



# The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

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## December Recruitment Calendar

Football: Contact period 12/1 –12/16  
(6 off-campus contacts permitted)  
12/17 – Quiet Period  
12/18-1/4 DEAD PERIOD

Men's Basketball: 11/16-3/15 – Quiet Period  
(Except for 50 evaluation days)

Women's Basketball: 11/10-2/28 – Quiet Period  
(Except for 40 evaluation days)

Volleyball: 12/13 –12-31 – DEAD PERIOD

**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.

## Bowling Anyone?

Congratulations are due to the University of Cincinnati's Football Team. With a record of 7-4 and a perfect 6-0 at home the team has earned the opportunity to play the MAC champions in the Motor City Bowl in the Pontiac Silver Dome on December 27<sup>th</sup>. **Come out to support the HOME TEAM!**

## Athletic Activity over Winter Break

The daily and weekly hour limitations on student-athletes' countable athletically related activity do not apply during the winter vacation. (i.e. one day off per week, 4 hours per day, 20 hours per week). However, those limitations do apply during the final exam period from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>. Even if all students on a particular squad are finished with their exams, the restrictions are still in effect until December 11<sup>th</sup> when the official vacation period begins.



## Out of Season Athletically Related Activities

Now that some of our sports are completing their season, it is important to consider what types of athletically related activities are permissible outside of the playing season.

Outside the playing season during the academic year, only the following countable athletically related activities are permissible:

- Weight-training and conditioning held at the direction of or supervised by an institutional staff member
- Participation in a physical fitness class conducted by a member of the athletics staff (note that if this class is a regular phys-ed class that is listed in the institution's catalog and is open to all students, which does not include practice activities conducted under the guise of the phys-ed class, then this class would not count toward CARA limits.)
- Individual skill related activities—For the individual skill instruction, the student-athletes must request the instruction themselves, and no more than four student-athletes from the same team can be involved in the skill instruction at any one time in any facility. Please note that this individual skill instruction is not available for the sport of football
- Student-athletes are limited to eight hours of countable athletically related activities per week, and only two of those eight can

be used for individual skill instruction.

Therefore, you must continue to submit practice logs to the compliance office on a regular basis

- It is permissible to simulate game activities during conditioning drills, provided that no offensive or defensive alignments are set up and no equipment related to the sport in used.

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

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Initial Signing</u>	<u>Final Signing</u>
*Basketball -- (late period)	04/11/01	05/15/01
*Football -- (midyear JC Transfer)	12/20/00	01/15/01
*Football -- (regular period)	02/07/01	04/01/01
*Soccer --	02/07/01	08/01/01
*All Other Sports (Late Period) Including W. Volleyball	04/11/01	08/01/01

## Football Junior College NLI Signing Dates

The signing dates for midyear junior college transfer student-athletes are **December 20<sup>th</sup> 2000 to January 15<sup>th</sup> 2000**. It is important that the compliance office receives the yellow NLI Grant-in- Aid submittal forms prior to the signing period to allow adequate time to prepare the National Letters and get them to the prospective student-athlete by the signing date.

### Get a JOB!!!!

Enrolled student-athletes are permitted to earn income from work during the University's official vacation period without that income counting against their academic year earnings limitations. The UC vacation period begins on December 11<sup>th</sup> and ends on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A student-athlete may obtain a seasonal job within seven days prior to the beginning of the holiday vacation period (December 4<sup>th</sup>) provided it is a requirement of the holiday employer. Income derived from this additional week is not included in the student's earnings limitations.

Although employment income earned during this time is exempted from the earnings limitations, *student-athletes working over winter vacation should inform the compliance office of the employment arrangements.*

As always, employment compensation provided to a student athlete may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have because of the publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following that the student-athlete has because of athletics.

The student-athlete must be compensated only for work actually performed, and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

Only student-athletes who are academically eligible and have attended UC for one full academic year are eligible to work during the academic year, but all student-athletes are permitted to work during the vacation period.

### Let Them eat Steak??????

#### **All meals are incidental to participation.**

Student-athletes are permitted three meals per day. A pre- or post- game meal or a snack may be given to student-athletes but not both. You may provide the student-athlete the cash equivalent of the pre- or post- game meal or snack but not both. A snack may be given the night before the game as an incidental expense. A pre- game meal may be provided the night before the contest, provided that an additional pre- game meal or snack is not provided before the contest.

Any meals provided in excess of the pre- or post-game meal or snack (e.g., dinner the night before the game, breakfast or lunch on the day of the game) must be considered missed meals. For those student-athletes that have not already paid for the missed meal (e.g., student-athletes that receive off-campus checks, walk-ons that are not on a campus meal plan), you would have to deduct the cost of the meal from their off-campus check or charge them for the meal.



### Did You Know?

**Q:** Is it permissible for the head football coach to replace a different coach each day of the week during a contact or evaluation period?

**A:** **Yes**, provided the coach being replaced returns to campus that day.

**Q:** When a coach requires a student-athlete to perform some type of physical activity (e.g., running) as a disciplinary measure, does this activity count toward the maximum daily and weekly hour limitations?

**A:** **Yes**, any type of required physical activity or other activity which fits the definition of practice, must be counted toward the daily four hour limit and the weekly 20 hour limit. For example, “dawn patrol” (running at 6:00A.M.), must be included in the limitations and must be recorded on the student-athlete’s practice log.



### FORMS.....

A reminder about forms, all practice logs are due on Monday. All Participation logs are due immediately following a competition, this includes any exhibitions. Please continue to turn in the contact and evaluation forms after each time that you recruit off campus. For those of you who have been on top of the submittal of forms I want to thank you for your promptness. For those of you who have waited to submit forms in a two to three week bunch, this is not the proper way to submit forms. They must be handed in on a weekly basis. If there are any questions or concerns about any issue related to forms please call the compliance office at 556-3559.



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