



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 –

11/10 – 2/28/07 **Quiet Period**

Men's Basketball –

10/6 – 3/28/07 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

9/16/06 – 4/17/07 **Evaluation Period**

Football –

11/26 – 2/3/07 **Contact Period**

2/4 **Quiet Period**

2/5 – 2/8 **Dead Period**

2/9 – 4/14 **Quiet Period**

Volleyball –

1/1 – 7/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

Men's and Women's Soccer –

2/1 – 2/4 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

2/5 – 2/8 **Dead Period**

2/9 – 7/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

All Other Sports –

4/1/06 – 7/31/2007 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

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.

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.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DATES

The following are the upcoming signing dates for National Letters of Intent. Please have your NLI submittal forms completed and turned in to Rebecca Hinkel at least one week prior to when you need the NLI. Please be sure that the PSA's social security number and birthday are on the form.

Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 7 – April 1
Soccer	Feb. 7 – August 1
Basketball (late period)	April 11 – May 16
All Other Sports (late period)	April 11 – August 1

CLUB TEAM COACHES

If you are coaching a club team, send Rebecca Hinkel a list of dates that you have or will attend practice and competition with the club team. We also need you to sign a form stating that all players on the team are within a 50 mile radius.

STUDENT-ATHLETE FUNDRAISING

NCAA Division I, II and III institutions should note that NCAA amateurism rules govern the fundraising activities of student-athletes. It is important that funds raised by student-athletes to supplement team costs be obtained and dispersed in accordance with NCAA amateurism rules so as not to jeopardize the student-athlete's eligibility for intercollegiate competition in that sport.

Fundraising by Student-Athletes

It is permissible for an individual to participate in fundraising activities for a team, including activities that involve the use of athletics ability (e.g., swim-a-thons, free-throw shooting, 5-k runs); however, a student-athlete may not receive a benefit based upon athletics skill or reputation. Also, a student-athlete may not have a personal sponsor other than an individual upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. The funds raised cannot be solicited on behalf of or earmarked for any particular individual. It is also not permissible for an individual's ability to participate in an upcoming competition or event, including practices in preparation for such competition, be contingent on the amount of money raised by the individual or whether he or she participates in the fundraising activity. As such, funds raised must be provided to the team or institution as a general donation, rather than as a credit toward a specific student-athlete's expenses. In addition, all donations should clearly indicate that they are made directly to the institution (e.g., a check should not be made out directly to the student-athlete).

Examples of prohibited activities include crediting funds raised towards an individual's specific expenses and the use of solicitation materials requesting funds for a specific named individual.

TRAVEL ROSTERS

Coaches, please remember to send Deborah Rise a travel roster **prior** to each event your team plans to participate in.

ROSTER CHANGES

As we all know, student-athletes come and go for various reasons. There are academic casualties, transfers, cuts, quits, and other reasons for students leaving the team. It is absolutely essential that coaches notify the compliance office promptly whenever a student-athlete joins or leaves a team. It is important that we make the proper modifications to the squad and eligibility lists. If a student-athlete is being removed from scholarship, you must complete the green GIA form and attach an explanation as to the reason the SA will no longer be receiving aid. No SA will be removed from aid unless this is done. Also, if any student-athlete wants to join your squad, they must be certified as eligible by the compliance office before they participate in any practice activity. **YOU MUST LET US KNOW OF ROSTER ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS AND SIGN OFF ON THE UPDATED SQUAD LIST.**

DONATION REQUEST POLICY

1. All requests should be sent to the University of Cincinnati, Athletic Ticket Office.
2. Once received, the request will be reviewed by Meagan Kantor to assure NCAA compliance.
3. If compliance is questioned, the request will be sent to Maggie McKinley.
 - a. Authorization granted-Maggie will return request to Meagan to take appropriate action.
 - b. Authorization denied-Maggie will return request to Meagan and a phone call will be placed to the organization with an explanation of NCAA rules interpretation.
4. If the organization is hosting an event, a gift certificate for game tickets will be donated. The sport donated will be determined by the date of the event. Instructions will be included for the certificate to be returned to the Athletic Ticket Office by the organization's recipient for proper fulfillment.
5. If the organization is requesting memorabilia, the request will be forwarded to Joel Barnhill for review. Joel will attempt to fill the request with miscellaneous promotional items that are set aside from various events.
6. With each donation, an Institutional Memorabilia Record form will be sent to the organization, along with a letter requesting that the form be returned to the Athletic Ticket Office.

Donation requests should contain:

1. The letterhead of the organization.
2. A contact person's name, address and phone number.
3. A brief explanation of the organization's goals and beneficiaries
4. The date of the event (if applicable)
5. Specifically what the organization is requesting

NEW LEGISLATION: Effective Immediately

2006-18 ETHICAL CONDUCT AND AMATEURISM -- UNETHICAL CONDUCT AND VALIDITY OF AMATEUR STATUS -- INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Update previous legislation to specify that institutional staff member's must report incomplete or inaccurate information used by the clearinghouse regarding an individual's amateur record. Failure to report known information constitutes as unethical conduct.

2006-31 RECRUITING – TELEPHONE CALLS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES – EXCEPTION – FOOTBALL – TELEPHONE CALLS

Football may make only one telephone call to a PSA or a PSA's relatives or legal guardians from April 15 through May 31 of the PSA's junior year in high school.

2006-43 RECRUITING – RECRUITING MATERIALS – VIDEO/AUDIO MATERIALS – COMPUTER RECRUITING PRESENTATION

Institution may produce a computer recruiting presentation to show to a PSA during an in-home visit or official and unofficial visits.

2006-44 RECRUITING – RECRUITING MATERIALS – ADVERTISEMENTS AND PROMOTIONS – INTERVIEW TO RECRUITING PUBLICATION

An institutional coaching staff member can provide an interview for an article that will appear in a recruiting publication or newsletter.

2006-48 RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL OR OFFICIAL VISITS -- PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT OR WORKOUT ACTIVITIES

During any official or unofficial visit a PSA may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur.

2006-52 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- MARCH CONTACT PERIOD

Men's basketball contact period established for March 16 through 22.

2006-53 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- CHAMPIONSHIP DEAD PERIOD

Men's basketball dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship from the Thursday prior to the championship game until noon on Thursday following the championship game.

2006-106 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- FOREIGN TOURS AND COMPETITION -- TIMING OF TOUR

Foreign tours may begin on the first permissible date of contest/competition and this will make the date uniform in most sports for all institutions.

2006-108-A ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS - - SUMMER BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Coaches may only attend certified men's or women's basketball events that include the following additional criteria: (1) Qualified medical personnel must be present at summer events; (2) Athletically related activities are precluded from beginning prior to 8 a.m. and the last athletically related activity may not begin later than 10 p.m.; (3) Prospective student-athletes may participate in no more than five games over a rolling two-day period and in no more than three games on any one day; and (4) The price of event packets must be listed on the event certification application and the price must be made available to coaches prior to their arrival at the event.

2006-51 RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCATION – FOOTBALL

Football camp or clinic must be conducted on the institution's campus, within the state in which the institution is located or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus.

2005-54 ELIGIBILITY - GRADUATE STUDENT OR POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION - TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY BYLAW IS REVOKED!



ALUMNI PRACTICING WITH TEAM

It is permissible for an alumnus of an institution (e.g., former student-athlete) to participate in an **occasional** practice session with a member institution's intercollegiate athletics team. This applies to team and individual sports. Occasional refers to an average of not more than two times per month. Please ensure that any alumni you have practicing with your team, are not participating on a consistent basis as this is a violation.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Arkansas' Track and Field Report Violations

Arkansas' track and field program submitted a report to the NCAA outlining violations committed by a former assistant coach. The coach was convicted of embezzlement, theft and mail fraud last year. The reported violations include: impermissible transportation, extra benefits involving lodging, tutoring, etc. and academic fraud. Arkansas said it has taken punitive actions, including: reducing scholarships over the next two years, banning recruitment of PSA attending two-year colleges through 08-09 academic year, reducing the number of off-campus recruiters, and prohibiting the men's track and field program from hiring anyone previously working at a two-year institution.

Bush Receiving Extra Benefits While at USC

Wednesday Yahoo.com reported that there are taped conversations between an investor in a failed sport marketing agency and Reggie Bush or members of his family that could confirm that Reggie received cash and gifts while playing for USC. Bush insists that he and his family did nothing wrong. According to Yahoo.com, nearly \$280,000 in cash, rent and gifts was allegedly given to Bush and his family. The NCAA and Pac-10 Conference are investigating whether Bush compromised his eligibility during his 2004 and 2005 season by receiving extra benefits.

BEARCAT SPIRIT

2/2	TN	Eastern Michigan (Queen City Racquet Club)	7pm
2/2-3	TR	Indiana Relays (Bloomington, IN)	All Day
2/3	TN	Rutgers (Western Hills Racquet Club)	4pm
2/4	MBB	St. John's	Noon
2/6	WBB	Providence	7pm
2/10	TR	All Ohio (Bowling Green, OH)	All Day
2/14-17	SWIM	Big East Championship (Long Island, NY)	All Day
2/17	TR	Big East Championship (Akron, OH)	All Day
2/18	MBB	Notre Dame	2pm
2/20	WBB	Villanova	7pm
2/21	MBB	Georgetown	7pm
2/23	TN	Indiana (Queen City Racquet Club)	7pm
2/24	TN	West Virginia (Queen City Racquet Club)	4pm
2/26	WBB	Syracuse	7pm
2/28	MBB	Seton Hall	7pm

Go BEARCATS!!

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