



MTSU Compliance

Information for Prospective Student-Athletes and Parents

Set forth below is a summary of key NCAA Division I rules and regulations that are of particular interest to a prospect and their parents prior to enrolling at any collegiate institution. It is important to note that the information below is not an exhaustive summary of all governing NCAA regulations. Should you have questions, please immediately contact the Director of Compliance, at (615) 898-5491, to determine the proper application of the rules prior to proceeding. Remember, your eligibility could be at stake, therefore **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

Basic Principle: All NCAA recruiting legislation remains in effect between the signing of a National Letter of Intent and a prospect's initial full-time enrollment at the collegiate institution. The only exception to this principle is that once a prospect (YOU) has signed a letter of intent, the institution may have an unlimited number of home contacts with you except during a "dead period" and an unlimited number of telephone calls may be made.

Academics: It is extremely important for you to give maximum academic effort throughout your high school attendance. To practice and compete during your freshman year in college, you must meet the requirements for initial-eligibility per NCAA Bylaw 14.3, which include: (a) graduating from high school, (b) achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 14 academic courses, and achieving a corresponding minimum combined score on the SAT, or a minimum total score on the ACT as determined by the NCAA's eligibility index, and (c) you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse as soon as possible. The Clearinghouse must certify all incoming freshmen student-athletes as being academically eligible by meeting the provisions of (a) and (b) above. You may contact the NCAA Clearinghouse at:

2255 North Dubuque Road
Iowa City, IA 52243-4043
Phone: (319) 339-3003
Fax: (319) 337-1556

Recruiting Contacts: Throughout your recruitment and after you have signed a National Letter of Intent, it remains impermissible for recruiting contacts (including letters and telephone calls) to be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests (booster) except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., summer job employment). **Important Reminder:** *Only a college coach, who has been certified by his/her institution and the NCAA, may recruit a prospect. Alumni and other representatives of an institution's athletics interests may not contact a prospect to encourage the prospect to attend a particular institution.*

Inducements: All institutional staff members and boosters are prohibited from offering or providing any financial aid or other benefits to you or your relatives or friends other than those expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Specifically, prohibited inducements include: arrangement of employment for your relatives, gifts of clothing or equipment, co-signing of loans, cash or like items, and free or reduced cost housing. The general rule is that you should not accept anything from someone whom you are not naturally or legally dependent upon. If anyone has offered or provided such inducements, please contact the Athletic Compliance Office at (615) 898-5491.

Transportation: In general, Middle Tennessee State University and its representatives may not provide a prospect with transportation. Please note some specific situations below:

- A. In conjunction with your travel to campus for initial enrollment, any institutional staff member (e.g., coach) may provide transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus only on the occasion of your initial arrival to attend classes as a full-time student or when you return to campus between terms for play or practice. (Bylaw 13.6.4)
- B. Transportation to or from a summer job arranged by Louisville is not permitted unless such expenses are paid for all employees in that job situation. (Bylaw 16.10.2.3)
- C. MTSU may not provide transportation for your friends or relatives to travel to MTSU to visit you or to attend one of your contests.

Summer Camps: Any individual who has started classes for his/her senior year in high school or has graduated from high school and not yet enrolled in a college institution is permitted to enroll and participate in a MTSU sports camp or any other university sports camp except in the sport of Football. However, it is prohibited for a senior prospect to be employed at any university sports camps. (Bylaw 13.13.1.2.1 and 13.13.1.5.1)

Please don't hesitate to contact the Athletic Compliance Office or the appropriate coaching staff if you have questions concerning your eligibility. This information is intended only as an informational tool to ensure that you are aware of the rules in effect prior to and during your enrollment at MTSU.