



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 –

1/1 -1/2/08 **Quiet Period**

1/3 -1/7/08 **Dead Period**

1/8 -1/31/08 **Quiet Period**

Men's Basketball –

1/1 – 1/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

1/1– 1/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

except: Shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days.
Days not designated for Evaluation Period

Football –

1/1/08 **Contact Period**

1/2 - 1/3/2008 **Dead Period**

1/4 - 1/6/2008 **Quiet Period**

1/7 - 1/10/2008 **Dead Period**

1/11 - 1/12/2008 **Quiet Period**

1/13 - 1/31/2008 **Contact Period**

Lacrosse –

1/1/08 **Quiet Period**

1/2 - 1/31/2008 **Contact Period**

Track and Cross Country –

1/1- 1/2/08 **Quiet Period**

1/3 - 1/31/2008 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

1/1- 1/18/08 **Quiet Period**

1/19 - 1/31/2008 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

1/1 - 1/31/2008 **Contact & Evaluation Period**

PHONE LOGS

Coaches, remember that your phone logs need to include ALL calls made even if you did not speak to the PSA. If you called a PSA, that call needs to be included in your phone log and then mark if you talked to the PSA, left a message, or there was no answer. Phone logs should be given to Mya every month!

ATTACHMENTS TO GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attachments to general correspondence may only include information that is not created for recruiting purposes, except for items that are specifically permitted as printed recruiting material (e.g., questionnaires). [References: Division I Bylaws 13.4.1.1 (printed recruiting materials), 13.4.1.2 (electronic transmissions) and 13.4.1.3 (other recruiting materials)].

NLI SIGNING DATES

Basketball (Regular Period)	April 16, 2008	May 21, 2008
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 19, 2007	Jan. 15, 2008
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 6, 2008	April 1, 2008
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country, Men's Water Polo	Feb. 6, 2008	Aug. 1, 2008
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 9, 2008	Aug. 1, 2008

NLI REMINDERS

NLI Provision 13 explains the 14-day signing window for the NLI, but the early signing period is only seven days long. All NLIs must be signed [by prospect AND parent/legal guardian] within those seven days to be valid. **If the NLI is not signed within that week, it is not possible to re-issue the NLI.**

Similarly, Provision 14 explains the 21-day filing deadline. If the document is not filed with the conference office within 21 days of signing, the early signing period has ended, and therefore it is not possible to issue a second National Letter of Intent.

NLI Provision 2: Financial Aid Requirement

This NLI must be accompanied by one full academic year's worth of athletic financial aid (three quarters). Furthermore, the financial aid agreement offered at the time of signing must be valid in order for the National Letter of Intent to be valid. It is not appropriate for institutions to issue National Letters of Intent to prospects who will not receive an offer of athletics aid, even when a ceremonial signing is the motive.

Institutions which engage in this practice will be considered in violation of the expectations of the NLI program and may be subject to sanctions from the NLI Steering Committee.

NLI Provision 8: Only One Valid NLI Permitted

Prospect may only sign one valid NLI in a given academic year. This is true even if an NLI becomes null and void based on any section of Provision 7.

NLI Provision 14: Institutional Filing Deadline

This NLI must be filed with the Big East by UC within 21 days after the date of final signature or it will be invalid. The NLI program does permit conference administrators to accept faxed or e-mailed documents to meet this deadline. In accordance with the NLI Administrative Guidelines and Interpretations, it is the responsibility of UC to notify a prospect when his/her National Letter of Intent is not valid. This notification, which must be copied to the conference office and in writing, should be made not more than 5 business days from when the decision is made regarding the status of the NLI.

Faxing NLIs to the conference office should only occur in an emergency situation in conjunction with the 21-day filing deadline.

*NLIs may NOT be hand delivered to a PSA off-campus

*Institutions may not announce a prospect's signing until they have received a valid copy of the NLI **AND** financial aid agreement. Be sure the PSA is returning the NLI **AND** financial aid agreement, as it is NOT valid until we have both of these back.

GAMBLING

With the Superbowl and NCAA basketball tournament occurring in the next few months, please remember that NCAA Bylaw 10.3 strictly precludes **ALL** athletic staff and athletes from placing wagers of any kind on the Superbowl and NCAA Men's or Women's basketball championships (or any other collegiate sporting event). Staff members and athletes are not allowed to complete tournament brackets where the winner receives **ANY** type of prize or item, even if the contest is free to enter.

While certain gambling activities may seem innocent or fun, an individual may lose his/her job in intercollegiate athletics and a student-athlete may lose a season of competition or may lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports by being involved in such activity.

It is not permissible to bet the shirt, the house, the farm or dinner on an intercollegiate contest.

Specifically, it is not permissible to:

1. Provide information to individuals associated with organized gambling;
2. Solicit a bet on an intercollegiate team;
3. Accept a bet on any team representing an institution;
4. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., shirt, cash, dinner) that has tangible value;
5. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics **OR** professional athletics by using a **bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.**

Gambling activities by those who are employed or participants of intercollegiate athletics are prohibited even if they are considered legal activities under state or federal law (e.g., student-athletes cannot place bets on college or pro games in Las Vegas).

Remember:

1. **No "Dorm Pools", "Office Pools", or "Neighborhood Pools"** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit
2. **No Internet Sports Wagers**
3. **No "Friendly Wagers"**
4. **No bets through "800" numbers**
5. **No participation in Fantasy Leagues** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit or payments
6. Do not provide individuals (including those involved with Tout Services) involved with organized gambling with information about intercollegiate athletic teams

BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Coaches, please remind your student athletes that are on a book scholarship that they are **not** permitted to purchase extra supplies besides their books. Purchasing extra supplies is a violation and they will have to repay the money.

PROMOTIONAL APPEARANCES

Remind your athletes that when they appear at a fundraising event, store, supermarket, etc. they **must** fill out a promotional appearance form in the compliance office **before** the appearance.

OFFICIAL VISIT CANCELLATION

Coaches, if you have to cancel an official visit due to circumstances we can control (i.e., no scholarships left) you must email the PSA that was to come on the official visit. Do **NOT** call the PSA if you have already called them that week because it will count as an additional phone call for that week and will result in a violation of the one phone call per week rule. If you are canceling the visit due to circumstances outside our control (i.e., weather) then you are able to call the PSA to cancel but then you need to fill out a phone call exception form if you called more than once that week. Also, if you cancel a visit, please inform the compliance office as soon as possible.

EXPRESS MAIL DELIVERY

Just a reminder that an institution is not permitted to use an express mail delivery service and may only use first-class mail or a lesser rate of service (e.g., parcel post) with no extra services (e.g., certified mail, delivery confirmation) to provide permissible printed recruiting materials to prospects, coaches of prospects or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved, who reside within the 50 United States, other than the National Letter of Intent or other written admissions and/or financial aid commitment to attend the institution.

DATES THAT COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO PROSPECTS ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE

Cross Country/ Track and Field

December 16- Dec 20

February 4-7

March 14-16

June 11 – 15

Football

December 17 – Jan 3

January 7 – 10

February 4-7

Men's Basketball

December 24-26

April 3- 10 (noon)

April 14-17

July 16-21 (exceptions)

Women's Basketball

December 24-26

April 4- 17 (exceptions)

July 16-21

Baseball

January 3 – 7

April 7 – 10

Volleyball

December 12 -31

April 7 – 10

Women's Lacrosse

April 7 – 10

May 23 – 25

Soccer

February 4 - 7

All other sports

April 7 - 10

No complimentary tickets may be given to any prospects for a UC athletic event during Dead Periods in your sport



AROUND THE COUNTRY

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Jan. 8	WBB	Georgetown	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	MBB	Syracuse	8 p.m.
Jan. 12	MBB	Villanova	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	WBB	Pittsburg	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	SWIM	Louisville	All Day
Jan. 12	TN	Morehead State	4 p.m.
Jan. 18	WTR	Bowling Green Quad	All Day
Jan. 19	MBB	Pittsburg	4 p.m.
Jan. 22	WBB	Rutgers	1 p.m.
Jan. 23	MBB	Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	TN	Georgetown	TBA
Jan. 30	WBB	Louisville	7 p.m.

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