

# The COMPLIANCE CORNER

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## Meet the Team

Each month, the Compliance Corner will feature a different member of our staff to help everyone get to know us a little better. Last month we featured one of our student workers, Kendall Loggins, this month we bring you our Assistant Director of Compliance, Caitlin Stoffer:

Caitlin grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia before going to Clemson where she was a captain on the swim team, a member of SAAC, and graduated from the Honors program with a degree in Psychology. Following this she came to UC, where she earned her law degree. She worked as an intern in the compliance office in the fall of 2007. "My intern experience showed me how my legal background could be applied in the athletic administration setting," Caitlin said, "And how the skills I learned in law school naturally crossed over to working in athletic compliance". It was in July of 2008 that Caitlin was hired in the compliance office full time, and she is now in charge of monitoring all aspects of recruiting, running the agent program, preparing and issuing NLIs, monitoring playing and practice sessions, as well as coordinating housing.



Caitlin met her husband James Stoffer, a graduate of St. Xavier High School, on the swim team at Clemson. Their son, Ethan, was born May 1st, 2009, and loves smiling, practicing walking, and eating blueberries. The family dog, Skylar, is a Weimeraner weighing 109 pounds.

## The Monthly Quiz

Each month the Compliance Corner will hold a short quiz testing knowledge in both compliance and worldly matters. The winning quizzes will be entered into a drawing for a giftcard. Last month's answers and winners can be found on page 3. All answers should be e-mailed to Caitlin at [Caitlin.Stoffer@uc.edu](mailto:Caitlin.Stoffer@uc.edu)

- 1. True or False-** Caitlin Stoffer met her husband while attending St. Xavier High School.
- 2. True or False-** Computer recruiting presentations may be shown during any permissible on or off campus contact.
- 3. True or False-** Aud A. Bull is a prospective student-athlete that will be playing football for West Coast University next fall. Aud has attended two different high schools. Aud must submit an official transcript from each high school he attended.
- 4. Anchor** is a swimmer at Bay State College and is also a member of the American Aquatic Club. Anchor would like to participate in a competition with the Aquatic Club during the weekend prior to Memorial Day. Is that permissible?

## Recruiting Dates

### Baseball

4/1/10 - 4/11/10 *Contact Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/30/10 *Contact Period*

### Men's Basketball

4/1/10 - 4/8/10 *Dead Period*  
4/8/10 - 4/11/10 *Contact Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/21/10 *Contact Period*  
4/22/10 - 4/30/10 *Quiet Period*

### Women's Basketball

4/1/10 *Contact Period*  
4/2/10 - 4/8/10 *Dead Period*  
4/9/10 - 4/11/10 *Quiet Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/20/10 *Evaluation Period*  
4/21/10 - 4/30/10 *Quiet Period*

### Football

4/1/10 - 4/14/10 *Quiet Period*  
4/15/10 - 4/30/10 *Evaluation Period*

### Lacrosse

4/1/10 - 4/11/10 *Contact Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/30/10 *Contact Period*

### Track and Cross Country

4/1/10 - 4/30/10 *Contact Period*

### Volleyball

4/1/10 - 4/11/10 *Contact Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/30/10 *Contact Period*

### All Other Sports

4/1/10 - 4/11/10 *Contact/Eval. Period*  
4/12/10 - 4/15/10 *Dead Period*  
4/16/10 - 4/30/10 *Contact/Eval. Period*



# Sidney ineligible for this season and 30 percent of 2010-11

Mississippi State University basketball student-athlete Renardo Sidney must sit out the remainder of the current season and 30 percent of the 2010-11 season, according to a decision announced Friday by the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff.

In addition, Sidney must repay \$11,800 in benefits received from preferential treatment. The sanction for 2010-11 is estimated to be nine games. Mississippi State declared Sidney ineligible for violations of NCAA ethical-conduct and preferential-treatment rules. The ethical-conduct violations pertained to providing false or misleading information throughout the eligibility process.

Sidney and his family benefited by using funds from a nonprofit organization for personal gain, according to the facts presented by Mississippi State. The academic and membership affairs staff determined that those funds would not have been available were it not for the student-athlete's athletics skills and reputation. Other preferential treatment included hotel accommodations and other travel expenses, as well as free athletics gear and training.

"Our members have made it crystal clear that student-athletes who receive impermissible benefits, either directly or indirectly, and who lie to the NCAA must be held accountable," said Kevin Lennon, vice president for academic and membership affairs. "This case is about more than a single student-athlete. One of our core responsibilities is to ensure a level playing field for all student-athletes and their teams. No team or individual should have an unfair advantage."

The NCAA made repeated requests for specific information related to Sidney's eligibility beginning in April 2009. However, Sidney and his attorney failed to promptly and accurately reply to the requests, which caused multiple delays in resolving the case.

In contrast, the NCAA received the final reinstatement request with all agreed-upon facts on February 26 and rendered its decision within a week. The staff considers a number of factors when deciding each case. Those include the nature and seriousness of the violation, any impermissible benefits received, the student-athlete's level of responsibility, any mitigating factors presented by the university, applicable NCAA guidelines and any relevant case precedent.

The staff considered all factors presented by Mississippi State in its review of the situation. Mississippi State can appeal the decision to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, an independent committee composed of representatives from Division I member institutions and athletics conferences. That committee can reduce or remove the conditions, but it cannot increase the conditions imposed by the staff.



## Texas, Maryland get reprieve on recruiting rule

AUSTIN, Texas — The NCAA has given Texas and Maryland a one-year reprieve from a new rule that limits off-campus football recruiting by a coach designated as the head coach-in-waiting.

The decision allows Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp and Maryland offensive coordinator James Franklin to participate in the critical spring evaluation period in April and May.

Texas and Maryland are the only schools affected by a new rule that says assistants "publicly designated" as the next head coach must be limited to one off-campus visit with a recruit. That visit can't be during the spring evaluation.

Assistants are given multiple off-campus visits.

An NCAA spokesman says the schools will now have time to adjust their contracts or pursue permanent relief.

## Compliance on Facebook!

Our office has created a facebook page to try and keep current student-athletes, former student-athletes, athletic department staff/coaches, boosters and fans up to date on compliance-related issues. Our goal is to make it something that is informative but speaks to everyone on real things that are happening in a language that is easily understandable.

We are asking that you become a fan of the page and strongly encourage others to also become a fan. The primary goal is to utilize the social-networking craze as an education tool and reminder page.

**You can view the page here:**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cincinnati-OH/Cincinnati-Athletics-Compliance/257385781960?ref=ts>

## NLI Signing Dates

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2010	April 1, 2010
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	February 3, 2010	August 1, 2010
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	May 19, 2010
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	August 1, 2010



## Bearcat Spirit!

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

**Baseball**- vs. Morehead State. April 7th @ 6:30 PM

**LAX**- vs. Georgetown April 9th @ 4 PM

**TEN**- vs. Xavier (Trabert-Talbert Tennis Center) April 13th @ 6 PM

**Track**- Big East Championships. April 30 - May 2nd. Gettler Stadium.

## This month's compliance education session...

will be held on **April 13th @ 10 AM** in the Athletic Director's conference room. It will be held by Deborah covering issues and questions surrounding financial aid.

## The Compliance Staff

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## Last Month's Quiz Answers and Winners

Based on last month's quiz, the only people who read the quiz are:

Scott Wilhoit  
Jeff Hericks  
Michael Hewitt  
Meagan Kantor  
Amanda Martin  
Leslie Wenert

These people have earned themselves a spot on the compliance wall of fame and a favorable response for their next compliance question.