



# 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 –

11/1-11/8 **Contact Period**

11/9-11/12 **Dead Period**

11/13-11/30 **Quiet Period**

### Men's Basketball –

11/1-11/30 **Evaluation Period** (Limited to regularly scheduled high school, prep school & two-year college contests & practices involving SA's enrolled only at that institution)

**\*EXCEPT** 11/9 - 11/12 **Dead Period**

### Women's Basketball –

11/1-11/30 **Evaluation Period**

**\*EXCEPT** 11/9-11/12 **Dead Period**

### Football –

11/1-11/28 **Quiet Period**

**\*EXCEPT** - 42 evaluation days during Sept., Oct., and Nov.

11/29-11/30 **Contact Period**

### Lacrosse –

11/1-11/24 **Contact Period**

**\*EXCEPT** 11/9-11/12 **Dead Period**; 11/7-11/8, 11/14-

11/15, 11/21-11/22 **Evaluation Period**

11/25 – 11/30 **Quiet Period**

**Soccer –** 11/1-11/30 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

### Track and Field/Cross Country –

11/1-11/30 **Contact Period**

**\*EXCEPT** 11/23-11/24 **Dead Period**

### Volleyball –

11/1-11/30 **Contact Period**

**\*EXCEPT** – 11/9 – 11/12 **Dead Period**

**All Other Sports** -11/1-11/30 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

**\*EXCEPT** – 11/19– 11/12 **Dead Period**

## PAPERWORK

Coaches, be sure you are turning in your weekly and monthly paperwork. This includes phone logs, participation rosters, travel rosters, recruiting visit itineraries, and countable athletically related activity logs(practice logs). Please use the updated forms for the 2009-2010 year (these are all on the forms CD given out at the August meeting).

- **Practice logs** are due each week throughout the entire school year. If you do not have any activities, please mark "None" at the top of the sheet for that week and turn it in to Caitlin.
- **Travel rosters** need to be turned into Deborah at least 24 hours before each contest (home AND away). She will approve them to make sure everyone is eligible to participate and then give you a copy back. This copy should be back to you before you leave.
- **Participation rosters** need to be turned in to Caitlin within 48 hours after the competition.
- **Contact/Eval** sheets need to be filled in completely.

**This paperwork is necessary to be in compliance with NCAA rules, so please turn it in to the appropriate Compliance staff member in a timely manner.**

## 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

**For the early signing period, please have all NLI Submittal forms to Caitlin by November 4 to ensure delivery to the PSA by November 11.**

**Remember all PSA's must be registered with the Eligibility Center and have an Eligibility Center ID before we can issue them a NLI.**

**Please use the new NLI submittal forms provided to you at the November Coaches' Compliance Meeting (there are copies in the Compliance Office)**

## NLI REMINDERS

\* NLI's may NOT be hand delivered to a PSA off-campus

\*Institutions may not announce a prospect's signing until they have received a valid copy of the NLI **AND** financial aid agreement.

\*A mid-year high school graduate who signs an NLI and enrolls at UC mid year cannot receive athletics aid for the terms preceding the academic year for which the prospect signed the NLI. (See Educational column below)

\*An Eligibility Center ID is **required** for signing a NLI.

## AWARDS

Coaches, please submit your awards for Compliance approval before you order them or give them to your student-athletes. Indicate who will be receiving the award, what the award is for, what the award physically is, and the value of the award. Example: Jane Smith, MVP, trophy, \$50. John Smith, Senior award, framed jersey, \$75.

Remember that engraving/embroidery must be included in the value of the award. The allowable values can be found in Figs. 16-1, 16-2, and 16-3 in the NCAA Manual. Below are two common awards and their corresponding allowable values.

Annual participation: \$175 underclassmen; \$325 seniors

Special attainments: \$175 each (e.g. MVP, most improved, scholar-athlete, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact us before you take any action.

## OFFICIAL VISIT REMINDERS

Official visit paperwork must be turned in before the visit occurs, allowing enough time for all appropriate staff members to review and sign off on the visit. The TA should be turned in with the academic evaluation and transcripts/test scores. Compliance cannot approve the visit or sign off on the TA until high school transcripts and test scores are received and the PSA has registered with the Eligibility Center.

## NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Nutritional supplements provided to your SAs must meet the definition in Bylaw 16.5.2(g) and (h). Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified as carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, vitamins, and minerals, fruit, nuts, and bagels. If you provide your team a snack or nutritional supplement please do so in accordance with meal legislation (Bylaws 16.5.2(d)) and label the meal correctly-do not call something a "nutritional supplement" if it does not fall within the categories listed above. Providing snacks outside of the nutritional supplement definition will count as a meal and could cause you to exceed the allowable meal limitations. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin.

## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### Oliver receives settlement from NCAA

Andrew Oliver, a former Oklahoma State pitcher, received \$750,000 from the NCAA to end his lawsuit challenging a rule that bans college athletes from using legal counsel in negotiations for contracts with professional teams. Oliver filed the suit against the NCAA for damages and breach of contract after he was suspended for a portion of last year's season. In February, an Ohio judge ordered the NCAA to reinstate him and struck down the NCAA Bylaw, saying that the NCAA should not restrict a person's right to have legal help when negotiating a contract. The settlement vacates that ruling and keeps the Bylaw in place.

### NCAA looking at playing-with-pros rule

Michael Rogers, chair of the Amateurism Cabinet, announced that the Cabinet recommends changing a rule that professionalizes any member of a team on which someone plays and receives more than actual and necessary expenses. Currently an athlete's amateurism status can be impacted by playing with a teammate who is a professional (e.g. receiving more than actual and necessary expenses). The proposed change to the rule is, in part, a reaction to the influx of international athletes in collegiate athletics. Of the 490 incoming athletes penalized for amateurism violations last year, 434 were foreign students. Many international teams have no system of college or

high school sports; athletes participate in clubs that sponsor teams where expenses and sometimes salaries are paid. Amateurs and pros often compete with each other on the same teams. The proposed rule change would allow those that did not receive the salaries to compete in collegiate athletics in the U.S. and not have their amateurism impacted by someone on their team over which they have no control. The change would also alleviate headaches for the Eligibility Center, which is charged with investigating and clearing all incoming student-athletes. By focusing on the prospective student-athlete him/herself, the system becomes more streamlined.



## BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Nov. 1	VB	Syracuse	2:00
Nov. 5	MBB	Bluefield	7:30
Nov. 7	FB	UConn	TBA
Nov. 9	WBB	KY Wesleyan	7:00
Nov. 13	FB	WVU	8:00
Nov. 14	VB	UConn	2:00
Nov. 15	VB	St. Johns	2:00
Nov. 15	WBB	Furman	7:00
Nov. 18	MBB	Toledo	7:30
Nov. 27	FB	Illinois	TBA
Nov. 28	VB	Miami(OH)	2:00

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