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ENTERTAINMENT FOR COACHES

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions.

Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus.

13.8.2 Material Benefits.

Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In 1976, fifty years after the start of Negro History Week, the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History used its influence to institutionalize the shift from a week to a month.

RECRUITING DATES

BASEBALL

2/1 - 2/29 Quiet Period

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2/1 - 2/29 Evaluation Period

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2/1 - 2/29 Evaluation Period

FOOTBALL

2/1 & 2/2 Dead Period

2/3 - 2/29 Quiet Period

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2/1 - 2/29 Contact Period

TRACK & FIELD

2/1 & 2/2 Dead Period

2/3 - 2/29 Contact Period

VOLLEYBALL

2/1 - 2/29 Contact Period

ALL OTHER SPORTS

2/1 - 2/29 Contact Period

*2/1 & 2/2 Dead Period
(Soccer)

EAST CAROLINA SUSPENDS BASEBALL COACH

ESPN.com - East Carolina has suspended baseball coach Billy Godwin two weeks without pay for an NCAA violation regarding improper housing benefits for volunteer coaches.

Assistant Nick Schnabel will handle Godwin's administrative, coaching and recruiting duties during the suspension, which starts Feb. 1. The school issued a letter of reprimand and suspended the volunteer position for a year, retroactive to Oct. 17.

The school investigated for five months and found four volunteer coaches received courtesy apartments between the fall of 2004 and 2011, starting a year before Godwin's arrival.

Three coaches have repaid benefits. In a statement, Godwin said he "assumed it was a permissible way to perhaps mitigate the financial burden" on volunteer coaches.

East Carolina reported the violation and is awaiting an NCAA ruling whether there will be further sanctions.

RECRUIT BOOTED FROM DON BOSCO PREP SCHOOL, LOSES FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

New York Daily News - All indications pointed to Yuri Wright attending Michigan this fall to play football for the Wolverines. But following a landmark decision, the four-star recruit's college future hangs in the balance.

Wright, ranked 85th among the country's high school football prospects, was expelled from Don Bosco Prep School on Wednesday for sexually graphic and racial tweets posted to his personal Twitter account followed by more than 1,500 accounts. Michigan backed the prep school's decision by rescinding Wright's scholarship, according to multiple reports.

In addition to Michigan, Wright had received offers from Colorado, Georgia, Notre Dame and Michigan. It is uncertain whether other schools will continue to pursue Wright, who is the seventh-best defensive back in the country and third-best football player in New Jersey.

National signing day is Feb. 1, the first day a high school senior can sign their National Letter of Intent.

"To my knowledge this is the highest profile prospect to be dropped by a college program and expelled from school over Twitter," Rivals.com national recruiting analyst Mike Farrell said. "This has ruined Yuri's chance to attend the school he has labeled as his dream school in Michigan, and it could cause other schools to back off as well. Hopefully, this example will send a wake-up call to high-profile prospects moving forward to watch what they put out in cyberspace."

UNLIMITED CONTACT AFTER SIGNING NLI

When a prospect signs an NLI, the unlimited contact (telephone, text, etc.) does not begin until the DAY AFTER they sign. For those that sign on February 1st, the unlimited contact does not begin until February 2nd.

Please keep this in mind come Signing Day!

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Coaches, please provide this information to your student-athletes.

REMINDER: You cannot be "friends" with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st on their junior year.

DON'T BET ON IT!

With the Super Bowl coming soon, we wanted to take this time to remind all student-athletes, coaches and administrators of the NCAA's policy on gambling.

- The NCAA membership has adopted specific rules prohibiting athletics department staff members and student-athletes from engaging in gambling activities as they relate to intercollegiate or professional sporting events.

- NCAA member colleges and universities have defined sports wagering as putting something at risk, such as an entry fee, with the opportunity to win something in return. Because of this, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize.

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ROLE OF BOOSTERS IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF IMPERMISSIBLE EXTRA BENEFITS FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES?

As a booster, you may not provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete's friends, relatives or guardians:

- Tickets to college or professional sporting events.
- A special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service.
- Cash or loan or signing or co-signing of a loan.
- Transportation, payment of expense or loan of any automobile.
- Benefits or gifts based upon the student-athlete's athletic performance.
- Free or reduced rent or housing.
- An honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement.

*****Providing prospectives with these benefits will deem***** them ineligible by UC and the NCAA. The prospect will also have to repay the benefits received.

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Look out for your fellow Bearcats in their big events of the month:

M Basketball - vs. Louisville, February 23rd @ 9 PM

W Basketball - vs. Pittsburgh, February 11th @ 2 PM

Track & Field - @ BIG EAST Indoor Championships,
February 18th & 19th

Swimming - @ BIG EAST Championships, Feb. 15th-18th