



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

9/1 – 9/14 **Quiet Period**
9/15 – 11/5 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

Men's Basketball –

9/9 – 10/5 **Contact Period** (No evaluations at sites other than the prospect's educational institution.)

Women's Basketball –

9/1 – 9/15 **Quiet Period**
9/16 – 10/6 **Contact Period**

Football –

9/1 – 11/25 **Quiet Period** (with exceptions)

Volleyball –

9/1 – 12/3 **Contact/Evaluation Period**
(with exception)

All Other Sports –

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

CHECK-IN MEETINGS

Teams should schedule their check-in meetings for the upcoming academic year with Maggie. Please keep in mind that the check-in meeting will last approximately 1 ½ hours. All student-athletes must complete the SA statement and drug-testing consent form prior to participating in practice activities. The ones already scheduled are:

Tennis & Swimming Sept. 8, 4:00

Rowing Sept. 10, 3:30

Swimming Sept. 18 TBA

Women's Track Sept. 18, 4:00

Men's Track Sept. 18, 5:30

CHANGE WITH HOST MONEY

Once the visit is approved:

1. A copy of the academic evaluation is sent to the coach confirming approval of the visit.
2. Athletic business office arranges prospect's travel and lodging.
3. Athletic business office provides student host money to coach. Coach is responsible for reviewing NCAA rules for student hosts with enrolled student-athlete serving as student hosts.

Coaches' responsibilities after the visit:

1. Coach completes "Official visit of Prospective Student-Athlete" form. Form confirms arrival and departure times and expenditures for the Official visit. Prospect and student host both sign form.
2. Enrolled student-athlete serving as student host signs "Student Host Receipt" to be included with expense reports and reviewed by Compliance Assistant.
3. The Student Host needs to turn in all receipts and give the unused host money to the coach.
4. Coach takes "Student Host Receipt" form with receipts attached and unused host money to the business office. Business office signs-off that they have received all the unused host money. The form will be returned to the coach to be submitted with the expense report.
5. Coach completes detailed expense report and updated itinerary and submits it to Compliance Assistant for review. Compliance Assistant checks records for 48-hour limit, student host money, itinerary, individuals present at meals, types and number of meals, itemized receipts, and ensures all signatures have been obtained. Once review is complete, Compliance Assistant initials the expense report and forwards on to Business Office.

REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE – MALE STUDENTS PRACTICING WITH WOMEN'S TEAMS

NCAA member institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.1, a student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree to be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions.

During its December 5, 1991 meeting, the former NCAA Interpretations Committee determined that male student-athletes who practice with an institution's women's team on an occasional basis must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.8.1 and have eligibility remaining in accordance with Bylaws 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 (Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.3 in Divisions II and III). Further, during its October 22, 1992 meeting, the former Interpretations Committee determined that if male student-athletes practice on a regular basis with the institution's women's teams (and vice versa), those male student-athletes must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA regulations (e.g., the individual must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, have eligibility remaining under the five-year/10-semester rule, must sign a drug-testing consent form and must be included on the institution's squad list).

In addition, the following issues related to male student-athletes practicing with women's teams have been determined:

Permissible:

- a. It is permissible for an institution to provide apparel to male student-athletes for the purpose of practicing with the institution's women's team.
- b. If a male student-athlete is involved in skill-related instruction with a women's team, he must be included in the permissible number of student-athletes permitted to be involved in such instruction at any one time in any facility.



Not permissible:

- a. It is not permissible for an institution to provide male student-athletes financial assistance (i.e., room and board, tuition and fees and books) in return for practicing with the women's team.
- b. In Division I, it is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport to engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport.
- c. In Division II, it is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is receiving athletically related aid in any sport to practice with the women's basketball, volleyball or field hockey team on a regular basis.
- d. It is not permissible for an institution to provide male student-athletes with room and board to remain on campus during vacation periods to participate in practice sessions with the women's team.
- e. It is not permissible for an institution to allow male student-athletes who are nonqualifiers to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.
- f. It is not permissible for an institution to provide travel expenses to an away-from-home competition to a male student-athlete who is practicing with a women's team.
- g. It is not permissible to place a male student-athlete in the position of a team manager for the purpose of receiving expenses to practice with the women's team on away-from-home competitions.
- h. It is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department to practice with a women's team.

NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the upcoming school year, the signing dates for the 2007-08 national letter of intent signing period are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	Nov. 8, 2006	Nov. 15, 2006
Basketball (Late Period)	April 11, 2007	May 16, 2007
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 20, 2006	Jan. 15, 2007
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 7, 2007	April 1, 2007
Soccer	Feb. 7, 2007	Aug. 1, 2007
All Other Sports (Early Period)	Nov. 8, 2006	Nov. 15, 2006
All Other Sports (Late Period)	April 11, 2007	Aug. 1, 2007

New Standards for 2008 Recruits

As of August 1, 2008 a qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications:

- Successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses.
 - **English – 4 years**
 - **Mathematics – 3 years**
(Algebra I or higher)
 - **Natural or Physical Science – 2 years**
(including at least one laboratory course)
 - **Additional Courses in English, Math, or Natural or Physical Science – 1 year**
 - **Social Science – 2 years**
 - **Additional Academic Courses – 4 years**
(in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy, or non doctrinal religion)
- A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.1. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement.

PRIZE MONEY PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT

The committee determined that for the purpose of calculating a prospective student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses related to participation in an open athletics event, the calculation may not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the prospective student-athlete (e.g., coach's fee or expenses, parent's expenses). [Reference: NCAA Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1 (exception for prize money prior to full-time collegiate enrollment).]

STUDENT-ATHLETE ESTABLISHING HIS OR HER OWN BUSINESS

The committee determined that a student-athlete may establish his or her own business, provided the student-athlete's name, photograph, appearance or athletics reputation are not used to promote such a business [References: Bylaws 12.4.1.1 (athletics reputation), 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions subsequent to enrollment)]

WHERE TO SEND PAPER WORK

Please send recruiting paperwork, practice and participation logs, phone logs, and PSA visits to Deborah Rise in compliance. Continue sending all other compliance paperwork to Maggie McKinley and Rebecca Hinkel.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts from all previous colleges that incoming students have attended must be submitted to Kathy Kelley as soon as possible. Transfer students will not be certified as eligible for competition unless we have received ALL original transcripts. Transfers transcripts can be sent directly from the original college to Kathy Kelley. **Junior College transfers cannot receive financial aid until we have received proof of an AA and that they have met all other eligibility requirements.**

AROUND THE COUNTRY

LSU stops Yoglates with Sports Teams

Yoglates is LSU's trendy conditioning program used for their sports teams. However, prior to self-reporting the level II secondary violation, the Tigers cancelled the programming due to NCAA rules governing outside athletic consultation. Don Yesso, the yoglates instructor, plans to work with the university to ensure his instruction is permissible. This rule was intended to prevent institutions with larger budgets from hiring pro sports experts to work with athletes over the summer.

Sooners Dismiss Bomar from Team

Oklahoma's starting quarterback, Rhett Bomar, was kicked off the team after committing an NCAA violation. He committed the violation by accepting excess payments over an extended period of time for work that was never actually performed.

ISU Center Benched for Improper Benefits

An Iowa State basketball player is not able to play in the first six games for accepting improper benefits. He is required to repay \$1,688 to a charity of his choice to regain his eligibility. The extra benefits included food, a pair of pants, and the use of a car from a businessman he met at Marshalltown Community College. The individual had Iowa State season football tickets and in the 1980's donated money to the school, which made him a representative of the school. Being a rep. bans him from providing assistance to any athlete.

USC's Receiver Reinstated by Season Opener

Dwayne Jarrett was reinstated after previously being declared as ineligible. Matt Leinart's father paid a fraction of the balance of an off-campus apartment that Jarrett shared with Matt. Jarrett is required to pay \$5,352 to a charity of his choice for receiving the extra benefit of reduced rent.

Northern Illinois Hit with One-Year Probation

A faculty member at Northern Illinois University was found giving extra benefits to a former women's basketball player. The NCAA placed NIU on a one-year probation for the faculty member who improperly bought a plane ticket for the athlete and paid for other expenses.

Sampson Reprimanded by NABC

The National Association of Basketball Coaches reprimanded Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson after he committed recruiting violations during his tenure. Sampson is the first coach to be punished by the group since the ethics committee was formed in 2003. The association placed his membership on probation for three years, took away his Final Four ticket privileges, made him ineligible for district and national coach of the year awards, and is prohibiting him from serving in an official capacity with the NABC.

Notre Dame Radio Promotion

Notre Dame found that the promotion of a local radio station was an NCAA violation; however, no penalty was imposed due to the lack of intention by the student-athletes. Several student athletes, including football and basketball players, made comments promoting a local sports talk show while on the CBS affiliate in South Bend.

GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT CHANGE

NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.4 states that a student may compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution.

* NOTE: This bylaw has changed effective 8/1/06. There is no longer a minimum enrollment requirement of 8 hours. A graduate student-athlete will need to be enrolled in whatever the institution considers to be full-time for graduate students.

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