



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 – 9/15 – 11/5 Contact/Evaluation Period

Men's Basketball –

9/9 – 10/5 **Contact Period** (No evaluations at sites other than the prospect's educational institution.)

10/6 – 3/31 **Evaluation Period** (Limited to regularly scheduled high school, prep school & two-year college contests & practices involving SA's enrolled only at that institution)

***EXCEPT** 11/12-11/15 and 12/24-12/26 **Dead Period**

Women's Basketball –

9/16 – 4/22 **Evaluation Period** (shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days, rest is **Quiet Period**)

9/16 – 10/6 **Contact Period**

***EXCEPT** 11/12-11/15 and 12/24-12/26 **Dead Period**

Football – 8/1 – 11/24/07 Quiet Period

***EXCEPT** - In bowl subdivision football, six days during the months of September, October and through the last Saturday in November selected at the discretion of the institution (an authorized off-campus recruiter may visit a particular educational institution only once during this evaluation period).

W. Lacrosse – 9/1 – 11/20 Contact Period

***EXCEPT** 11/12-11/15 **Dead Period**

Track and Field/Cross Country –

8/12 – 12/9/07 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

8/1 – 12/2/07 **Contact Period**

*Each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (August 1 through July 31, which does not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics but do include involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club.

***EXCEPT** – 11/12 – 11/15 **Dead Period**

All Other Sports –

10/1 – 10/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

STUDENT-ATHLETE HOSTS

Coaches please make an appointment with Rebecca Hinkel for any student athlete that is not on your qualified student host list that you want to be a host. All student hosts must go through an education session **prior** to participating as a student host.

NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the upcoming school year, the signing dates for the 2008-09 National Letter of Intent signing period are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 14, 2007	November 21, 2007
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 16, 2008	May 21, 2008
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 19, 2007	January 15, 2008
Football (Regular Period)	February 6, 2008	April 1, 2008
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country, Men's Water Polo*	February 6, 2008	August 1, 2008
All Other Sports(Early Period)	November 14, 2007	November 21, 2007
All Other Sports(Regular Period)	April 9, 2008	August 1, 2008

TRACK AND FIELD EARLY SIGNING PERIOD ELIMINATED

Please be advised that by action of the Collegiate Commissioners Association, the early signing period in the sports of track and field/cross country has been eliminated, effective immediately. As such, prospective student-athletes in these sports will no longer be permitted to sign National Letters of Intent during the early signing period, established as November 14-21, 2007 for the current academic year. Instead, these prospects will only be permitted to sign an NLI from February 6, 2008, to August 1, 2008, which coincides with the signing opportunities currently available for field hockey, soccer and men's water polo.

PRIOR TO VISITS

1. Coach submits academic transcript with standardized test score along with Academic Evaluation Form and Core-Course GPA worksheet and submits to compliance office. Coach also submits a daily itinerary with all planned activities and meetings, contact information for the prospect, and the name of the student-host. Coach must check that student-host has been approved by compliance office.
2. Compliance office registers evaluation on Official Visit Log and forwards to academic services for review.
3. Academic services completes shaded portion of Academic Evaluation form and forwards it to compliance office, ensuring that PSA has registered with the Eligibility Center.
4. Director for compliance completes compliance portion of academic evaluation, ensuring that prospect has taken a standardized test under national conditions (for high school prospects). Compliance office makes comments and enters on NCAA clearinghouse institutional request list.
5. Administrative Sport Oversight reviews forms and signs off for final approval of official visit.
NOTE-All incoming transfer PSA's transcripts must go to Jacki PRIOR to their visit.
6. A copy of academic evaluations will be sent to the coach. Until the coach receives this back, **do not assume the visit is approved.**

COMPLIMENTARY FOOTBALL TICKETS

In light of the recent sell-outs to the home football games versus Louisville and West Virginia, I wanted to send out a reminder that it is NOT permissible to provide your complimentary football tickets to any student-athlete, prospective student-athlete or their friends or family members unless you have an established (prior) relationship with the family/student. Below are sample questions to analyze if it is permissible to provide the PSA/SA/Family/Friend with a ticket:

1. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) develop as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics or notoriety related thereto?
2. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the athlete's status as a prospective student-athlete?
3. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the athlete's status achieved as a result of his or her athletics ability or reputation?
4. Was the pattern of benefits provided by the individual to the athlete (or the athlete's parents) prior to the athlete attaining notoriety as a skilled athlete similar in nature to those provided after attaining such stature?

Please note, there should be an established pattern of providing the benefit prior to the student becoming a prospect and/or student-athlete. Please let me know if you are thinking about providing your tickets to someone in the above mentioned categories. The same rule applies for all extra benefits and provision of items. Any item issued to a student-athlete must be issued through the normal issuance procedures for all student-athletes through the respective office (e.g. equipment, sports medicine, ticket office).

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ACTIVITIES DURING OFFICIAL/ UNOFFICIAL VISTS

In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 13.6.7.9, an institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) nor may an institution permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations during an official or unofficial visit. Further, PSA's may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the PSA's visit to the institution.

Impermissible game-day simulations involving PSA's include running onto the field during pregame introductions, participating in pregame team walks to the competition facility, riding with the team on the bus to the competition facility and/or participating in pregame on-field traditions. For example, if an institution's team normally participates in a pregame walk to the stadium on game day, PSA's who are on campus for official or unofficial visits would not be permitted to use the same route to the stadium during the time period when the public can reasonably be expected to be assembled to witness the team's arrival at the stadium. Another example to illustrate the application of the legislation would be if an institution's team normally rides on a bus to the competition facility with a police escort or takes a route occupied by fans, the PSA's who are on campus for official or unofficial visits would not be permitted to ride with the team on the bus to the competition facility. Instead, under either of these circumstances, an institution should make arrangements for PSA's who are on campus for official or unofficial visits to arrive at the stadium using a different route than the team.



AROUND THE COUNTRY

Grambling State University penalized for five secondary offenses

The NCAA has cleared Grambling State University of any significant wrongdoing in a wide-ranging investigation that stretched over three football seasons. GSU was cited for five secondary offenses, but avoided the steep penalties involving scholarships or postseason play that are typically associated with major infractions. The NCAA determined that the violations occurred within the football program between 2004-06, all during the tenure of former coach Melvin Spears. They are:

- Denying a student athlete a hearing after canceling his scholarship.

- Non-certified assistants conducting strength and conditioning sessions.

- A graduate assistant improperly observing seven-on-seven passing drills.

- Two separate instances of providing small, but improper benefits to student athletes, one by a booster and another by two now-departed coaches. Grambling's penalties are already being enforced.

Voluntary summer conditioning workouts were cut by one week over the summer. Those sessions will be limited to seven weeks again in the summer of 2008. Official football recruiting visits are being reduced from 52 to 45 for the 2007-08 academic year and recruiting trips will be slashed by 10, from 42 to 32.

The NCAA accepted Grambling's suggested punishment, saying in correspondence that since the school's "actions in this case were substantial and meaningful, no further action should be taken in the matter."

Mathieu said Grambling will also conduct regular training and education meetings for coaches and other athletics personnel so that they are familiar with NCAA regulations.

Multi-sport athlete at Clemson not given day off

Clemson reported a secondary violation when it was discovered that an athlete who plays on both the football and soccer team was not given a day off from all sports. Each sport gave him the required day off for their sport, but a multi-sport athlete must have one full day off from all sports every week while they are in season.

PAPERWORK

Coaches, please be sure your athletes are returning the paperwork that we have sent regarding automobiles. You will also be receiving employment paperwork they need to complete and letters that they need to give to their landlords to complete.

BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

NCAA Division I institutions are reminded that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 15.2.3, an institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books. There is no dollar limit for the required course-related books a student-athlete may receive; however, the legislation does indicate that each book purchased must be required for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive as a part of athletically related financial aid: 1) books for courses in which they are not enrolled; 2) recommended books for courses in which they are enrolled; and (3) books for other purposes that are not required course-related books (e.g., purchase books for other students).

ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Coaches, remember that any PSA's planning an official visit need to be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center (formerly the Clearinghouse) **before** they can come on an official visit.



BEARCAT SPIRIT

10/5	VB	Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
10/6 & 7	TE	Queen City Invitational	All Day
10/6	MSO	DePaul	7:00 p.m.
10/7	VB	St. John's	7:30 p.m.
10/10	MSO	Bowling Green	7:00 p.m.
10/12	WSO	Seton Hall	7:00 p.m.
10/13	FB	Louisville (Homecoming)	7:00 p.m.
10/14	WSO	Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
10/19	WGO	Elks Run (Batavia)	12:30 p.m.
10/19	WSO	USF	7:00 p.m.
10/20	MSO	St. John's	7:00 p.m.
10/21	WSO	Marquette	1:00 p.m.
10/27	MSO	Villanova	7:00 p.m.
10/31	MSO	Michigan State	4:00 p.m.

GO BEARCATS!!

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Coaches, turn in participation rosters after each meet and practice logs each week!	1 MBB, WBB, BASE, LAX, WTR, MTR, VB – Contact Period All Others- C/E Period	2 FB- Quiet Period all month, except six selected Evaluation Days	3	4	5 MBB – Contact Period ends	6 MBB- Evaluation Period begins WBB – Contact Period Ends
7 WBB- Evaluation Period begins	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Coaches, turn in travel rosters PRIOR to your trip.		

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