

The COMPLIANCE CORNER

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BOOSTING BOOSTER EDUCATION

As part of the Compliance Office's Education Outreach Program, we will be writing a monthly column discussing hot topics in NCAA legislation that concern representatives of athletics interests, more commonly known as boosters. A booster of UC is anyone who a) participated in or is a member of an organization promoting UC's athletics program; b) contributed to the athletics department or any of its booster clubs; c) assisted or has been requested by the athletics staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes; d) assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or e) been involved in otherwise promoting UC's athletics program. Once an individual, agency, corporate entity or other organization is identified as a booster, the individual, agency, corporate entity or other organization retains that identity indefinitely (See NCAA Bylaw 13.02.13).

Thoughts of the Month

"A person is judged by their deeds, not by their words." - Russian Proverb

To do Today: Don't be afraid to ask. "He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever." - Chinese proverb

TICKETS AND DEAD PERIODS

Reminder: You cannot provide PSAs, their family or friends with complimentary tickets during sports' dead period. To the right are the dead period dates:

BASE: Nov. 8-11, Jan. 6-9, April 11-14
MBB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 24-26, Mar. 31- Apr. 7, Apr. 11-14, May 19-27, July 16-21
WBB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 24-26, Apr. 1-7, Apr. 11-14, July 16-21
FB: Dec. 20-31, Jan. 1-3, Jan. 10-13, Jan. 31- Feb. 3
LAX: Nov. 8-11, Apr. 11-14, May 27-29
XC/TRK: Nov. 22, Dec. 13-16, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, Mar. 11-12, June 9-11
VB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 15-31, Apr. 11-14
MSO/WSO: Jan. 31- Feb. 3
All Others: Nov. 8-11, Apr. 11-14

Recruiting Dates

Baseball

11/1 – 11/7 Contact Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/30 Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

11/1 – 11/7 Evaluation Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/30 Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

11/1 – 11/7 Evaluation Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/30 Evaluation Period

Football

11/1 – 11/27 Evaluation Period
11/28 – 11/30 Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

11/1 – 11/7 Contact Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/23 Contact Period
11/24 – 11/30 Quiet Period

Track and Field/Cross Country

11/1 – 11/31 Contact Period

***NOVEMBER 22nd DEAD

Volleyball

11/1 – 11/7 Contact Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/30 Contact Period

All Other Sports

11/1 – 11/7 Contact/Eval Period
11/8 – 11/11 Dead Period
11/12 – 11/30 Contact/Eval Period

NLI SIGNING DATES

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball and all other sports not listed (Early Period)	Nov. 10, 2010	Nov. 17, 2010
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 15, 2010	Jan. 15, 2011
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 2, 2011	April 1, 2011
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country, Men's Water Polo	Feb. 2, 2011	Aug. 1, 2011
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 13, 2011	May 18, 2011
All Other Sports Not Listed (Regular Period)	April 13, 2011	Aug. 1, 2011

Follow us on Facebook!

The compliance office now has a facebook page, all athletic departments members should follow the page here:

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

Coaches, please provide this link and 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.

Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches -- Responsibilities of Non-coaching Staff Members and Managers

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 11.7 any individual who participates in any manner in the coaching of a sport in practice, games or organized activities directly related to that sport must be counted as a coach as stipulated in the limitations for that sport. A strength and conditioning coach does not need to be included in the institution's coaching limitations for a specific sport provided the individual only conducts flexibility, warm up and physical conditioning activities before contests and before or during practices or other organized activities. In addition to maintaining competitive equity, the intent of the coaching limitations is to restrict the actual coaching of student-athletes to those individuals who are identified as coaches.

Managers.

A manager must perform traditional managerial functions (e.g., laundry, equipment, water bottles, running clock at practice) and must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, except that during his or her final semester or quarter of a degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. Managers may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice and games (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), in addition to traditional managerial functions. It is not permissible to hire a manager to perform only on-court or on-field activities. Finally, under no circumstances may a manager provide instruction to student-athletes or participate in countable athletically related activities, (e.g., practice player) other than participation in limited on-court or on-field activities, without being counted in the coaching limitations. In baseball, a manager must forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution at which the individual serves as a manager.

Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.

Noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., administrative assistants, directors of operations, quality control personnel, directors of player development, video coordinators, assistant/associate athletics directors for specific sports), do not have to be included in the institution's coaching limitations, provided they are not identified as coaches and do not engage in any coaching activities, on-court or on-field activities (e.g., shagging balls, assisting with drills, throwing batting practice, signaling in plays at the direction of a coaching staff member), off-campus recruiting activities or scouting of opponents. For example, if a director of softball operations throws batting practice, then the director of softball operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11 even if no skill instruction is provided. Similarly, if a director of football operations signals plays from the sideline during a game, then the director of football operations must be counted toward the sport's coaching limitations in Bylaw 11, even if the plays were being signaled at the direction of a member of the coaching staff.

While noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities are not permitted to be involved in any manner with practice activities, it is permissible for these individuals to observe practice or organized activities without counting toward the coaching limitations. It is also permissible for noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on an institution's bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during an institution's contest, provided these individuals do not engage in any coaching activities. If an institution permits noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to sit on the bench or in the coaches box or stand on the sidelines during games, the institution is responsible for ensuring that these individuals are not engaging in any coaching activities. In addition, noncoaching staff members are prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pickup games).

Finally, noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may participate in organized activities involving only the coaching staff or may perform administrative duties (e.g., attend meetings involving coaching activities, analyze video of the institution's or an opponent's team, track statistics during practice or competition). However, a noncoaching staff member may not be involved in any activity involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes.



Bearcat Spirit!

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

Men's Soccer- Big East tournament. Nov. 7th, Time TBA.

Men's Basketball vs. Dayton. Nov. 27th. Time TBA.

Volleyball- Big East tournament. Nov. 19-21.

Football- vs. Rutgers. November 20th . Time TBA.

In California, 'Athletes' Rights' Measure Becomes Law

By Libby Sander

Earlier this year, we reported on a bill in the California Legislature that sought to change how college coaches recruited athletes in that state. On Thursday evening, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law the measure, known as the Student-Athletes' Right to Know Act.

The new law requires coaches who recruit in California to disclose, among other things, institutional and NCAA policies on medical expenses, scholarship renewals, and transfers for athletes. Supporters of the measure say it will help athletes and their families better understand the implications of accepting an athletics scholarship—and will hold universities accountable for the promises their coaches make.

"This law is a milestone in college athletes' struggle to secure basic protections," Ramogi Huma, president of the National College Players Association, an advocacy group of current and former Division I athletes, said in an e-mail today. "This is only the beginning. We will take this fight to other states next year."

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