



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

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November Recruitment Calendar

Dead period – 11/6-11/9 for all sports except FB
and SO

Football: Quiet period 11/1-11/25-except for
6 evaluation days in Sept., Oct., and
Nov. (thru the last Sat.)
Quiet period 11/26-11/31 except
For 6 in-person off campus
contacts between 11/26-2/3

Men's Basketball: 10/7-11/5 - Quiet period
11/6-11/9 – Dead period
11/10-11/15 – Quiet period
11/16-3/15 – Evaluation Period
(50 evaluation days permitted)

Women's Basketball: 9/30 – 11/7 – Quiet period
10/8-11/5 – Quiet period
(except 40 evaluation days)
11/6-11/9 – Dead period
11/10-2/28 – Quiet period
(Except for 40 evaluation
days)

Reminder about FORMS

REMEMBER that practice logs are due on
Monday of each week. Contacts and Evaluations
should continue to be turned in to the Compliance
Office. Also Participation rosters are due after
each game, this also includes exhibitions. Thank
you for your cooperation.

Non Permissible Official Visit Expenses

ALL COACHES IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE to
pay travel expenses for family members traveling
with a prospect to an official visit or pay for
lodging or entertainment outside of the 30 mile
radius. Family members must pay their own
airfare. Once the family member has arrived at
the Cincinnati airport; it is permissible to provide
transportation to campus. **IT IS NEVER OK** to
provide transportation if the family member flies
into an airport other than Cincinnati's (i.e. Dayton,
Columbus). There are times when this is a
concern since flights can be cheaper into other
cities, so parents may opt for these airports. This
means that coaches are not allowed to pick up a
prospect's family member that flies into a
different airport.

National Letter of Intent

Background

The National Letter of Intent (NLI) system was created in 1964 to help curb overly aggressive recruiting. It is its own entity and is not governed by the NCAA. The system provides more certainty for institutions and prospects by forming a binding contract between the two parties. When the NLI is signed, UC agrees to provide a prospect athletics aid for one academic year (provided they meet NCAA eligibility requirements and UC admission standards). In return, the student-athlete agrees to attend UC for one academic year. Once the NLI is signed, other institutions agree not to recruit the prospect in any way.

Unless a Qualified Release Agreement is executed, the student-athlete loses two years of eligibility if he or she signs the National Letter of Intent and then does not fulfill his or her obligation by attending UC for one year. The student must complete two years in residence before competing for any other institution.

Procedures

National Letters of Intent may only be signed during specific dates during the year. See the signing dates for your sport.

To start the process, the coach submits the yellow NLI/Grant-in-Aid submittal form to the compliance office. This form provides information about the prospect and the type of financial aid to be awarded.

Next, the NLI packet is prepared and returned to the sport office for final mailing. The letter must be mailed, and cannot be delivered by hand. The presence of any UC personnel during an off-campus signing is strictly prohibited. Signings may be done on campus during an official visit. The prospect then signs and returns the letter within 14 days. The NLI is then submitted to the conference within 21 days and becomes binding upon the institution and the prospect.

National Letter of Intent Early Signing Dates for 2001-02

NLI Early Signing Period: November 8-15 for **ALL** Sports **EXCEPT** Football, Soccer, and Field Hockey.

2001-2002 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Initial Signing</u>	<u>Final Signing</u>
*Basketball -- (early period)	11/08/00	11/15/00
*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 (Early Period) including W. Volleyball	11/08/00	11/15/00
*All Other Sports (Late Period) Including W. Volleyball	04/11/01	08/01/01

Extra Benefits... Just say NO!

You all may be aware of the shoe discount situation that took place at the University of Wisconsin. Apparently a local sporting goods store gave members of the men's football and basketball teams non-interest bearing credit accounts and discounts up to 40% that were not available to the public. There were also allegations that some athletes may have exchanged university-issued shoes for merchandise but the NCAA has not found any evidence of that so far. According to Bylaw 16.12.2.2 these incidents are considered extra benefits and are not permissible at any intercollegiate institution. The penalties for these infractions included suspensions from competition, repayment of the value of the merchandise and participating in community service activities.

Also it is not permissible for a student-athlete to order equipment and apparel (shoes, shirts, etc.) from the manufacturer at the athletic department's discounted rate. Apparel and equipment must be purchased by the department only and individual student-athletes cannot use the reduced purchase plan for personal use.



Agents ??????

In order for an individual to represent an NCAA member institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, he/she must be considered an amateur. One of the more critical amateurism issues you have heard about at various schools is the sport agent. A current student-athlete may not be represented by any individual who intends to market the student-athlete's athletic ability or reputation. Furthermore, a student-athlete may lose all remaining collegiate eligibility if they enter into an agreement (orally or in writing) with an agent for future representation. ***Student-athletes, their family, or friends are not permitted to receive any type of benefit (e.g., meals, transportation, lodging, or loans) from a sport agent or his representative (e.g., runners).***

Runners are the individuals who appear on the campuses of institutions to become "friends" with the student-athlete in order to sway them to a certain sport agent or agency.

The University of Cincinnati Professional Sports Counseling Panel is available to student-athletes who seek information about a career as a professional athlete, and assist in the selection of a professional sport agent. Student-athletes are also permitted to secure advice from a lawyer when considering professional athletic opportunities.

AGENT DAY... A FIRST

On October 22nd the compliance staff (Ryan Squire and James Campbell, assisted by student workers Ingrid Racheal and Alicia Roberts), under the direction and supervision of PSCP (Professional Sports Counseling Panel) Chair and Associate Athletic Director Dr. Brian Mand, hosted the first AGENT DAY for senior football student-athletes and a select number of agents registered with the UC PSCP. The event was attended by six senior football players, some accompanied by parents, who met individually with some of the most prominent sports agents in the country, including two from the Cincinnati area. The agent day was well received by the players and the agents compared it favorably with similar events held at Ohio State and Florida State. At the conclusion of the football season, additional interviews and meetings will be arranged between agents and players/parents that attended agent day, as well as other registered agents and senior players who were unable to attend. The PSCP is planning educational seminars about professional sports career for football underclassmen this spring and will also work with the coaches in men's and women's basketball and baseball to organize agent-player activities and educational seminars.

Did You Know?

Q: A JUCO prospect plans to visit campus for an official visit. His JUCO has put an administrative hold on his transcript. Can he provide a printout of his transcript off the computer instead of the official transcript?

A: **No**, the prospect must provide an official transcript (or a photocopy of an official transcript) to be cleared to take an official visit to campus.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to provide an occasional meal for the swimming team if the meal takes place on-campus? Can the parents/friends of the team attend the meal?

A: **No**, an occasional meal must take place at the booster's home. If the meal is provided at the booster's home, it is limited to the student-athletes and the staff.

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