



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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For coaches and athletic staff*

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

3/1 – 4/5 **Contact Period**

Men's Basketball –

3/1 – 3/15 **Evaluation Period**

3/16 – 3/22 **Contact Period**

3/23 – 3/31 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

3/1 – 4/2 **Contact Period**

Football –

3/1 – 3/31 **Quiet Period**

Lacrosse –

3/1 – 3/31 **Contact Period**

Cross Country/Track –

3/1 – 3/12 **Contact Period**

3/13 – 3/15 (12:01 a.m.) **Dead Period**

3/16 – 3/31 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

3/1 – 4/5 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

3/1 – 3/31 **No Restrictions**



LETTERS & AWARDS

Coaches, please submit a list of your letter winners to the compliance office at the end of your championship season. Also, remember that any gifts

(pictures, flowers, etc.) that you give to your seniors or underclassmen must be submitted to the Compliance office prior to the SA receiving the award. We must have the names of the SAs receiving the awards, what the awards are for, and the value of the awards.

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Coaches, itineraries are required to be turned in prior to any official or unofficial visits. Any organized visit to campus is considered, at a minimum, an unofficial visit (this includes Junior days). All rules are in effect whenever a PSA is on campus. Because of this, the compliance office must A) be informed that the visit is occurring and B) have an itinerary of the visit. This is not to add paperwork to the process, but rather to prevent any violations that may occur. Therefore, if you have any PSA on-campus visiting, you are required to submit an itinerary. If you have prior notice of the PSA's visit, you must submit the itinerary beforehand. We understand that PSAs sometimes arrive unannounced – if this happens, turn in the itinerary immediately after the visit. We ask for your cooperation in limiting potential violations and catching those that can be prevented before they occur.

GAMBLING

With the NCAA basketball tournament occurring this month, please remember that NCAA Bylaw 10.3 strictly precludes **ALL** athletic staff and athletes from placing wagers of any kind on the NCAA Men's or Women's basketball championships (or any other collegiate sporting event). Staff members and athletes are not allowed to complete tournament brackets where the winner receives **ANY** type of prize or item, even if the contest is free to enter.

While certain gambling activities may seem innocent or fun, an individual may lose his/her job in intercollegiate

athletics and a student-athlete may lose a season of competition or may lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports by being involved in such activity. It is not permissible to bet on an intercollegiate contest.

Specifically, it is not permissible to:

1. Provide information to individuals associated with organized gambling;
2. Solicit a bet on an intercollegiate team;
3. Accept a bet on any team representing an institution;
4. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., shirt, cash, dinner) that has tangible value;
5. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics **OR** professional athletics by using a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Gambling activities by those who are employed by or participants in intercollegiate athletics are prohibited even if they are considered legal activities under state or federal law (e.g., student-athletes cannot place bets on college or pro games in Las Vegas).

Remember:

1. **No “Dorm Pools”, “Office Pools”, or “Neighborhood Pools”** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit
2. **No Internet Sports Wagers**
3. **No “Friendly Wagers”**
4. **No bets through “800” numbers**
5. **No participation in Fantasy Leagues** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit or payments
6. Do not provide individuals involved with organized gambling with information about intercollegiate athletic teams
7. **No NCAA brackets**

SA EXPENSES

Please be aware that it is NOT permissible for anyone other than the student-athlete to make payments for his/her personal expenses. The only exception to this rule is an arrangement for a cost-free apartment which is handled through the business office and accounts payable. Any difference in the room portion of the scholarship and rent must be paid directly by the student-athlete. Money cannot be drawn from the student-athlete’s bank account on his/her behalf or collected by the coaching or support staff and forwarded to the appropriate entity on the student-athlete’s behalf. The student-athlete must do this on his/her own or it is a violation. All staff members should be hands

off when it comes to any student-athlete’s bank account and personal bills so as not to give the perception that something improper is occurring.

16.11.2.8 Assistance in Payment of Bills. A member institution is not permitted to administer a fund for a student-athlete (even if funds are provided by the student-athlete) in order to assist the student-athlete in making payments for various personal expenses (e.g., utility bills, rent, fees and entertainment expenses) unless the institution provides such a service to all students and formal accounting procedures are used. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

Noncoaching staff and managers

It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice). Nonstudent managers may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be considered coaching without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11.7. Student managers may perform limited on-court or on-field activities during practice, games and organized activities (e.g., ball shagging, bounce-passing drills, throw batting practice) provided they also perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., run clock at practice, laundry, fill water bottles). Noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may not perform any on-court or on-field duties that could be considered coaching during practice, games and organized activities without counting in the coaching limitations stipulated in Bylaw 11. It is permissible for these individuals to observe practice without having to count toward the coaching limitations; they may sit on an institution's bench or stand on the sidelines during an institution's contest provided the individual does not engage in any coaching activities.

SA-COACH MEETING

It is permissible for a SA to consult voluntarily with his or her coach outside the established playing season, provided the SA and coach do not engage in actual drills or other physical aspects of practice activities. However, the coach is not permitted to request to see a SA for this purpose. If you schedule meetings with your SAs out of the established playing season, this must count towards athletically related activity hours for that week.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

EWU football receives postseason ban

The NCAA Committee on Infractions has placed Eastern Washington on three years of probation and a one-year postseason ban for major violations in the football program. From 2003- 2007, 13 football SAs were allowed to practice even though they were nonqualifiers. Their eligibility was not certified by the NCAA or the university, and they did not meet transfer requirements. Two of those SAs were provided housing and meals during preseason practice even though they were not eligible to receive such benefits. The program also exceeded the maximum number of 11 countable coaches; during those years, anywhere from 13 to 15 individuals per year were allowed to perform coaching duties. The committee found that the violations were a result of the former head coach's inattention to certain aspects of his program, and the university's failure to implement an effective compliance system.

OK State player reinstated

Oklahoma State pitcher Andrew Oliver was reinstated to his team after he successfully sued the NCAA. The NCAA had suspended him last spring because advisors he had hired listened in on contract negotiation after he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2006. An Ohio judge ruled that the NCAA cannot restrict a player's right to have legal representation when negotiating a professional contract, and tossed out the NCAA's "no agent" rule [Bylaw 12.3.2.1]. The judge also invalidated a restitution rule [Bylaw 19.7], where the NCAA could penalize Oklahoma State after the fact for any games Oliver participates in if the ruling is later overturned on appeal. The NCAA will more than likely appeal the decision.

*Note: This court decision does not mean that the Bylaws addressed above are no longer effective. If you or your SAs have any questions relating to these bylaws, contact the compliance office before taking any action.

Tennessee and Washington report violations

Both the University of Tennessee and the University of Washington committed secondary violations on official visits of football prospects. Tennessee allowed prospects to participate in a mock press conference and used a fog machine as one prospect walked onto the football field at the stadium; Washington used a fog machine and a siren as its prospects ran out of the stadium's tunnel onto the field. Both situations violate the rules prohibiting prospects from simulating game-day experiences while on official visits.

BEARCAT SPIRIT

3/2	WBB	DePaul	7 pm
3/6-8	BASE	Bradley	
3/6-10	WBB	Big East Champs	
3/7	MBB	Seton Hall	noon
3/8	LAX	Villanova	11:30
3/10-14	MBB	Big East Champs	
3/12	TEN	Idaho	4pm
3/15	LAX	Vanderbilt	noon
3/21	Track	Early Bird Relays	All Day
3/24	BASE	Miami(OH)	6:30pm
3/27-28	WGO	UC Spring Invitational (Crystal River, Fla.)	All Day
3/27-28	MGO	Ball State Invitational (Muncie, IN)	All Day
3/31	BASE	Wright State	6:30pm

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