### Men’s Baseball
- Days: 132
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 56

### M/W Basketball
- Days: 144
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 28

### M/W Cross Country
- Days: 144
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 7

### Women’s Golf
- Days: 144
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 24

### M/W Tennis
- Days: 144
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Tournaments: 25

### Women’s Softball
- Days: 132
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 56

### M/W Track & Field
- Days: 14
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 18

### Women’s Volleyball
- Days: 132
- Practice: 4/day & 20/week
- Games: 8/week
- Contests: 28 Championship Segment

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### 9.0 RECRUITING

#### 9.1 Student-Athlete’s Roles in Recruiting

9.1.1 You love your school and you want to do everything you can to help your team get better. Student-athletes are an important part of the recruiting team, perhaps the most important. Your coach may ask you to help with the recruiting process or serve as a host when a recruit comes to campus. It is very important that you know the NCAA rules and do not inadvertently violate a rule that may put Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and your team in jeopardy. Below is a short summary of these rules. If you are going to serve as a host your coach will cover the rules in greater detail with you.

The NCAA refers to an athlete who has entered the ninth grade as a prospective student-athlete or a “prospect”.

9.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes Participating in the Recruiting Process

- May serve as a host on a prospect’s official visit;
- May write prospects after July 1 following the completion of the prospect’s junior year in high school. E-mail, instant messaging/chat room communications are the same as letters under this rule.
- May receive phone calls from prospects if the call is at the prospect’s expense. May not otherwise call prospects;
- May not recruit off-campus;
- May not telephone a prospect at their own expense or the institution’s expense. However, a prospect may telephone a student-athlete or institutional staff member at the prospect’s own expense.

#### 9.2 Official Visits

9.2.1 Summary of Rules Regarding Official Visits

- An official visit is one that is financed in whole or in part by Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. Only high school seniors, high school graduates, junior college or four-year students may make an official visit. Prospects are permitted to take five official visits.

- A student-host may accompany the prospect. The host must be a student-athlete and may not be a non-qualifier in their first year at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. Hosts may
also be students designated in a manner consistent with Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students.

- Boosters may have no contact with or interact with prospects at any time during an official or unofficial visit (or any other time for that matter).

9.2.2 Transportation
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi is permitted to pay transportation costs for prospects on official visits. If the prospect does not depart immediately after the 48-hour visit they must pay their own way home.

- If the prospect drives parking may be arranged for them.

9.2.3 Lodging - NCAA Bylaw 13.7.4, 13.7.7
Prospects and their parents or spouse may be provided with lodging within 30 miles of the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi campus. The lodging must be at an equivalent level to what Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi students would use. Dorms are permissible if available and any hotel that teams would stay in would meet this criteria.

9.2.4 Meals – NCAA Bylaw 13.7.5.7
During an official visit, the prospect, his/her parents or legal guardians and his/her spouse are the only individuals permitted to have their meals provided. If you plan to take the prospect and their parents to a restaurant for a meal, only Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi coaches and their spouses may attend the meal, along with the student host. It is not permissible for coaches to allow the prospect’s other family members, such as a brother or sister to attend the meal off-campus with a prospect, nor is it permissible to allow the coaches family members to attend. Other individuals may attend the meal (volunteer coaches, student-athletes that are not serving as host) however they must pay for their own meal. In these cases it is advised that these individuals request separate checks. If you are not the host and you receive a meal in these circumstances you will be ineligible to compete unless the NCAA restores your eligibility.

9.2.5 Entertainment - NCAA Bylaw 13.7.6
The host may receive up to $30 per day to use for entertainment purposes. The prospect, parents or spouse and host combined may receive no more than the equivalent of $30 worth of entertainment per day. Complimentary admissions to Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Athletics events do not count in these limits. The host must read and sign the Student-Host Form prior to serving as host or receiving host funds. The host must return any unused funds at the end of the visit and must account for all expenditures. It is not permissible for student-hosts or members of the coaching staff to use their own money to supplement the $30 per day provided for entertainment.

During the official visit, entertainment of the prospect, the parents or spouse must occur within a 30-mile radius of the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi campus and it may not be excessive in nature.

9.2.5.1 Normal Retail Cost – NCAA Bylaw 13.7.6.8
If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospect or the prospect's parents, legal guardian(s) and spouse, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the $30-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail cost exceeds the $30-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided.

Entertainment that is provided free of charge or on a trade-out basis must be counted towards the $30 limit even if no funds are expended.

9.2.6 Complimentary Admissions
Complimentary admission to Islander games may only be provided on an official paid visit under the following stipulations:

- Complimentary admissions are made available only to the prospect and his or her parents/legal guardian/spouse. The head coach must request these admissions in writing. Hard Tickets are not permitted. Admission is through the pass gate and identification must be shown.

- It is not permissible to provide special seating so prospects must sit in the regular seating section (not on the bench, sideline or in the press box).

- Admissions must be requested in writing upon approval of the visit.

- Hard Tickets are not permitted. Admission is through the pass gate and identification must be shown.

- Additional seats adjacent to the complimentary seats for friends and/or relatives may be reserved by Islander Athletics but must be purchased at face value by the friends/relatives.

- All seats are for the general seating area (no special seating allowed e.g. bench, sideline or press box).

**9.2.7 Tryouts/Training**

It is permissible for a prospect to work out during a visit, however, they should not be accompanied or observed by coaches, managers, student-athletes or other individuals that may report back to the coach regarding the abilities that the prospect displayed. This would constitute a tryout as prohibited in NCAA Bylaw 13.12.

**9.2.8 Legal and Ethical Issues**

A prospect is prohibited from any establishment or organized activity that promotes nudity, any form of sexual entertainment or gambling. No activities may violate federal, state, local laws or Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi regulations.

**9.2.9 Alcohol and Drugs**

Coaches, student hosts, other student-athletes accompanying the prospect or prospects, regardless of the age of the individual are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages at any time during the course of an official visit while in the presence of the prospect or prospects. It is recommended that prospects are not taken to parties, clubs or bars where alcoholic beverages are served. Prospects and their student-hosts are never to be in the presence of any persons using illegal substances and the student-host should make every effort to avoid such situations altogether.

**9.2.10 Curfew**

The head coach will establish a time for curfew, and it is important that the prospect must be returned to their room at the conclusion of each day’s activities. You must report to the coach what time the prospect was returned to his/her room.

**9.2.11 Tangible Items**

- Cash or souvenirs of any sort must never be given to a prospect.

- Prospects may not be provided with any “souvenirs” from their visit. Recruiting Materials outlined in NCAA Bylaw 13.4 are the only tangible items that may be provided to prospects. Any decorations should not be excessive or personalized and should not alert the public about the prospect.

- Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi may not arrange for miscellaneous personalized recruiting aids (e.g. personalized jerseys, scoreboard presentations, banners, signs) or simulations of any game day activities.
• While on an official visit, a prospect may have their photograph taken by Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi personnel (or by photographers directed by Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi personnel) for Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi’s use after the prospect has signed the NLI. We may not take their photograph and provide it to them for a nominal fee or free of charge. Of course if the recruit brings his/her own camera they may take unlimited pictures.

9.3 Four-Year College Prospects - NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.3
An athletics staff member or other representative of the intuition’s athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution’s Athletics Director (or designee), regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and the institution shall not provide financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year.

If any member of the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi staff or a student-athlete is contacted by a student at an NCAA or NAIA member institution they should refer the individual back to the Compliance Office at their institution for an explanation of NCAA rules and that institution’s policies regarding transfers. They may get the name, the sport, the Social Security Number and the institution. If the coach wishes to contact the individual they should complete the Request for Permission to Talk to Student-Athlete Enrolled at Another 4-year School Form.

9.3.1 Permission to Contact/Recruit Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Student-Athletes
The Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Department of Athletics will generally grant student-athletes a release (NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.3) and/or one-time transfer (NCAA Bylaw 14.5.2.10) to a non-conference (if applicable) school only. If a student-athlete wishes to transfer or discuss the possibility of transferring with another school, they must obtain the Request for Release/One-Time Transfer Waiver form from the Compliance Office. The student-athlete must meet with and obtain the signatures of their head coach, the Director of Athletics or sport supervisor and the Associate Athletic Director Compliance/Academics.

Requests for a release/one-time transfer to a conference school or traditional rival will generally be denied. Releases will always be denied if an institution has “tampered with” or contacted a Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi student-athlete prior to receiving permission to speak. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis as to whether there are any extenuating circumstances to justify the granting of a release. Non-scholarship student-athletes will generally be granted a release to any institution that has not “tampered” or illegally recruited prior to permission being granted.

If Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi denies the student-athlete’s request for the release, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi must inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the Department of Athletics. In these instances the letter will provide the student-athlete with directions for requesting a hearing if desired. Hearings will be conducted in a timely manner.

If a hearing is requested a subcommittee of the Intercollegiate Athletics Council, chaired by the Faculty Athletics Representative will hear written and oral testimony from the Department of Athletics and the student-athlete requesting the hearing. Their decision shall be final. In cases where the committee rules in favor of the student-athlete the Department of Athletics will provide any requested releases (within NCAA rules) to the institutions requested by the student-athlete in a timely manner.

10.0 FINANCIAL AID