



# The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



*The Official Newsletter of the UC Compliance Office  
For coaches and athletic staff*

September 2009

## RECRUITING DATES

### Baseball –

9/1 – 9/10 **Quiet Period**

9/11 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### Men's Basketball –

9/1 – 9/8 **Quiet Period**

9/9 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### Women's Basketball –

9/1 – 9/15 **Quiet Period**

9/16 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### Football –

9/1 – 9/30 **Evaluation Period**

- 42 eval days during Sept., Oct., and November; all other dates are considered a quiet period

### Lacrosse –

9/1 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### Track /Cross Country –

9/1 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### Volleyball –

9/1 – 9/30 **Contact Period**

### All Others –

9/1 – 9/30 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

## CHECK-IN MEETINGS

**Golf** Sept. 6, 1:00

**Swimming** Sept. 8, 9:00 and Sept. 21, 3:00

**Lacrosse** Sept. 21, 10:00

**Track** Sept. 22, 3:00

**Baseball** Sept. 14, 4:00 and Sept. 21, 4:00

**Women's Basketball** Sept. 15, 10:00

**Tennis** Sept. 8, 4:00

**If you have not scheduled your check-in meeting contact Maggie immediately to do so!**

## NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the upcoming school year, the National Letter of Intent signing dates for PSAs enrolling in the 2010 – 2011 school year are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2009	November 18, 2009
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	May 19, 2010
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2009	January 15, 2010
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2010	April 1, 2010
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	February 3, 2010	August 1, 2010
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 11, 2009	November 18, 2009
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	August 1, 2010



## OFFICIAL VISIT REQUIREMENTS

### NCAA Bylaw 13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit

The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide an official visit to a prospective student-athlete:

(a) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a score from a PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions, except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the requirement. The score must be presented through a testing agency document, on a high school or preparatory school academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. A foreign prospect who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a score upon the approval of the Academics Cabinet or the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee;

(b) A prospective student-athlete must present this institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript;

(c) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and

(d) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.6.3.2 Eligibility Ramifications: Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.

### University Policies

- Student hosts will no longer receive student host money from the business office. Students can spend up to \$30/day on entertainment; they must turn in receipts to get reimbursed.
- Pre – visit paperwork should be submitted to Ann Orme at least one week prior to the visit.

## Year in Residence Waivers

**Guidelines for Waiver Requests Involving NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (Transfer Regulations – General Rule) and Assertions of Injury/Illness.** Relief of the transfer year-in-residence legislation should be considered when the following circumstances are appropriately documented:

1. **Nature of Injury or Illness.** Circumstances involving a life-threatening injury or illness (e.g., terminal medical conditions) to a student-athlete's immediate family member (e.g., mother, father, sibling, legal guardian);
2. **Student-Athlete's Responsibilities Related to the Care of the Family Member.** Student-athlete can demonstrate that he or she is the primary day-to-day caregiver to the individual(s) who is injured or ill; and
3. **Chronology of Events** Chronology of events supports the necessity for the student-athlete to transfer.

As a result of this guidance, the subcommittee directed the staff to archive all case precedent decided prior to April 20, 2009. Thus, institutions should not rely on such precedent when determining if relief for its specific set of circumstances may be warranted.

## Faculty Comp Ticket Policy

The UC Athletic Departmental policy provides that the UC Faculty and Academic Tutors are NOT PERMITTED to receive complimentary game tickets or passes from student-athletes or members of the UC coaching staff. All game passes and complimentary tickets for Faculty and Tutors must be coordinated through the Academic Faculty program in the Office of Academic Support Services. The Compliance Office will conduct a bi-season audit of the team's pass list to ensure that Coaches and student-athletes are adhering to the rules and regulations. The intent of the policy is to avoid perception of preferential treatment for Faculty and tutors.

## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### Memphis penalized for major violations

The women's golf and men's basketball programs have been hit with penalties stemming from violations that include a failure to monitor by the university, unethical conduct by the former women's golf coach, impermissible benefits, ineligible competition and impermissible recruiting contact. From 2004 to 2008, the golf coach provided extra benefits valued at \$3,115.70 to four women's golf student-athletes, one receiving \$2,764.45 worth of benefits. These benefits included gifts, airfare, lodging, NFL game tickets, and meals. The penalties stemming from these violations are a five-year show-cause order for the coach, a reduction of scholarships, and vacation of all results in which the student-athlete who received over \$2,700 worth of inducements and benefits had participated in. The case also involved extra benefits and ineligible competition violations in the men's basketball program. The university provided \$1,713.85 in impermissible benefits to the brother of a men's basketball student-athlete consisting of free transportation on the team's charter plane and free lodging at the team hotel. The same basketball student-athlete competed while ineligible due to an invalidated SAT score. The penalties stemming from the basketball violations include the vacation of all wins in which the men's basketball student-athlete competed while ineligible, including the 2008 NCAA Division I Championship Tournament, the university must return all money it received to date through Conference USA revenue sharing for its appearance in the 2008 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship Tournament and any future distributions from this appearance must be withheld by the conference and forfeited to the NCAA. The athletic department was also put on three years of probation.

### Michigan investigating alleged violations

The University of Michigan has launched a rules violation investigation after football players from the 2008 and 2009 teams told a newspaper that the amount of time they spend on activities during the season and out-of-season greatly exceeded the NCAA limits on countable athletically related activities. In season, the players were involved in football activities for 11 hours every Sunday. Some of those hours were for treatment, which is not included in the NCAA limits. The NCAA limit in-season is 20 hours per week, four hours per day, *Bearcat Compliance Corner Vol. 11 No. 2*

with one day off during the week. Out-of-season, the players lifted for three hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and had two hour speed and agility practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays – making a total of 13 hours for the week; the out-of-season limit is 8 hours per week. The athletics department believes the team has been compliant, but is launching an investigation and has reached out to Big Ten and NCAA officials.

## BEARCAT SPIRIT

9/4-5	VB	Bearcat Invitational	various
9/6	MSO	Wright State	5:00 pm
9/10	WSO	Xavier	7:00 pm
9/12	XC	Queen City Invite	10:00am
9/12	FB	Southeast Missouri State	7:30 pm
9/13	MSO	Akron	3:30 pm
9/15	VB	Western Kentucky	7:30 pm
9/18	WSO	Louisville	7:30 pm
9/20	MSO	West Virginia	1:00 pm
9/26	FB	Fresno State	noon
9/28-29	WGO	UC Invitational	all day
9/30	MSO	Xavier	7:00 pm

**Go BEARCATS!!**

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