



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 –

4/1 – 4/5 **Contact Period**
4/6 – 4/9 **Dead Period**
4/10 – 4/30 **Contact Period**

Men's Basketball –

4/1 **Quiet Period**
4/2 – 4/9 (noon) **Dead Period**
4/9 (12:01p.m.) – 4/12 **Contact Period**
4/13 – 4/16 **Dead Period**
4/17 – 4/22 **Contact Period**
4/23 – 4/30 **Quiet Period**

* Evaluations at nonscholastic events are prohibited.

All live evaluations during the April contact period are limited to regularly scheduled high school, prep school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and regular scholastic activities involving PSAs enrolled only at the institution at which the regular scheduled activities occur.

Women's Basketball –

4/1 – 4/2 **Contact Period**
4/3 – 4/9 **Dead Period**
4/10 – 4/12 **Quiet Period**
4/13 – 4/16 **Dead Period**
4/17 – 4/19 **Evaluation Period permitted at nonscholastic women's basketball events**
4/20 – 4/21 – **Evaluation Period**
4/22 – 4/30 **Quiet Period**

Football –

4/1– 4/14 **Quiet Period**
4/15 – 4/30 **Evaluation Period**
Exception *Four weeks during the period 4/15-5/31(excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the compliance office. **All other days are considered a Quiet Period.**

Lacrosse –

4/1 – 4/5 **Contact Period**
4/6 – 4/9 **Dead Period**
4/10 – 4/30 **Contact Period**

Track & Field

4/1 – 4/30 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

4/1 – 4/5 **Contact Period**
4/6 – 4/9 **Dead Period**
4/10 – 4/30 **Contact Period**

Soccer

4/1 – 4/30 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

Swimming, Tennis, Golf –

4/1 – 4/5 **Contact/Evaluation Period**
4/6 – 4/9 **Dead Period**
4/10 – 4/30 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

NLI SUBMITTALS

The regular signing period for baseball, golf, lacrosse, swimming, tennis and volleyball is April 8th – August 1st. The regular signing period for men's and women's basketball is April 15th – May 20th. Please have all NLI requests (submittal form and any required academic information) to Caitlin Stoffer **at least a week before you want the NLI to be sent out.** Also, if you receive a signed original NLI back to you directly, please check with compliance to make sure they have seen it and declared it valid. Coaches should be getting a photocopy, not the original, since the original needs to be sent to the BIG EAST within the appropriate timeframe.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Coaches, it is your responsibility to **notify the compliance office first about any additions to your team roster.** The proper procedure is as follows:

- (1) Coach signs and dates the “New S-A Eligibility Review” form [Attachment 1]
- (2) Coach sends the new SA with the form to the Compliance office to fill out NCAA paperwork, check on eligibility status, and get the form signed.
- (3) SA goes to Academics to enroll/verify full time-enrollment and gets the form signed in the proper space.
- (4) SA goes to Sports Medicine for his/her physical and gets the form signed in the proper space.
- (5) SA goes to the Equipment room to be issued equipment and gets the form signed in the proper space.
- (6) Completed form is returned to Compliance office.

Do NOT assume the SA is on the roster and eligible unless he/she has been cleared through Compliance. If you have any concerns, notify the compliance office immediately.

MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

Multi-sport student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours per day and a total of 20 hours per week total. The SA must also receive one day off per week from ALL athletically related activity. As a coach of a multi-sport SA, make sure you are communicating with the individual’s other coach to assure he/she does not exceed the time limitations.

INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Important information regarding prospective student-athletes’ initial-eligibility status (amateurism and academic)

Official Test Scores

Background: PSAs must present an official test score to the NCAA Eligibility Center. The eligibility center will **NOT** accept test scores from a PSA’s

high school transcript. All ACT and/or SAT scores must be sent directly to the eligibility center from the testing agencies. Your PSAs eligibility status may be impacted due to the lack of an official test score. What You Can Do:

- Make sure your PSAs are on your Institutional Request List (IRL) with the eligibility center. The eligibility center prioritizes PSAs based on their IRL status. If your recruits are not on your IRL, they may not be processed. If they have come to UC on an official visit, they should already be on the IRL.
- Remind your PSAs that they must have their ACT/SAT scores sent directly to the eligibility center. They can do this when they register, by putting in code 9999 as one of the recipients of their test scores. If they have not done so, they may request the scores be sent to the eligibility center through the testing agencies.

The following Web sites may be helpful for PSAs who would like information about this process:

For SAT:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/scores/sending.html>

For ACT:

<http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html>

Issue: Amateurism Certification Background:

All PSAs, including junior-college transfers, entering an NCAA Division I institution for the first time on or after August 1, 2007, must register with the Eligibility Center and have their academic and amateur status certified in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

To be certified, a PSA must fill out the amateurism questionnaire in its entirety. There are a number of PSAs who are beginning the process of answering the amateurism questions but are not completing them. These PSAs are in danger of delaying their certification status by not completing the amateurism information.

What You Can Do:

- Make sure your PSAs are completing all parts of the eligibility center registration, including the amateurism certification process.
- Remind your PSAs that this is a vital part of their overall certification, and to delay the process of completing the form is to delay their participation.
- Remind your PSAs to request final certification (a.k.a. sign their 10.1 statement).

AROUND THE COUNTRY

FSU penalized for major violations

The NCAA penalized Florida State University for a major case of academic fraud affecting 61 student-athletes across 10 sports. Most of the academic fraud violations involved an online music course where the exams were not administered in a structured environment and there were not sufficient safeguards in place to prevent students from obtaining exam answers. The case also involved academic services staff members providing impermissible assistance, and unethical conduct by three former academic services staff members – they knowingly arranged for fraudulent academic credit and one refused to cooperate with the investigation. As a result of the staff's conduct, the student-athletes violated the ethical conduct rules and competed while ineligible. The university was also penalized with a failure to monitor. The penalties include four years of probation, scholarship reduction, show-cause orders for three former academic services staff members, and a vacation of all wins in which the 61 student-athletes competed while ineligible during 2006 and 2007. FSU is appealing the penalty requiring the university to vacate wins, citing it as "excessive and inappropriate."

Alabama admits to NCAA violations over textbooks

The University of Alabama appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions and admitted violations involving textbooks and other materials. The allegations include allowing athletes to improperly receive textbooks and other supplies, failure to monitor textbook distribution, and failure to provide adequate education on the rules to athletes and university employees. The infractions occurred in several sports and in some cases involved student-athletes intentionally breaking the rules. Alabama said none of the textbooks were used for profit or to get items not related to academics, and that the athletes involved who still have eligibility remaining have had to pay restitution. Since the violations were uncovered, Alabama requires compliance officials to be present during all periods for student-athletes to pick up textbooks.

Yahoo!Sport uncovers UConn violations

The University of Connecticut committed what seem to be major violations in their recruitment of a former student-athlete. The student-athlete was provided meals, lodging, and transportation by a former student manager turned sports agent, Nochimson. In addition to being an agent, as a former student manager, Nochimson is classified as a representative of UConn's athletic interests and therefore prohibited by NCAA rules from contacting the student-athlete and providing him with any benefit. Records show that the coaching

staff exceeded phone call limits and may have been involved in the relationship between the student-athlete and Nochimson. The NCAA has asked UConn to conduct an investigation into the situation, after which the NCAA will continue with its own analysis.



BEARCAT SPIRIT

4/1	TEN	Xavier	3 pm
4/1	BASE	Indiana	6:30pm
4/2	LAX	Notre Dame	4 pm
4/3-4/5	BASE	Louisville	
4/4	TRF	Southern OH Cup	All Day
4/5	LAX	Rutgers	2pm
4/16-19	TEN	Big East Championship (Tampa, FL)	All Day
4/19	WSO	Xavier	7 pm
4/19-21	WGO	Big East Championship (Lake Jovita, FL)	All Day
4/19-21	MGO	Big East Championship (Tampa, FL)	All Day
4/15	LAX	Louisville	7pm
4/25	FB	Spring Game	7pm
4/25	MSO	Ohio State	7:30pm
4/28-29	BASE	Xavier	

Go BEARCATS!!

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**NEW STUDENT-ATHLETE
ELIGIBILITY REVIEW**

1. _____ has expressed an interest in becoming a member of our team. An eligibility check and physical examination must occur prior to participation in any practice activity. Please review the student for eligibility.

Date

Coach's Signature

2. The student named above has signed the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug Testing Consent Form. This student has / has not been given temporary certification for practice only.

Date

Compliance Signature

3. The student named above is enrolled in a full-time program of studies for the present term.

Date

Academic Services Signature

4. The student named above has received a physical and is cleared for practice and competition by the Sports Medicine Staff.

Date

Sports Medicine Signature

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE UPON COMPLETION. STUDENT-ATHLETE MAY NOT RECEIVE EQUIPMENT OR PRACTICE UNTIL THIS FORM IS ON FILE IN THE COMPLIANCE OFFICE.

5. The student named above has been issued equipment.

Date

Equipment Room Signature