



# The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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For coaches and athletic staff**

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## ***Tip of the Month***

### **Official Visits- Student Hosts**

According to Bylaw 13.7.5.5(a) A student host may receive a maximum of \$30 a day (a 24 hour period **Not** a calendar day) for a maximum of \$60. The money is to cover all actual costs of entertaining a prospect (and the prospect's parents, legal guardians or spouse), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. These funds may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$15 per day (24 hour period) for each additional prospect the host entertains.

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## **April Recruitment Calendar**

**Football:** Quiet Period – 2/9 – 4/14  
Quiet Period - 4/15 – 5/31  
(Except four weeks during which contacts are permitted)

**Men's Basketball:** **Dead Period – 3/28 – 4/3 (noon)**  
Quiet Period – 4/3 (noon) - 4/5  
Contact Period 4/6 – 4/8  
**Dead Period – 4/9 - 4/12**  
Contact Period – 4/13 – 4/20  
Quiet Period – 4/21 - 5/31

**Women's Basketball:** **Dead Period 3/28- 4/2 (noon)**  
Contact Period 4/2 (noon) – 4/8  
**Dead Period 4/9-4/12**  
Quiet Period 4/13-7/7

**REMINDER:** During a **DEAD PERIOD** you may have no off- or on-campus face-to-face contact with a prospective student-athlete. Telephone calls and written correspondence are permissible during a dead period.

During a **QUIET PERIOD** you may have no off-campus face-to-face contact with a prospect. On-campus contacts are permitted. Therefore, prospects may make official or unofficial visits during a quiet period. Telephone and written correspondence are permissible during a quiet period.

## What's Going On

### **The Division I Infractions Appeals Committee Upholds the Penalties for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Men's Basketball Program.**

The appeals committee upheld the penalty issued December 12, 2000, by the Division I Committee on Infractions. In affirming the penalty, the appeals committee said it was neither excessive nor inappropriate under provisions of the repeat violator rule. The Committee on Infractions case involved violations of Bylaws governing improper recruiting inducements, extra benefits, unethical conduct and failure to monitor. The case primarily involved a representative of the university's athletics interest who provided cash totaling approximately \$5,600.00 to a prospective student-athlete during 1996 and 1997. Payments occurred while the prospect was either visiting or residing in Las Vegas before and after the university advised the prospect that he would no longer be able to enroll at the university. The case was similar to one that occurred at UNLV in 1993. Because violations in the most recent case occurred while the university was on probation for the 1993 violations, the university was subject to the repeat violator provisions of NCAA bylaws. The postseason ban was the only penalty appealed by the university. In its written appeal, UNLV argued that the penalty would punish innocent participants, namely six senior student-athletes on the basketball team. The university also cited actions it took to reassign the duties of the head men's basketball coach following the report from the Committee on Infractions and said the case did not meet the circumstances to warrant imposition of the presumptive penalty of a postseason ban.

The Committee on Infractions cited, as a rationale for imposing the postseason ban, the need to bring the violations to the attention of the university's Boosters because violations in this case and in the 1993 case were primarily committed by representatives of the university's athletics interests providing cash payments to the prospects and enrolled student-athletes. In its review of the record, the Infractions Appeals Committee said it did not need to determine if the conditions of a presumptive penalty had been met because the case was governed by the repeat violator rule, which gives the Committee on Infractions authority to impose such a penalty. The appeals committee concurred with the rationale of the Committee on Infractions. In its report, the appeals committee said, "the imposition of penalties always involves a balancing of interests. Almost every ban on competition impacts some innocent individuals. We hope the regrettable consequences of this penalty are fully appreciated by representatives of the institution's athletics interests so that there will not be a recurrence of the facts that gave rise to the violations in the 1993 case and this case." The appeals committee cited strong actions taken by the university president and director of athletics to terminate the letter of intent signed by the prospective student-athlete, terminate the employment of the director of basketball operations, and, following the findings of the Committee on Infractions, to reassign the head men's basketball coach. However, the committee said that the actions did not lead it to conclude the postseason ban penalty was inappropriate or excessive based on the provisions of the repeat violator rule.

## National Letter of Intent Signing Dates for 2001-02

<u>Sport</u>		<u>Initial Signing</u>	<u>Final Signing</u>
*Basketball --		04/11/01	05/15/01
(late period)			
*Football --		02/07/01	04/01/01
(regular period)			
*Soccer --		02/07/01	08/01/01
*All Other --		04/11/01	08/01/01
Sports (Late Period)			
Including			
W. Volleyball			

## Well, I Didn't Know That

**Q:** Can a complimentary “hard” ticket be issued or provided to a prospect or enrolled student-athlete by a season ticket holder (i.e. UCATS member, coach, athletic staff member)?

**A:** No, Complimentary admissions cannot be provided to a prospect for an away contest and can only be provided to a home contest through a “pass” list submitted to the ticket office in accordance with official visit (Bylaw 13.7.5) or unofficial visit (Bylaw 13.8.2) guidelines. Complimentary tickets for enrolled student-athletes to home or away contests much also be issued through a “pass” list submitted to the ticket office in accordance with Bylaw 16.2

## Offer of Aid Prior to Signing Date

NCAA Bylaw 13.10.1.2 permits a coach to indicate in writing to a “junior or senior” prospect that an athletic grant-in-made will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award prior to the initial signing date in the prospect’s senior year in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. Coaches who wish to make scholarship offers to a “junior” prospect in a permissible recruiting correspondence should use the language contained in Bylaw 13.10.1.2 so as to make it clear to the “junior” or “senior” prospect that the offer cannot become official until the permissible signing date in the prospect’s sport, at which time the offer of an athletic grant-in-aid will be accompanied be a binding National Letter of Intent.

## ROSTER CHANGES

As we all know, student-athletes come and go for various reasons. There are academic casualties, transfers, cuts, quits, and other reasons for students leaving the team. It is absolutely essential that coaches notify the compliance office promptly whenever a student-athlete joins or leaves the team. It is important that we make the proper modifications to the squad and eligibility lists. **Also, if any student-athletes wants to join your squad, they MUST be certified as eligible by the compliance office BEFORE they can be permitted to participate in any practice activity. You must let us know of any roster additions or deletions, NO student may practice until official clearance is given by the compliance office.**

Interpretation Requests from Athletic  
Department Staff

**Athletic Staff Members** – Effective immediately, all requests for interpretation or questions concerning any NCAA rules, regulations, or policies (e.g., rules interpretation, recruiting, eligibility, playing and practicing seasons, official and unofficial visits, grant-in-aids, National Letters of Intent, and awards and benefits) must be submitted in written form. This will be a practice that will be strictly adhered from this point forward. A copy of the Interpretation Request form has been supplied within this issue of Compliance Corner. Please make copies of this form for your convenience. Upon submittal of the form to the compliance office please indicate the level of urgency for response to your inquiry. All interpretation requests will be handled in an expedient manner. Also you may contact any member of the compliance staff by email as an alternative to the Interpretation Request form. Email addresses are supplied in the credits section of the Compliance Corner.

**Reminder For All Sports**

You are responsible for activity logs and contact and evaluation logs even if you have completed your season of competition. Also all coaches should start to prepare for your coaches certification tests. A date has not been set, however the testing will take place this spring quarter.

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