

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

# Rules Education

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Ragin' Cajuns Coaches and Staff

This month's topic is NCAA Recruiting. Recruiting is an integral part of working in intercollegiate athletics. As such, it comes with a large set of rules and best practices. Included in this newsletter are many rules concerning the PSA recruitment process. We have included the recruiting calendar, signing dates and testing dates for this academic year to better help you plan for your sport.

The UL Compliance Office is here to ensure that all NCAA, Sun Belt Conference and University rules are followed. Never hesitate to call us or drop by if you have any questions at any time about a situation, rule or procedure.

Be sure to check out the LSDB*i* Hot Topics and "Around the NCAA." We share these articles with you in an effort to increase everyone's knowledge of the rules as they are added, changed or get broken.

— The Compliance Office

#### **ACS Athletics Reminder**

All recruiting activity (e.g., contacts, evaluations, phone calls) must be entered into ACS Athletics. Also, remember to continue entering countable athletically-related activities (CARA logs) into ACS Athletics. The first two calls to a prospective student-athlete need to be logged into ACS Athletics in order to verify "recruited" status.

#### **Team Roster Management**

If a student-athlete (scholarship or walk-on) quits the team or is going to be added to the team, the compliance office must be notified immediately in order to make sure everything is documented accordingly. The coach must complete and return either a "Student-Athlete Update Form" or a "Voluntary Withdrawal Form" to the compliance office.

#### **Requesting Final Amateurism Certification**

On October 1, 2016, all prospective student-athletes that are planning to enroll for the Spring 2017 semester may request final amateurism certification with the NCAA Eligibility Center. The prospective studentathlete can complete this through their online account at ww.eligibilitycenter.org. Please contact the compliance office for a copy of instructions to send to prospective student-athletes, if needed.

# Etiquette Dinner (Mandatory for Juniors and Seniors)

**Purpose:** To educate the upperclassmen on how to conduct themselves in a professional setting for their future careers.

**Date**: October 17, 2016 **Time**: 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.

Location: Student Union Ballroom

# LSDBi Hot Topics

#### Animation is Video/Audio Material Division: I

Date Published: September 14, 2016

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that animation (e.g., animated GIF, interactive PDF) is video/audio material.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.8 (video/audio materials)]

#### Participation as Color Commentator in the Institution's Radio/TV/Web Programs

Date Published: September 19, 2016

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership confirmed affairs staff that institutions may permit individuals responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which prospective student-athletes are involved (e.g., high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or administrator) to provide color commentary for the institution's program broadcasts, athletics provided the employment of the individual is the sole responsibility of a third-party broadcast partner (e.g., radio station) and the member institution's coaching staff does not participate in any portion of the program (e.g., pregame or postgame interviews).

[References: NCAA Bylaws: 13.10.2 (publicity before commitment), 13.10.2.2 (radio/tv show) and official interpretations (09/15/88 (item ref: 4); (07/26/89 (Item No. e) and a staff interpretation (12/20/89 (Item No. b), which have been archived]

#### Recruiting Materials, Electronic Correspondence and Video/Audio Materials

Date Published: September 21, 2016

#### Educational Column:

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.4.1 (recruiting materials and electronic correspondence), an institution shall not send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school (for men's basketball, June 15 at the conclusion of the sophomore year in high school; for men's ice hockey, June 15 at the conclusion of the sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution send shall not electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school.

correspondence Electronic (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student-athlete's the parents or legal guardians). There are no content restrictions on attachments to electronic correspondence, except that video and audio materials must conform to the requirements of Bylaw 13.4.1.8 (video/audio materials), may not be created for recruiting purposes and may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness. Therefore, permissible video material (e.g., video that is not created for recruiting purposes) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete via electronic correspondence. The permissible video may be embedded in the correspondence (video plays upon opening the correspondence) or it may be attached (attachment must be opened after the correspondence is opened).

Bylaw 13.4.1.8 (video/audio materials) prohibits an institution from producing video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective studentathlete if the video or audio material is created for recruiting purposes. Institutions should note that animation (e.g., animated GIF, interactive PDF) is video/audio material. Therefore, it is not permissible to create an animated GIF or other animated images to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete if such material is created for recruiting purposes.

In addition, if text, images or video are layered (e.g., superimposed in the background or foreground) for recruiting purposes with an otherwise permissible video, the resultant material constitutes video that has been created for recruiting purposes. Therefore, it is not permissible to show or provide such video material to a prospective student-athlete. For example, it is not permissible to layer the text of recruiting correspondence to appear in the foreground of an otherwise permissible video. However, it is permissible for the text of recruiting correspondence to appear separately from permissible video in electronic correspondence. It is also not permissible for an otherwise permissible video to play in the background of an image in electronic correspondence if the image and the video have been layered for recruiting purposes. However, if images or text have been layered with a permissible video (e.g., text or images layered with a general institutional video to describe or compare various institutional facilities) for reasons other than recruiting purposes, such video may be shown to and provided to a prospective student-athlete.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.4 (recruiting materials), 13.4.1.4 (printed recruiting materials), 13.4.1.5 (electronic correspondence), 13.4.1.8 (video/audio materials); staff interpretations (9/14/16, Item a); and (9/21/16, Item a)]

#### **Text, Images or Video Layered for Recruiting Purposes With Otherwise Permissible Video** Date Published: September 21, 2016

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that if text, images or video are layered (e.g., superimposed in the background or foreground) for recruiting purposes with an otherwise permissible video, the resultant material is impermissible to show to, play for or provide to a prospective studentathlete because it constitutes video

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#### **Quick Question**

#### Question:

The Ragin' Cajuns Women's Soccer team has been selected for post-season play. Since the game is being hosted nearby, the demand for tickets is high.

UL Lafayette has permitted each player to get 4 complimentary admissions, but a student-athlete is still looking for 3 additional tickets to get her family and friends to the game. A few teammates are not utilizing all of their complimentary admissions, but that still leaves a student-athlete one short for her friend.

The Assistant Coach told the student-athlete that she could use one of her tickets for her friend.

Is it permissible for the student-athlete to use the Assistant Coach's ticket for her friend (who also happens to be a recent commit to the Ragin' Cajuns) for the game?

Answer on Page 6

that has been created for recruiting purposes.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1.4 (printed recruiting materials) 13.4.1.5 (electronic correspondence) 13.4.1.8 (video/audio materials)]



#### NLI Signing Dates for Prospective Student-Athletes Enrolling 2017-2018

Sport(s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date	
Basketball (Early Period)	November 9, 2016	November 16, 2016	
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 12, 2017	May 17, 2017	
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 14, 2016	January 15, 2017	
Football (Regular Period)	February 1, 2017	April 1, 2017	
Women's Soccer	February 1, 2017	August 1, 2017	
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 9, 2016	November 16, 2016	
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 12, 2017	August 1, 2017	

# Division I — Recruiting



#### **Recruiting Basics**

- The 2016-17 recruiting calendars and recruiting guides for each sport were emailed to all head coaches on June 16, 2016
  - ⇒ Helpful resource for planning future recruiting travel and also coordinating recruiting visits
  - $\Rightarrow$  Contact compliance staff if you need an additional copy
- Please reference recruiting guides for information on recruiting definitions and periods, phone calls, and contacts/evaluations
- If asked to speak at a banquet, clinic, or meeting where PSAs are in attendance, contact compliance staff for <u>prior</u> approval

#### **Entertainment of Coaches and Other Individuals**

**Entertainment Restrictions** 

- Entertainment of a high school, prep school, or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity for PSA's shall be limited to a maximum of 2 complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events.
  - $\Rightarrow$  Issued only on an individual-game basis (e.g., no season tickets).
  - $\Rightarrow$  Shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation.
  - ⇒ Complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game) is impermissible.
- Does not matter if institutional staff member has pre-existing relationship with individual – still impermissible!
  - ⇒ Ex. Coach Mazeitis-Fontenot and Sara Mossakowsi (Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach at Teurlings Catholic High School)
- No meals, lodging, transportation, apparel, equipment, etc.

#### Gifts at Coaches Clinics

• An institution may not provide gifts to high school, prep school, or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches' clinic or other

events.

- Specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the admission fee.
- Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee.

#### **Official Visits**

<u> Official Visit – Softball Case Study</u>

- Coach Mazeitis-Fontenot sent an email to the compliance staff indicating that the #1 high school prospect (Julie Taylor) wants to come to Lafayette for an official visit.
- Before we can share in his excitement, what are the first things we need to know?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Is the prospect a senior in high school?
  - ⇒ Is the prospect registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Do we have a transcript and test score?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Do we have official visit paperwork?
- Coach Mazeitis-Fontenot attached the itinerary for the official visit on the handout provided.

#### Any concerns with the attendees?

- Travel arrangements for family?
  - ⇒ UL may pay for mileage for the round trip expenses (\$0.40/mile)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Could not pay mileage if Julie's coach was driving
- How old is Matt?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Sophomore in high school
  - Is he being recruited by the institution?
    - $\Rightarrow$  Yes, he is being recruited by Football staff
- Matt would not be able to stay in hotel room with Julie or parents if UL was paying for rooms (NCAA bylaw 13.6.9).
  - ⇒ "Additional occupants shall not be PSA's being recruited by the institutions"
  - $\Rightarrow$  Parents would need to purchase additional room for Matt

#### Any concerns with Thursday?

• Can Julie and family arrive before the 48-hour

#### period for the official visit?

- $\Rightarrow$  Yes—if the PSA arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day (13.6.4.1.2)
- ⇒ May receive a "to-go" meal only (sit-down meal would start the 48-hour period)
- Is the hotel room a suite or a normal room?
  - $\Rightarrow$  May not include any special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzi)

#### Any concerns with Friday?

- Can Matt attend the meals?
  - ⇒ Yes may provide meals for up to four family members (13.6.7.7)
- Can a medical examination be conducted for Julie?
  - Yes, provided:
    - ⇒ No athletics staff member other than athletic trainer may be present;
    - ⇒ Examination cannot test athletics agility or skill; and
    - $\Rightarrow$  Results are not used to deny admission
- How many complimentary tickets can Julie and her family receive for the Volleyball game against Troy?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Six—1 for PSA, 5 for guests (13.6.7.2)
- What is the value of the comedy show?
  - $\Rightarrow \text{ Entertainment cannot exceed $40/day for both} \\ \text{the prospect and the student host (13.6.7.5)}$

#### Any concerns with Saturday?

- Can Sports Information staff conduct a photo shoot for Julie during the official visit?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Yes, provided:
    - $\Rightarrow$  The pictures are not publically released until the PSA signs a NLI/GIA; and
    - $\Rightarrow$  The pictures cannot be provided to the PSA and/or her family.
- Can the Volleyball student-athletes attend/eat the meal at Scott Farmer's house?
  - ⇒ Yes; Coach Mazeitis-Fontenot could complete an Occasional Meal Form prior to the meal occurring that would allow the entire team to eat at his house.
  - $\Rightarrow$  NO boosters could attend the meal!
  - $\Rightarrow A \text{ meal at the home of a staff member may only} \\ \text{occur on one occasion during the official visit} (13.6.7.7.1)$
- How many complimentary tickets can Julie and her family receive for the football game against Idaho?
  - $\Rightarrow$  Six—1 for PSA, 5 for guests (13.6.7.2)
- Can Julie play "pick-up" with student-athletes at EK Long?
  - ⇒ Yes, provided the activity is at the request of the PSA and not observed by staff members (13.11.2.3)

#### Any concerns with Sunday?

- Has the visit exceeded the 48-hour period?
  - $\Rightarrow$  When does the visit officially begin?
    - \* When Julie receives a sit-down meal with Coach Mazeitis-Fontenot (8:30 AM on Friday)
    - $\Rightarrow$  When does the visit officially end?
      - When Julie departs campus and isn't receiving any meals/entertainment (8:30 AM on Sunday)
    - $\Rightarrow$  Visit is within the 48-hour period

#### **Additional Reminders**

Activities during official visit

- May not arrange personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/ video scoreboard presentations)
- Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location the PSA will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena) regardless of whether the items include the PSA's name or picture
- No game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions, Cajun Walk)
- NCAA Bylaw 13.6.7.9

#### **Social Media and Recruiting**

#### Timing is Everything

- All sports other than men's basketball: first permissible use of electronic correspondence – <u>September 1 at beginning of the junior year</u>
- Men's Basketball: first permissible use of electronic correspondence – <u>June 15 after</u> <u>sophomore year</u>

#### Common Facebook and Twitter Violations

- Publicity:
  - ⇒ Posting or mentioning a name, nickname or other personally identifiable information about a particular PSA;
  - ⇒ Communicating with a PSA in the public view (e.g. wall posts on Facebook or @replies/mentions on Twitter); and
  - ⇒ Posting a photograph of the PSA during an official visit or an institutional camp prior to the PSA's signing of a NLI or institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.
- Remember—"Click but Don't Type"

# **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**



#### 2016–2017 National Testing Dates SAT

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<u> Fest Date</u>	Registration Deadline		
mber 10, 2016	August 5, 2016		
ber 22, 2016	September 16, 2016		
nber 10, 2016	November 4, 2016		
uary 11, 2017	January 13, 2017		
oril 8, 2017	March 3, 2017		
ne 10, 2017	May 5, 2017		

Test Date	Registration Deadline
tober 1, 2016	September 1, 2016
ember 5, 2016	October 7, 2016
ember 3, 2016	November 3, 2016
uary 21, 2017	December 21, 2016
rch 11, 2017	February 10, 2017

April 7, 2017

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September 28-30—Contact Period October 1-31—Contact Period

#### Men's Basketball

September 28-30—Recruiting Period October 1-31—Recruiting Period

#### Women's Basketball

September 28-29—Contact Period September 30—Evaluation Period October 1-31—Evaluation Period

#### **Track/Cross Country**

September 28-30—Contact Period October 1-31—Contact Period

#### Football

September 28-30—Evaluation Period October 1-31—Evaluation Period

#### Softball

September 28-30—Contact Period October 1-31—Contact Period

#### Volleyball

September 28-30—Contact Period October 1-31—Contact Period

#### **Other Sports (Golf , Tennis, & Soccer)**

September 28-30—Contact Period October 1-31—Contact Period

#### **Grade Checks for Fall 2016 Semester**

- 1st Grade Check: Sept. 21–28
- 2nd Grade Check: Oct. 19–26
- 3rd Grade Check: Nov. 16–23



#### Quick Question—Answer

#### Answer:

No. It would be an extra benefit for a coach/administrator to give a ticket to a student-athlete to be used as complimentary admission for a student-athlete's guest. Student-athletes may only provide up to the maximum allowed per game. NCAA Bylaw 16.2.1.1.1 states that an institution may provide each studentathlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six complimentary admissions to all intercollegiate athletics events at the site at which the student (or team) participates.

Additionally, NCAA Staff Interpretation-6/14/96-Complimentary Admissions to NCAA Championshipsstates that it is not permissible, under any circumstances, for a student-athlete to provide a prospect with a complimentary admission to an NCAA championship or other postseason contest in which the student-athlete is a participant.

# Rules Refresher—CARA and Sports Wagering

#### <u>17.1.7.1—Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Playing Season.</u>

A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

- See Chart Below
- Discipline/punishment in the form of physical activity counts as CARA

	Daily Limit	Weekly Limit	Minimum Off Days		
In-Season	4 Hours	20 Hours	1 per week		
Out-of-Season	4 Hours	8 Hours*	2 per week		
Vacation Period	UNLIMITED				

\*No more than 2 hours of "skill instruction" or 2 hours of "film review" for football

- Competition day counts as 3 hours regardless of duration

#### **Prohibition Against Sports Wagering**

With the fall season in full swing and increased media attention around fantasy leagues, please remember that sports wagering is not allowed under NCAA rules (NCAA Bylaw 10.3). The NCAA and its member schools oppose all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering due to its threat to the wellbeing of college athletes and the integrity of college sports. NCAA members have defined sports wagering as putting something at risk – such as an entry fee – with the opportunity to win something in return, which includes many fantasy league games (e.g., Draft Kings/ Fan Duel). Because of this, student-athletes, coaches, conference staff members, athletics administrators, non-athletics staff members who have responsibilities within or over athletics departments may not participate in a fantasy league that has a paid entry fee with an opportunity to win a prize.





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### Minnesota Fires Wrestling Coach After Athletes Drug Scandal



Longtime Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson was fired Wednesday, after the university said an investigation into an alleged drug ring within the program revealed he wasn't forthcoming to school officials and made unauthorized promises of amnesty to his athletes.

Robinson coached the Gophers for 30 years and led the team to three national championships, developing a reputation as a hard-nosed, outspoken and occasionally combative figure on campus. His teams had as much success as any Gophers coach of his era, but he became embroiled in the drug scandal this spring when police investigated allegations that more than a dozen wrestlers sold and used the anti-anxiety drug Xanax.

Police previously declined to file charges in the case, citing a lack of evidence.

In a letter sent to Robinson on Wednesday, new athletic director Mark Coyle said Robinson directed his wrestlers to turn the drugs in to him and disposed of the pills. Coyle also said the coach "disobeyed reasonable directives from me and university to share information" regarding the drug activities within the team.

"You have not accepted responsibility or expressed remorse for your conduct," Coyle wrote to Robinson. "As a result, I cannot trust you to refrain from such conduct in the future."

Robinson signed a contract extension last summer that ran through 2020, paying him \$146,000 annually. Coyle said at a news conference that the coach was fired "for cause," meaning no settlement agreement was reached with Robinson and his representatives. Coyle declined to speculate about whether Robinson could have kept his job if he had fully cooperated with the investigation.

Robinson's agent and attorney didn't respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

"I do not intend to address each inaccuracy and/or omission in the report because there are far too many," Robinson wrote Aug. 30 to the university, which made his letter public along with the 31-page summary of the investigation led by university attorney Brent Benrud. "For now, suffice it to say that the report sacrifices accuracy to create a narrative to support a pre-determined outcome to find fault with me and exculpate the university and senior employees in the athletic department."

Robinson said he didn't promise his wrestlers he'd keep their identities confidential. He said he complied with university regulations and informed his superiors, including former interim athletic director Beth Goetz, of the drug issues within his team.

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He also devised a form of discipline for the wrestlers involved, demanding that they inform their parents of their actions, write an essay about the effects those actions had on themselves, their families and the university and requiring them to submit to drug testing and a chemical dependency assessment.

Coyle granted that Robinson did inform his superiors of possible drug issues within his team, but the AD said the coach needed to do more.

"He did not fully cooperate with our investigation into the matter," Coyle said at the news conference. "He did not meet with us for interviews promptly, and when he did, he did not answer some of our most critical questions."

Coyle, who placed Robinson on administrative leave on his first official day on the job on June 1, about a week after the allegations first surfaced, said he met with Robinson on several occasions to try to get him to offer details on the situation.

"The report is filled with excuses for the university's failure to act and masks the lack of adequate policy guidance and support to assist coaches in addressing situations involving and helping student athletes with drug issues," Robinson wrote in his response.

According to Benrud's summary of the investigation, a wrestler who brought forward an ethics complaint to the university reported hearing some members of the team turned in to Robinson marijuana, Adderall and Oxycodone in addition to the Xanax, of which about 1,500 pills were produced to the coach.

Assistant coach Brandon Eggum has been named interim head coach for the upcoming season.

Wrestling coaches at power-conference schools often toil with their teams in relative anonymity, but not Robinson.

He became a well-known figure for developing the program into one of the best in the nation and also for his outspoken and polarizing views. He has long been a critic of Title IX, the federal law enacted to provide equal opportunities for men and women at public schools.

The school once investigated Robinson for forcing participants in his youth wrestling camp to write an anti-Title IX letter to elected officials. He also was investigated in 2005 after three high school athletes were treated at a hospital for heat exhaustion from a latenight workout at a hockey camp overseen by Robinson.

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### Stanford Failed to Monitor Softball Program Activities



Stanford University did not monitor countable athletically related activity for its softball program, according to a decision issued by a Division I Committee on Infractions panel. The former head softball coach did not promote an atmosphere of compliance when he directed, supervised and had knowledge of countable activity violations in his program. Additionally, two boosters provided extra benefits to a football student-athlete.

The panel accepted the university's self-imposed penalties and added a \$5,000 fine in addition to a one-year show-cause order for the former head softball coach. During that time, if an NCAA member school hires the coach, it must conduct compliance education sessions for the coach. Penalties self-imposed by the school include a reduction in countable athletic activity for the softball team.

This case was resolved through the summary disposition process, a cooperative effort during which the involved parties collectively submit the case to the Committee on Infractions in written form. The NCAA enforcement staff, university and involved individuals must agree to the facts and overall level of the case in order to use this process instead of a formal hearing.

The softball coaching staff allowed certain student-athletes to participate in practices that were not counted toward their daily and weekly countable activity limits. The softball team's daily practice activities also sometimes exceeded the daily countable activity limits. On some occasions, the former head softball coach did not record the accurate amount of time the team participated in countable activity.

The former head softball coach did not promote an atmosphere of compliance when he submitted inaccurate countable activity reports to compliance staff and knew that the activities he directed and supervised exceeded the amount allowable by NCAA rules.

The university did not monitor the softball team's participation in countable activity when it did not establish adequate compliance system to check these activities. Further, the university did not take action to immediately address a deficiency in the compliance system when it was identified in an internal audit.

Additionally, two boosters impermissibly provided nearly \$3,500 in extra benefits to a football student-athlete, including an impermissible loan, free use of an automobile, meals and other extra benefits. The football student-athlete lived with the boosters through a program created by the school in which student-athletes paid rent for short-term housing. The program was discontinued by the university because of the risk associated with it.

Penalties prescribed by the panel include the following:

- Public reprimand and censure for the university.
- A one-year show-cause order for the former head softball coach from Sept. 15, 2016, through Sept. 14, 2017. During that time, any NCAA member school that hires him must conduct compliance education sessions that focus on countable athletic activity rules. He also must attend an NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.
- A prohibition of out-of-season countable athletic activities for the softball program following the 2014 season (self-imposed by the university).
- A reduction of softball practice by 2.5 hours per in-season week and two hours per out-of-season week during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons. The reductions amounted to 60 hours per year in season and 10 hours per year out of season (self-imposed by the university).
- A \$5,000 fine.

# Inspiration Corner

*"Woke up feeling like I need to go harder." -Eric Thomas* 

# September/October

Our next Rules Education meeting will be on **October 26, 2016** at 8:30am in APC Auditorium.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			28	29	30 WTEN vs Ragin Cajuns Fall Classic VB @ Little Rock 6:30 p.m. SOC vs Texas State @ 7 p.m.	1 WTEN vs Ragin Cajuns Fall Classic MTEN @ All American Championships CROSS @ Chili Pepper Festival VB @ Arkansas State 6 p.m. FB @ New Mex. State 7 p.m.
2 MTEN @ All American Championships	3 MTEN @ All American Championships	4 MTEN @ All American Championships	5 MTEN @ All American Championships VB vs Southeastern LA @ 6:30 p.m.	6	7 MTEN vs Battle on The Bayou SOC vs Arkansas State 7 p.m.	8 MTEN vs Battle on The Bayou GOLF @ David Toms Intercollegiate VB vs ULM @ 6:30 p.m.
9 MTEN vs Battle on The Bayou GOLF @ David Toms Intercollegiate SOC @ S. Alabama 1 p.m.	10	11	12 FB vs Appalachian State @ 7 p.m.	13	14 CROSS @ Crimson Classic WTEN @ ITA Southern Regional MTEN @ ITA Southern Regional VB vs Arkansas State @ 6:30 p.m.	15 WTEN @ ITA Southern Regional MTEN @ ITA Southern Regional
16 WTEN @ ITA Southern Regional MTEN @ ITA Southern Regional VB vs Little Rock @ 12 p.m. SOC vs ULM @ 1 p.m.	17 WTEN @ ITA Southern Regional MTEN @ ITA Southern Regional	18	19	20	21 VB @ Coastal Carolina 5:30 p.m. SOC @ Appalachian State 6 p.m.	22 FB @ Texas State 6 p.m.