Staying Compliant with Division III Rules

This resource is intended to facilitate communication between the intercollegiate athletics department and all campus constituencies (e.g., admissions, advancement, financial aid, registrar, etc.) with a role in the institution's athletics compliance process. Institutions that engage in frequent cross-campus conversations will improve compliance with NCAA Division III legislation.

The graphic below shows the departments that the athletics compliance administrator should meet with throughout the year and suggested educational topics to discuss. Links to most frequently violated rules, the infractions process and resources are also provided. The goal is to educate the campus community and promote NCAA compliance.

Enforcement trends and processes
Resources
Infractions process
NCAA Division III annual list of required forms and due dates (access here)

- Sport sponsorship and demographic form (August 1)
- Financial aid report — mandatory (September 15)
- NCAA financial reporting form — voluntary (January 15)
- Regional Rules Seminars (May and June — once in three years)
- Institutional Self-Study Guide (June 1 — once in five years)
- NCAA graduation rates (June 1)

ADVANCEMENT
Review/educate about:
- athletics fundraising policies;
- permissible awards and benefits; and
- scholarships and donations.

ADMISSIONS
Review/educate about:
- advertisements; athletics staff involvement; electronic communications; and prospective student-athlete visits.

REGISTRAR
Review/educate about:
- good academic standing;
- graduation rate reporting;
- monitoring full-time enrollment; and
- satisfactory progress requirements.

FINANCIAL AID
(access here)
Review/educate about:
- athletics staff involvement policies;
- financial aid from outside sources; and
- institutional scholarships and grants.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS
Review/educate with the following departments (not exhaustive):
- academic departments;
- alumni relations; board of trustees;
- boosters; chancellor/president;
- communications; and
- student activities.