



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

December 2006

RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

11/10 – 2/28/07 **Quiet Period**
(with exceptions in January)

Men's Basketball –

10/6 – 3/28/07 **Evaluation Period except:**
12/24 – 12/26 **Dead Period**

Women's Basketball –

9/16/06 – 4/17/07 **Evaluation Period**
except: Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 85 recruiting-person days. Days not designated for Evaluation Period: **Quiet Period**
12/24 – 12/26 **Dead Period**

Football –

11/26 – 2/3/07 **Contact Period**
except: specified Quiet and Dead Periods in December and January. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.

Exceptions in December:

12/17/2006 **Quiet Period**
12/18/2006 – 1/4/2007 **Dead Period**

Volleyball –

8/1 – 12/3 **Contact & Evaluation Period**
12/4 – 12/12 **Quiet Period**
12/13 – 12/31 **Dead Period**

All Other Sports –

12/1 – 12/31 **Contact & Evaluation Period**

DATES THAT COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO PROSPECTS ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE

Football:

December 18, 2006, through January 4, 2007
January 8-11, 2007
February 5-8, 2007

M. Basketball:

November 6-9, 2006
December 24-26, 2006
March 29-31, 2007
April 1-3, 2007, (noon)
April 9-12, 2007
July 16-21, 2007

W. Basketball:

November 6-9, 2006
December 24-26, 2006
March 30 - April 12, 2007, (exceptions)
July 16-21, 2007

Baseball:

November 6-9, 2006
January 4 (12:01 a.m.) - January 9, 2007, (12:01 a.m.)
April 9-12, 2007

Volleyball:

November 6-9, 2006
December 13-31, 2006
April 9-12, 2007

Soccer:

February 5 - 8, 2007

All Other Sports:

November 6-9, 2006
April 9-12, 2007

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

VACATION PERIOD ISSUES

Here are some important NCAA Bylaws and Interpretations to consider during the holiday break:

TRAVEL

NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.2.2 Transportation for Competition

Occurring between Terms: It is permissible for any athletics department staff member to furnish transportation to eligible student-athletes to the campus from the nearest bus or train station or major airport in conjunction with practice and/or team travel relating to competition that occurs between the end of a final examination period of the fall semester (or fall or winter quarter) and the beginning of the following regular term.

Multiple Regular-Season Competitions During Vacation Period:

The travel expense formula set forth in Bylaw 16.8.1.4.1.1 may be applied separately to each regular-season competition that occurs during the institution's vacation period. The staff noted that an institution that provides any leg(s) of actual team transportation (i.e., from campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) must deduct the value of the actual transportation cost of that leg from any allowance provided to the student-athlete. For example, if an institution is competing in two contests during a vacation period, the student-athlete shall pay only the additional cost associated with traveling from the first event site to the student-athlete's home and from home to the second event site.

NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.4.1 General Rule: An institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of a regular-season contest and back to campus.

Travel to Postseason Championships and Bowl Games during Vacation Period:

NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.5.1.1-(a)-(1) shall calculate the value of the transportation cost based on the actual mode of transportation the institution uses to travel to and from the event. A member institution that uses Bylaw 16.8.1.5.1.1-(a)-(2) or 16.8.1.5.1.1-(a)-(3) shall determine the transportation costs by using the regular airline coach fare from the campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus, or the student-athlete's home to the event site and back home.

NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.5.1 General Rule: The institution may provide team transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, NGB championship in an emerging sport or a postseason bowl game and back to campus.



MEALS

16.5.2 Permissible: Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are:

(e) Vacation-Period Expenses. The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes (during official institutional vacation periods) in the following circumstances. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away from campus trips:

- (1) Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition during the institution's official vacation period. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution, other than to permit the student-athlete to participate in team meals incidental to practice sessions;
- (2) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (not including vacation periods between terms) from institutional competition. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided beginning with the student-athlete's arrival on campus until the institution's regular dormitories and dining facilities reopen. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution; or
- (3) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period between regular academic terms (e.g., summer-vacation period) from institutional competition that occurs at the end of the institution's playing and practice season or a segment thereof. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided for no more than a 48-hour period, beginning with the student-athlete's return to campus. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution.

In addition, an institution, at its discretion, also may provide an additional meal to student-athletes to meet nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during each day of any vacation period that occurs within the academic year, provided the student-athlete is required to remain on campus to be involved in practice or competition.

ENTERTAINMENT

16.7.1 Away-from-Home Contests and Vacation Periods:

The institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in connection with an away-from-home contest or en route to or from such a contest. In addition, an institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus or practice site during vacation periods when the team is required to reside on campus (or at a practice site normally used by the institution) and classes are not in session.

VACATION PERIOD ISSUES Cont.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment in Conjunction with Postseason Contests:

An institution may pay the actual costs for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in connection with a postseason contest (e.g., certified bowl game), even if the contest is conducted in the same locale of one of the participating institutions.

Institution Providing Cash to Student-Athletes for Team Entertainment Related to Away-From-Home Contests:

It is not permissible for an institution to provide cash to student-athletes for team entertainment in conjunction with away-from-home contests.

LODGING

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OFFICIAL VISIT ITINERARIES

Coaches, please remember to turn in official visit itineraries before all official visits. After the visit, turn in an updated itinerary with any changes made. If there were no changes, mark no changes on the first sheet and turn in with the signatures from the last sheet of the itinerary.

AWARDS

It is institutional policy for sports to submit a list of awards and their values to the compliance office prior to postseason banquets. This is required to ensure that the maximum value of participation, championship, and special achievement awards is not exceeded and will not result in a violation of NCAA rules.

It is permissible to present student-athletes with annual awards to recognize participation and achievement. There are limits on these awards, as provided in NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4.1.

For non-seniors, the total value of any participation awards (i.e. letter jacket) may not exceed \$175. For seniors, the total value of their awards (i.e. blanket) may not exceed \$325.

In addition to the annual participation awards, student-athletes may receive awards for special attainments (i.e. scholar-athlete, most improved) but the value of such an award may not exceed \$175. Even banquets are not beyond the reach of NCAA legislation. When planning a banquet, coaches and administrators should be aware that parents, friends, or relatives of student-athletes may not receive complimentary admissions or meals at the banquet.

EMPLOYMENT

Please remind your student-athletes if they are working over the break and have not completed an employment form in the compliance office that they need to do so as soon as possible.

PAPERWORK

Coaches, please encourage any student-athletes that received forms, including employment, automobile, or landlord forms to complete them and return to our office by December 8.

HOUSING APPLICATION TIMELINE

January 2007	
8 (8am) – 12 (8am)	▪ Students wishing to return to their <u>same rooms</u> complete application and room selection on-line.
12(5pm) – 16(8am)	▪ Displaced Students Contract Renewal Period
16(5pm) – 21(5pm)	▪ Same Building, Different Room Contract Renewal Period.
22(8am) – 26(5pm)	▪ All Current Students Renewal Period. All residents renewing their contracts may select any available room in any hall.
January 26 – March 31	▪ All Current Students Renewal Period. All residents renewing their contracts may still select their hall and floor.
April 1 – April 31	▪ Current residents may still apply but no longer receive preference in room or hall selection.

This schedule may have some adjustments but this is the most current. Please have you SA start thinking of where they want to live. In the next few months, Rebecca will also be needing estimates for the number of beds you will need for your freshman next year.

BEARCAT SPIRIT

12/1-2 SWIM Miami (Ohio) Invitational (Oxford, OH)
 12/2 MBB UAB 4pm
 12/2 TR Oiler Opener (Findley, OH)
 12/2-3 SWIM U.S. Open (West Lafayette, IN)
 12/8-9 TR Golden Flash Gala (Kent, OH)
 12/9 TR Ball State Heptathlon (Muncie, IN)
 12/10 WBB Alabama State (UC Clermont) 1pm
 12/13 MBB Xavier 7pm
 12/18 WBB Alabama A&M 7pm
 12/21 WBB Tennessee Tech 7pm
 12/23 MBB North Carolina State Noon
 12/27 MBB Miami Ohio (US Bank) 7pm

AROUND THE COUNTRY

USC Reports Rules Violation

South Carolina head coach, Steve Spurrier, self-reported a violation that was committed by one of his assistants. The violation consisted of contacting a prospect during a dead-period. Defensive line coach, Brad Lawing, called a prospect and his family ten times between June 1 and August 31, 2006. Coach Spurrier expects USC to self-report the infraction to the SEC and the NCAA as a secondary violation with self-imposed penalties.

Virginia Tech & Memphis Investigate Allegations

Virginia Tech and Memphis investigate allegations of pervious players being paid. Attorney, Carl C. La Mondue, filed similar lawsuits against former Memphis basketball star, Shawne Williams, and former Hokies football player, Jimmy Williams, seeking reimbursement for cash and benefits received before going pro. Both schools are investigating and cooperating with the NCAA for further investigation.

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