

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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Check-In Meeting Reminder

If you have NOT scheduled your check-in meetings yet, please do so with Caitlin or Brandon as soon as possible!

Check-In Meeting Dates

Baseball	September 13, 4:00 pm
M Basketball	TBD
W Basketball	September 14, 4:00 pm
Cross Country	August 28, 5:00 pm
Football	August 7, 3:30 pm
M Golf	September 7, 9:00 am
W Golf	September 6, 4:00 pm
Lacrosse	TBD
M Soccer	August 10, 1:00 pm
W Soccer	August 2, 3:00 pm
M Swimming	September 12 & 19, 3:00 pm
W Swimming	September 12 & 19, 3:00 pm
W Tennis	September 12, 4:00 pm
Track & Field	September 20, 3:00 pm
Volleyball	August 8, 2:15 pm

Recruiting Dates

Baseball	8/1 – 8/31 Contact Period
Men's Basketball	8/1 -8/31 Quiet Period
Women's Basketball	8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period
Football	8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period
Women's Lacrosse	8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period (except for 7 Contact ONLY days)
Track and Field/Cross Country	8/1 – 8/13 Quiet Period 8/14 – 8/31 Contact Period
Volleyball	8/1 – 8/31 Contact Period
All Other Sports	8/1 – 8/31 Contact/Eval. Period



Thoughts of the Month

"There are no exceptions to the rule that everybody likes to be an exception to the rule."

- George Osner

Don't think you're above the law - "Laws are always in force whether you believe in them or not."

- Brian Tracy

"The smart ones ask when they don't know, and sometimes when they do know."

- Malcolm Forbes

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Coaches, please provide this 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.

UNC receives notice of allegations

(AP) - North Carolina has received a notice of allegations from the NCAA outlining numerous "potential major violations" in the football program, including unethical conduct by a former assistant coach as well as failure to adequately monitor the conduct of former and current players.

The notice, released Tuesday evening, accuses former associate head coach John Blake of providing "false and misleading information" to both NCAA investigators and the school regarding his relationship with late NFL agent Gary Wichard. That included a failure to report \$31,500 in outside income from Wichard's firm, Pro Tect Management LLC, from May 2007 to October 2009.

The NCAA said Blake worked to steer players to Wichard once they reached the NFL. Blake's attorneys have previously characterized the transactions as loans between friends during tough financial times.

The notice states seven players received more than \$27,000 in improper benefits in 2009 and 2010. In addition, the NCAA alleged unethical conduct by former tutor Jennifer Wiley for refusing to cooperate with the investigation and providing about \$3,500 worth of extra benefits in travel, parking expenses and free tutoring to players.

The school was also cited for failing to monitor "social media activity" of the team in 2010 as well as the conduct of former player Chris Hawkins. Hawkins was previously connected to trips to Atlanta and Las Vegas made by cornerback Kendrick Burney and also paid \$1,000 for the jersey of Georgia's A.J. Green -- a transaction that resulted in Green's four-game suspension because the NCAA said Hawkins qualified as an agent. Hawkins had hung around the program and players in recent years but has since been told to stay away.

The school has 90 days to respond to the notice and is scheduled to appear before the NCAA infractions committee in Indianapolis on Oct. 28.

"I deeply regret that Carolina is in this position," chancellor Holden Thorp said in a statement. "We made mistakes, and we have to face that. ... We will emerge with a stronger athletics program, and we will restore confidence in Carolina football."

William H. Beaver and Wade Smith, attorneys for Blake, declined to comment Tuesday night because they had yet to read the notice of allegations. Joseph B. Cheshire, an attorney for Wiley, also declined to comment.

The NCAA first visited the Chapel Hill campus last summer after former defensive tackle Marvin Austin tweeted about a trip to Miami. The initial focus soon expanded from improper benefits to academic violations involving Wiley, who refused to be interviewed and has since graduated.

Wichard died in March from diabetes and pancreatic cancer. Less than two weeks earlier, investigators with the North Carolina Secretary of State's offices issued a search warrant for financial records connected to Wichard and Pro Tect as part of a separate probe into whether the state's sports agent laws were broken.

Blake resigned in September, the day after the Tar Heels lost to LSU in their season opener.

The notice states that Blake refused to provide investigators with tax records from 2005-10 as well as information about a \$45,000 deposit in December 2007 from Wichard's bank.

He also denied in interviews that he had worked for Pro Tect even though the firm was listed as a previous employer on a credit report from last July and that he had once been listed as "vice president of football operations" on a Pro Tect brochure, according to the notice.

Fourteen players missed at least one game last season due to the investigation. Seven were ruled out for the entire year, while an eighth was cleared at midseason but decided to redshirt.

While players' names were redacted in the notice, the NCAA said one of the players received more than \$13,507.47 in benefits -- with more than \$5,000 tied to Wichard -- another received \$5,642.92 and a third received \$5,040.20.

Those amounts are consistent with the figures provided by the school in October when it dismissed Austin and announced that the NCAA declared defensive end Robert Quinn and receiver Greg Little "permanently ineligible."

At the time, the school said Quinn had received two black diamond watches, a pair of matching earrings and travel accommodations to Miami for benefits worth \$5,642, while Little accepted diamond earrings as well as travel accommodations for the Bahamas, Washington, D.C., and a pair of trips to Miami for benefits worth \$4,952.

Athletic director Dick Baddour said at the time the decision to dismiss Austin came after the NCAA's preliminary determination that he had received between \$10,000 and \$13,000 in improper benefits.

All three players returned to campus in March for the school's workouts for pro scouts and apologized for their actions. Quinn went on to become a first-round NFL draft pick, while Austin and Little were second-rounders.

Huskers report \$28K in NCAA violations

(AP) - Nebraska acknowledged Tuesday that it distributed nearly \$28,000 in textbooks and other school supplies to athletes from 2007-10, material that wasn't required and amounts to what the school says are three violations of NCAA rules.

The school said it outlined the violations in a report to the NCAA, pertaining to book scholarships, extra benefits and a failure to monitor. It self-imposed a two-year probationary period as well as a fine of \$28,000 payable to charity.

The school said the athletes involved have already paid the amount of their individual extra benefits to charities. It said it has processed 57 such repayments that were valued at more than \$100 and another 181 that were less than \$100.

The NCAA allows schools to cover the cost of required course textbooks in athletic scholarships but not extra, professor-recommended books. Nebraska said it uncovered the violation on its own last fall and determined that athletes in 19 sports received books and supplies that were not required.

It said the total value of the books and supplies was \$27,869.47.

Nebraska athletic department spokesman Keith Mann declined additional comment Tuesday.

In the report to the NCAA, the school said it regretted the mistakes and has implemented a new process for giving athletes their scholarship books. It said there was no intentional wrongdoing, monetary reward or competitive advantage gained by the athletes involved.

Nebraska said in all cases, bookstore employees and athletes believed the recommended books were included in scholarships.

An internal investigation into the matter began in November of 2010, with Nebraska officials identifying the athletes who received extra books from the spring of 2007 through fall 2010. The school said the average extra benefit was less than \$60 per athlete. The total value was calculated by taking the cost of the book when purchased, minus the amount refunded to athletics when the books were returned.

The Nebraska compliance staff began processing repayments from athletes in February and finished in April. The school said its Student-Athlete Advisory Committee would determine which charity will receive its \$28,000 fine.

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Bearcat Spirit!

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

Men's Soccer - vs. Bowling Green, August 15th @ 7 PM

Women's Soccer - vs. Cal Poly, August 19th @ 7 PM
vs. Xavier, August 21st @ 1 PM

Volleyball - Alumni Game, August 20th @ 2 PM