION:** You cannot work at a specialized football camp at NC State, but one individual from the team can work at another institution's camp or at a diversified (non-football specific) sport camp.

### Amateurism

**Over the summer, keep in mind you will not be eligible to compete in the fall if you:**

- Take pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in your sport.
- Agree (orally or in writing) to compete in professional athletics.
- Compete on any professional athletics team in your sport.
- Use your athletics skill for pay in any form in your sport.
- Accept benefits from an agent (money, car ride, etc.).
- Accept pay for promoting a commercial product/service.
- Allow your name or picture to be used for promoting a commercial product.
- Receive pay for work you did not perform, at a higher rate, or because of your status as a student-athlete.
- Earn money in competition during the summer (road races, 3-on-3 or beach volleyball).

### This month...

This Newsletter covers the following topics:

- Summer Employment
- Amateurism
- Reminders
- Compliance Q & A



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### Compliance Reminders

- You have until the last day of classes, April 25, 2008, to turn in receipts for reimbursement. If you have questions about this or would like to know the amount you have remaining, please contact Megan Finch at [megan\\_finch@ncsu.edu](mailto:megan_finch@ncsu.edu) or 515-2560.
- If you have questions about amateurism and eligibility during the summer, please contact the compliance office... **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

# COMPLIANCE Q & A

**Your coach wants to make sure you are staying in shape. Can you be required to send in reports of your workouts?**

No. Student-athletes cannot be required to report back to coaches during the summer, but can participate in voluntary activities. An activity is considered voluntary only if: (1) the student-athlete is not required to report back to the coach, and no one is reporting back to the coach about the student-athlete's activity; (2) the activity is initiated and requested by the student-athlete; (3) the student-athlete's attendance and participation is not recorded for reporting purposes; and (4) there is no penalty for the student-athlete if he or she does not participate in the activity and there are no rewards or incentives for student-athletes who choose to participate.

***Please keep in mind for the summer...***

***Football can have organized workouts with strength staff totaling 8hrs a week (not mandatory), Other Team Sports have no required activities of any kind, but may work out with the strength staff, and Individual Sports may request coaching but may not be required to participate.***

**A few members of the tennis team would like to work on one of the Presidential candidate's campaign this spring and summer. Is it okay for student-athletes to endorse political candidates?**

Yes. Student-athletes can participate in political campaigns as long as they do not receive any type of money or other benefit and are not obligated to make any time commitments.

**Is it true that once classes end, you don't need to worry about NCAA drug testing because you are at home?**

No. Student-athletes can be drug tested at any time throughout the year, even in the summer. This is why your summer contact information needs to be accurate because you can be required to take a drug test no matter where you are in the world. Not showing up for a drug test (whether you are in- or out-of-season) is considered a positive test.

**A college soccer player would like to provide soccer lessons using the college's facilities. Can they do this and maintain their amateur status?**

No. A student-athlete may provide fee-for-lessons, as long as:

- (1) the institution's facilities are not used;
- (2) the lessons are skill-based not play-based;
- (3) a record is kept of who lessons are provided to and the fee amount;
- (4) the lesson is paid for by the person receiving the lesson or his or her family;
- (5) instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and
- (6) the student-athlete does not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.