



Weekly Wolf Report

NC State's Compliance Updater for Staff

Recruiting

Thursday, September 23

News

NCAA Staff recently decided that it is a violation for coaches to be "friends" with prospective student-athletes on **Facebook** prior to September 1 of their junior year in high school, which is the date after which it is permissible to email them. The reasoning behind this decision is that Facebook sends an automatic email to the prospect when a friend request is initiated or accepted. Coaches may neither request nor accept friendships from prospective student-athletes who are not of contactable age. Coaches who are friends on Facebook with such prospective student-athletes must de-friend these prospects and notify compliance.

Points of Interest

Official Visits: Athletics department staff members may make unlimited phone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospect during his or her official visit transportation and during his or her official visit. (Effective 8/1/10) Bylaw 13.1.3.3.1.1.

Prospects Observing Practices and Meetings: The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public. (Staff Interpretation, 7/15/10)

Violations in the News: The Tennessee men's basketball program made nearly 100 impermissible phone calls to recruits. UT's self-imposed penalties include: reducing the staff's recruiting calendar from 130 to 104 days, reducing its number of official visits from 12 to 8 and banning one assistant coach from making recruiting calls for three months and the head coach for nine days. UT later punished itself much more severely because the head coach admitted he gave "incorrect and misleading information" to the NCAA when asked about a picture taken of him and a recruit in the recruit's living room when the prospect was a high school junior. Prospects aren't allowed to engage coaches off campus as juniors. The men's athletic director and chancellor of the University approved a 25 percent salary reduction for the head coach and his assistants, as well as bans on off-campus recruiting for the coaches ranging from one year to three months.

Take Action

NC State coaches and athletic department staff members who have chosen to participate in an advanced track of compliance rules education will meet for the first time as a focus group on Monday, September 27 at 11:00am in the Media Relations Conference Room in WB. If you would like to join the group, contact Julie.

Topic: Recruiting – Official and Unofficial Visits