

# THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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## Evaluation Period Reminder

Coaches can alternate between the two rules with the knowledge that IF they choose to exceed the number of permissible recruiters on a given day (e.g. have 3 on road when only 2 is permitted), the coach that was replaced after the first portion of the day **MUST** return to campus before engaging in any recruiting activities.

### 11.7.4.3.2 Exception -- Sports Other Than Basketball -- June, July and August.

In sports other than basketball, during June, July and August, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in the particular sport engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day (see Bylaw 11.7.4). (Adopted: 1/15/11)

### 11.7.4.3.1 Exception -- Basketball -- July Evaluation Periods.

During the July evaluation periods, a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day. (Adopted: 4/30/09)

#### Example:

Day 1: Cleary, Heilmann recruiting

Day 2: Cleary, Heilmann recruiting. Cleary leaves field at Noon and is replaced by Mamula at 12:01pm (begins recruiting immediately). Cleary flies back to Cincinnati (using old rule)

Day 3: Heilmann, Mamula recruiting. Cleary travels from Cincinnati to next tournament site/hotel, but does not recruit on this day.

Day 4: Cleary, Mamula recruiting. Heilmann traveling directly to next location and not recruiting on this day. (using new rule)

Day 5: Cleary, Heilmann recruiting. Mamula traveling directly to next tournament and not recruiting on this day. (using new rule)

## Attention Coaches and Strength & Conditioning Staff

All INCOMING student-athletes that wish to participate in summer workouts need to receive permission from the Compliance Office before they are allowed to participate.

## Recruiting Dates

### Baseball

7/1 – 7/31 Contact Period

### Men's Basketball

7/1 – 7/5 Quiet Period

7/6 - 7/15 Eval. Period

7/16 - 7/21 Dead Period

7/22 - 7/31 Eval. Period

### Women's Basketball

7/1 – 7/5 Quiet Period

7/6 - 7/15 Eval. Period

7/16 - 7/21 Dead Period

7/22 - 7/31 Eval. Period

### Football

7/1 - 7/31 Quiet Period

### Women's Lacrosse

7/1 – 7/31 Contact Period

### Track and Field/Cross Country

7/1 - 7/31 Contact Period

### Volleyball

7/1 – 7/31 Contact Period

### All Other Sports

7/1 – 7/31 Contact/Eval. Period



### Staff Interpretation: Basketball Off-Campus Recruiting -- July Evaluation Periods (I)

Date Published: July 1, 2009

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that, in basketball, during the July evaluation periods, an institution may use either the general rule regarding the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time (i.e., a replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus) or the exception to the general rule (i.e., a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day).

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.7.4.3 (off-campus recruiting -- at any one time) and 11.7.4.3.1 (exception -- basketball -- July evaluation periods)]

### Staff Interpretation: Sports Other Than Basketball -- Off-Campus Recruiting -- June, July and August (I)

Date Published: March 4, 2011

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that, in sports other than basketball, during June, July and August, an institution may use either the general rule regarding the limit on the number of coaches who may recruit off campus at any one time (i.e., a replaced coach may not engage in additional recruiting activities until after he or she has returned to the institution's campus) or the exception to the general rule (i.e., a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided no more than the permissible number of off-campus recruiters in a particular sport engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day). [References: NCAA Bylaws 11.7.4.3 (off-campus recruiting -- at any one time) and 11.7.4.3.2 (exception -- sports other than basketball -- June, July and August)]

## Bob Stoops: Sooners 'well educated'

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Among ties that bind, Bob Stoops and Jim Tressel shared one of the tightest in sports with legacies as successful, big-time college football coaches and backgrounds heavy in tradition-rich Youngstown, Ohio.

That was before Tressel resigned from Ohio State last week.

Stoops, who said he still holds Tressel in high regard, carries a unique perspective in persevering through his own quarterback scandal. Speaking with The Oklahoman, he credited his success to dealing with it head-on.

"We can't follow a hundred players around," Stoops told the Oklahoma City newspaper. "That's just not realistic and not gonna happen.

It's been five years since Sooners coach Bob Stoops dismissed quarterback Rhett Bomar for taking impermissible benefits from a car dealership.

"So, at the end of the day, our players are very well educated on what's allowed and what isn't. If something isn't appropriate, it's dealt with, I like to think, appropriately and in the right way. And that's it."

It's been five years since the departure of Rhett Bomar from Oklahoma after one year, during which he threw for 2,018 yards and led the Sooners to an 8-4 season.

According to The Oklahoman, Stoops said the decision regarding Bomar was quick and final.

"Our conversation wasn't very long," Stoops said of Bomar, who was found to have taken excessive benefits from a local car dealership.

Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor continues to face his own uncertain future as the NCAA investigates whether he received impermissible benefits from a dealership. He's also among five Buckeyes players suspended for the first five games of the upcoming season for improper trades and memorabilia sales made to a Columbus tattoo parlor.

Tressel resigned after acknowledging having failed to notify Ohio State of information he had on the tattoo-parlor dealings.

Stoops said he made a prompt decision after confronting Bomar with evidence.

"You're not playing at Oklahoma," Stoops said he told Bomar.

Stoops said Bomar wondered if he was referring to the next season.

"No, it's going to be forever," Stoops recalled saying. "We'll move on. You can transfer."

Stoops wouldn't talk specifically about the situation at Ohio State but indirectly held Tressel at fault, according to The Oklahoman's report. Stoops grew up in Youngstown, while Tressel coached Youngstown State to four NCAA Division I-AA titles before leaving for Columbus in 2001.

"I love Jim Tressel," Stoops said. "I think he's a fabulous guy. He's overall been a strong example for all coaches. And I don't know all the circumstances around his situation. So it's impossible for me to comment on that."

Stoops reiterated that informing players of the rules and boundaries was key to avoiding problems.

"Our players are educated. They know," Stoops told the newspaper. "If you knowingly break the rules, we're going to move on. We'll find someone else to play quarterback.

"I felt it was in the best interest of our university. Our players know, we're going to do things right. At least that's our hope."

But the Sooners coach maintained there would always be room to wonder, what if?

"It's impossible to know what everyone does behind closed doors," Stoops said. "Even in families, you don't know sometimes what's going on. So to think we know, when families or wives and husbands don't know?

"No one knows. At the end of the day, if someone tries to conceal something they will, and when you find out, you deal with it. That's it. We can't possibly know everything that happens."

At the recent NCAA Regional Rules, NCAA staff members clarified permissible roles of non-coaching staff members related to the recruiting coordination functions.

- Must be performed by countable coaches (head or assistant), except routine clerical tasks.
- Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of PSAs; and
- Telephone calls to/from PSAs, PSAs' parents or legal guardians or coaches.

**True or False:**

- A director of operations may call a high school coach to request a PSA's academic transcript.

**False.** Noncoaching staff members may not call a PSA's coach for any reason.

- An institution's academic advisor may call a high school counselor to request a PSA's academic transcript.

**True.** Telephone calls to academic authority at PSA's high school to discuss academic issues is not a recruiting coordination function.

- A director of operations may call a high school counselor to request a PSA's academic transcript.

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- An institution's football staff secretary may call a high school to obtain information regarding the high school team's practice schedule.

**True.** Routine clerical tasks are exempted from the legislation. Clerical staff may not engage in any recruiting conversation and may not be involved in any activity involving selection of PSAs

- A director of operations may call a high school to obtain information regarding the high school team's practice schedule.

**False.** If the activity has been designated as a routine clerical activity, then activity should be performed by clerical staff members.

**Noncoaching staff or noncountable coaches may call:**

- After NLI signing or other written commitment.
- After the calendar day document is signed.
- After receipt of financial deposit.
- Current Rule: Only on or after May 1.
- Effective 8/1/2011: Day after receipt regardless of date.
- In conjunction with official visit: during associated transportation and actual visit.
- For camp or clinic logistical issues: no recruiting conversation or solicitation to attend

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Coaches, please provide this information to your student-athletes.

**REMINDER:** You cannot be "friends" with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st on their junior year.

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## Bearcat Spirit!

**Track & Field:** Congratulations to Kathy Klump (800m), Eric Finan (5000m) and Terrence Somerville (110H) for earning All-America honors at the NCAA Championships!

**Baseball:** Congratulations to Dan Jensen on being drafted by the Reds in the 20th round of June's MLB Draft! Also, congratulations to Chris Peters (Blue Jays) and Nick Johnson (Cubs) for signing free-agent contracts!