



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

9/1 – 9/8 Quiet Period

9/9 – 11/6 Contact/Evaluation Period

Men's Basketball –

8/1 – 9/8 Quiet Period

9/9 – 10/5 Contact Period

Women's Basketball –

8/1 – 9/15 Quiet Period

9/16 – 4/18/06 Evaluation Period except:

Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed

85 recruiting-person days.

Days not designated for Evaluation Period

Quiet Period

9/16 – 10/6 Contact Period

Football –

8/1 – 11/26 Quiet Period

Except six days during the months of September, October and through November 26, 2005, selected at the discretion of the institution (an authorized

off-campus recruiter may visit a particular educational institution only once during this evaluation period) **Evaluation Period**

Volleyball –

8/1 – 12/4 Contact & Evaluation Period

Except 11/7 – 11/10 Dead Period

All Other Sports –

Contact & Evaluation Period

PAPERWORK

Please remember to turn in your practice logs every week and participation rosters after each contest.

CHECK-IN MEETINGS

All student-athletes must complete the student-athlete statement and drug-testing consent form prior to participating in practice activities. Remind your students to bring their student ID, and information on the make, model, and license plate number of their car!!! This will help with the forms being completed properly and quickly.

ROSTERS

Rosters for all fall sports are due to the compliance office ASAP. We must be notified in writing of any new additions or deletions during the preseason as soon as they happen. All new walk-ons must be certified by compliance, academic services, and sports medicine before they receive equipment or practice.

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

Many of the incoming student-athletes have received a final certification from the NCAA initial eligibility clearinghouse. If you still have a student listed with a preliminary status and the code H01, this means that their final transcript with proof of graduation has not been received by the clearinghouse. Some students may still have missing documents and this will also be indicated on the weekly reports that each sport

receives on Mondays. If you have an incoming student-athlete listed as not registered, this must be done ASAP in order for the student to have a chance at being certified in time for the season.

OUTSIDE FINANCIAL AID

Please be sure that your student-athletes inform the compliance office of any outside financial aid

RECRUITING MATERIALS

With the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2003-32 (as amended by Proposal No. 2003-32-1), NCAA Division I institutions should note several changes to NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1. In summary of its application, the bylaw specifies the recruiting materials that may be provided to prospective student-athletes. Any other materials not specified in the bylaw may be posted on the institution's Web site, but may not be printed and sent to prospects and may not be provided as attachments to electronic mail. It is permissible to send black and white attachments (e.g., copies of newspaper articles) with general correspondence, provided such attachments are not already posted on the institution's Web site. The following questions and answers will assist in the application of Bylaw 13.4.1.

Q: Is it permissible to attach recruiting materials not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1 (e.g., schedule cards, student-athlete handbook) to general correspondence (as black and white attachments) and/or electronic mail sent to prospects if such materials are posted on the institution's Web site pursuant to Bylaw 13.4.1.3?

A: No. The legislation specifically precludes an institution from providing any materials posted on the institution's Web site to prospects, unless the material appears in the list in Bylaw 13.4.1. This includes providing such items as black and white attachments to general correspondence and as attachments to electronic mail.

Q: Is it permissible for an institution to post a PowerPoint presentation on its Web site?

A: Institutions should note that during its April 21, 1998, meeting, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Legislative Review/Interpretations clarified that it is not permissible for members of an institution's coaching staff to show prospects computer recruiting presentations (e.g., using presentation software) during the recruiting process. As a

materials), it is not permissible for an institution to post a recruiting presentation on its Web site.

Q: Is it permissible to print information obtained from non-institutional Web sites (e.g., media Web sites) and provide such materials to prospects as black and white attachments to general correspondence or as attachments to e-mail?

A: Yes. Materials from other sources (e.g., newspaper or Web site articles) may be provided in such a manner, provided the materials are not also posted on an institution's Web site. If such materials are posted on the institution's Web site, the materials may not be printed in black and white and sent to prospects or sent as attachments to electronic mail.

Q: Is it permissible to include an electronic link(s) to recruiting materials posted on the institution's Web site in electronic mail sent to prospects? Further, is it permissible to provide electronic links to articles or materials located on non-institutional Web sites?

A: Yes. The provision of electronic links to prospects is permissible. Such links may be included in general correspondence or electronic mail.

Q: In the event an institution posts its camp brochures and other items listed in Bylaw 13.4.1

on its institutional Web site, is it permissible to send such materials directly to prospects?

A: Yes. Camp brochures and other materials specifically listed in Bylaw 13.4.1 may be provided directly to prospects. All items listed in Bylaw 13.4.1, except game programs, may be provided directly to prospects via mail or electronically.

Q: Is it permissible to include the institution's schedule in the text of general correspondence or electronic mail?

A: Yes. The legislation precludes an institution from sending an actual schedule card to the prospect, but does not preclude the institution's schedule from appearing in such correspondence. However, it is not permissible to print out a schedule that appears on the Web site and attach it to general correspondence or e-mail.

RECRUITING MATERIALS, CON'T

Q: What are the restrictions pertaining to materials not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1 and that are also not posted on the institution's Web site?

A: Not posting particular recruiting materials on the institution's Web site does not necessarily permit the institution to send any item as an attachment simply because the institution chooses not to place the item(s) on its Web site. In those instances, the institution needs to continue to apply the legislation as it has in the past to make sure the attachment could not be construed as a separate tangible recruiting item, such as a second athletics publication.

TELEPHONE CONTACT AT PSA'S COMPETITION SITE

The official interpretation below issued on June 20, 2001 has been clarified to state that a coach would not be permitted to call the prospect from the time the prospect reports on call for

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competition related activity (i.e. transportation, hotel stay, etc) until he/she is released. The prohibition includes any competition-related activity as described in Bylaw 13.1.7.2.

Verbal Contact at Site of Prospect's Competition-Related Activity

The subcommittee reviewed issues related to recruiting contact at a practice or competition site and determined the following:

- (a) It is not permissible for an institution's coaching staff member to contact a prospect by telephone while the prospect is participating in a competition-related activity; and
- (b) It is not permissible for an institution's coach to verbally relay information to a prospect through the prospect's coach while the prospect is participating in a competition-related activity.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.3 (contact) and 13.1.7.2 (practice at competition site)]



COUNTING CONTACTS & EVALUATIONS

Contacts and evaluations are limited by the permissible number of recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) (five in women's basketball (only 3 contacts), nine in football (only 3 evaluations), seven in other sports (only 3 contacts)). Evaluations that occur during the academic year count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities. Outside of the academic year, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts that occur with a prospect count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period (e.g., academic year or outside the academic year). All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. (Bylaw 13.1.6.5. & 13.1.8)

Contact and evaluation logs still need to be turned in throughout the year, stating your location and the dates, even if no countable contacts were made.

EVALUATIONS AT MULTIPLE – DAY EVENTS

During the academic year, evaluations at a multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) constitute separate evaluations for each day (as opposed to a single evaluation for the event), unless the event is conducted in a tournament format (i.e., a winner of the event is determined). [References: NCAA Bylaws 13.1.6.5 (counting contacts and evaluations), 13.1.8 (limitations on number of evaluations -- all sports), 13.1.8.7 (on same day) and 13.1.8.14 (tournament evaluations)]

INCOMING TRANSFERS

Coaches are reminded if you have transfers that intend to enroll for the 2005-06 academic year, you must provide the compliance office with an official transcript from every collegiate institution that student has attended. Transfer students will not be eligible for financial aid, practice, or competition until these transcripts are provided and reviewed.

UPDATE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The method for equating semester and quarter school APRs was modified by the Board. Updated reports for 03-04 for quarter schools will be available on the website (public reports) and via the password protected institutional site (institutional reports). Quarter schools will receive an email regarding the availability of these updated reports.

Also, CAP's July meeting report is now available on the NCAA website. Link:
http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/governance/division_I/academic_performance/Committee_Reports.

2005 NCAA DRUG TESTING & BANNED MEDICATIONS

As a reminder, all student-athletes should be advised to inform the sports medicine staff about any medications, over-the-counter or prescription, they are taking or take routinely. The NCAA provides a procedure that institutions should follow if a student-athlete is taking a medication that contains an NCAA banned substance and the student-athlete has a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug (see http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/health-safety/drug_testing/exceptions.) The drug-testing exceptions procedure requires that the student-athlete maintain current documentation in the athletics file. In the event the student-athlete tests positive for the banned substance, the institution submits the documentation to the medical panel of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to review. Exceptions may be granted for substances included in the following classes of banned drugs: stimulants, beta blockers, diuretics and peptide hormones. In the case of peptide hormones, the review of the use of the medication should be requested at the time the sports medicine staff is made aware of the use of the medication; in all other cases, the review will occur only following a positive drug test. The use of anabolic steroids is not covered under this procedure; if a student-athlete tests positive for an anabolic steroid, the option available for review falls under the Drug Testing Appeals Process.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

FIU Self-imposed violations are upheld

A former assistant coach was fired over the summer for off-season workout violations and the football team was placed on probation for three years. The former coach held as many as 85.5 hours of improper offensive line workouts over three years. The coach is prohibited from supervising these workouts. The school also imposed slight salary cuts and reductions in practice time and recruiting. The former coach has a three-year show cause penalty.

Louisville coach named in violations at Kansas

Kansas has reported possible violations that happened with the women's basketball, men's basketball, and football programs. There are five violations by the women's basketball team. Two of the violations concern a coach arranging jobs for two prospective student athletes in the summer of 2002 to help them pay for their housing and meals. Two more allegations are from the same summer where he arranged for two prospective student athletes to attend a Kaplan Test Preparation Course to achieve test scores to make them eligible to play and receive financial aid.

Kansas has cut two scholarships for the 2005-06 season. The NCAA is still investigating these violations.

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