



The University of Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

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August Recruitment Calendar

Football: 08/01-08/31 – Quiet period

Men's Basketball: 08/01-08/31 – Quiet period

Women's Basketball: 08/01-08/31 – Quiet period

Check in Meeting dates for August

8/9 - Women's Soccer 1:00PM

8/10 - Volleyball 3:30PM

8/9 - Football Freshmen & Transfers 6:30PM

8/12 - Football All Others 4:15PM

8/17 - Men's Soccer 3:00PM

9/5 - Men's and Women's Golf 3:30PM

9/5 - Cross Country 5:00PM

9/15 - Rowing 4:00PM

MAKE SURE student-athletes come ready to report. Student-athletes will need:

1. Local address & telephone number
2. Permanent address & telephone number
3. Automobile info (license #, make and model of car).



ALL COACHES

The Compliance Office urgently needs all **FINAL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** for incoming transfers. Even if there has been a transcript sent to admissions, another must be provided to compliance for eligibility purposes. If the student-athlete does not have a transcript on file, the student-athlete is ineligible for participation in practices for the 2000-01 season. **Notify Compliance of ALL walk-ons immediately.**

Come Fly With UC?

It has been determined by the NCAA that student-athletes CANNOT keep "frequent flyer" miles earned during team trips. Also institutions CANNOT use "frequent flyer" points to upgrade student-athlete airline tickets. These are considered extra benefits.

Compliance Computer Log

Olympic Sports coaches can use their computers to input student-athlete information pertaining to contacts and evaluations. The program is in the preliminary stages and will be used exclusively during the academic year as a substitute for paper

contact and evaluation logs. The program can be accessed through your personal computer on your desktop the icon will read COMPLIANCE LOG.

The program is a Microsoft access program designed by our own Phillip Thomas Nadavallil. Coaches are encouraged to begin to familiarize themselves, and start using the program. As of now, football, basketball, and volleyball should continue turning in contact and evaluation logs, as they cannot access the program.

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
Field Hockey, Soccer, and Men's Water Polo	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

Recruiting Materials/Web Sites

It is permissible for an institution's Web site or an athletics department staff member's personal Web site to include information related to the institution's athletics Web site, provided neither the institution's Web site nor the athletics department staff member's personal Web site contains: (1) information regarding prospective student-athletes, except as permitted under Bylaw 13.11.8; (2) any hyperlink to the Web site of a recruiting/scouting service or a noninstitutional publication that reports primarily on the institution's athletics program; (3) recruiting videos or other audio /video materials, except as permitted under Bylaw 13.4.2.1.

New Legislation for Repeated Courses

With the adoption of proposal 99-45, a prospect is allowed to use a repeated course to meet the core requirements. This eliminates Bylaw 14.3.5.3.5 (p. 152), which prohibited prospects from using repeated course, however, any repeated courses used to meet the core requirements are still subject to Bylaw 14.3.1.3.1 (p.147). Therefore, repeated courses must be taken during the regular academic year (NOT summer). Also, the course must be repeated at the same high school from which the prospect graduated. In addition a prospect taking care of his her core requirements through post-graduate work would not be allowed to enroll at UC until the following fall.

Benefits Resulting from a Relationship Established Prior to Collegiate Enrollment

A proposal has been made that will not get voted on until at least October 2001. The subcommittee reviewed the application of NCAA Bylaw 12.1.1.1.6 as it relates to factual situations in which an individual (student-athlete or prospective student-athlete) has received benefits before collegiate enrollment from someone other than a family member or legal guardian, and agreed that the following objective guidelines generally SHOULD be used in determining whether such benefit(s) are contrary to the legislation:

*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?

*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?

*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/her athletics ability or reputation?

*Was the pattern of benefit by the individual to the athlete (or the athlete's parents) before the athlete attaining notoriety as a skilled athlete similar in nature to those provided after attaining notoriety as a skilled athlete?

The subcommittee determined that before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, a prospective student-athlete may receive normal and reasonable living expenses from an individual with whom the student athlete has an established relationship (for example, high school coach, nonscholastic athletic team coach, family of a teammate), even if the relationship developed as a result of athletics participation, provided:

*The individual is not an agent

*The individual is not an athletics representative of a particular institution involved in recruiting the prospect, and

*Such living expenses are consistent with the types of expenses provided by the individual as a part of normal living arrangements (for example, housing, meals, occasional spending money, use of the family car).

The subcommittee noted that the above-mentioned interpretation does not apply to individuals who have no logical ties to the prospect. It also noted that a current student-athlete who, before initial collegiate enrollment, has been receiving normal and reasonable living expenses from an individual with whom he or she has an established relationship may continue to receive occasional benefits (for example, meals during campus visits, reasonable entertainment) from an individual or family with whom the student-athlete has an established relationship, such expenses may not include educational expenses associated with a grant-in-aid (i.e., tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books).

College Coach Donating Funds to Former High School

Division I institutions should note that during its March 27 telephone conference, the NCAA Division I Academics/ Eligibility/ Compliance Cabinet Sub Committee on Legislative Review/ Interpretations determined that pursuant to Bylaw 13.16.1.2.1, IT IS PERMISSIBLE for an institution's coaching staff member/athletic department staff member to make financial donations to the high school he or she formerly attended as a student (regardless of whether the donated funds are intended to benefit athletics or nonathletics Programs), provided the coaching/department staff member acts independently of the institution, the donated funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fund-raising activity and the donated funds are not earmarked for a specific prospective student-athlete.

Did You Know?

Q. Can a booster organization provide paper, pencils and notepads to an institution's academic support center for the use of student-athletes?

A. NO, NCAA legislation prohibits an institution to finance course supplies at academic support centers according to BYLAW 16.3.3(b).

Recruiting Telephone Calls

The computer age has enhanced the way that people communicate with each and it has also influenced the ways that coaches my contact prospective student-athletes. It has been determined that "chat rooms, and instant messaging systems" provide too much interaction. So categorizing these forms of communication as telephone calls seems appropriate. Bylaw 13.02.13 states that in Division I, prearranged electronically transmitted correspondence between an authorized institutional staff member and one or more prospects and any electronic correspondence sent by "instant messenger" or similar means shall be considered a telephone call.

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