



# 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 –

12/1- 12/31 **Quiet Period**

### Men's Basketball –

12/1 – 12/23 **Evaluation Period except:**

12/24 – 12/26 **Dead Period**

### Women's Basketball –

12/1 – 12/23 **Evaluation Period except:**

12/24 – 12/26 **Dead Period**

### Football –

12/1 – 12/19 **Contact Period**

12/20 **Quiet Period**

12/21– 12/31 **Dead Period**

**except:** specified Quiet and Dead Periods for JUCO PSAs who intend to enroll mid-year.

- Quiet – 12/13, 12/18 -12/19
- Dead – 12/14 – 12/17

### Lacrosse –

12/1 – 12/31 **Quiet Period**

### Volleyball –

12/1 – 12/6 **Contact Period**

12/7 – 12/15 **Quiet Period**

12/16 – 12/31 **Dead Period**

### Track and Cross Country

12/1 – 12/13 **Contact Period**

12/14 – 12/17 **Dead Period**

12/18 (12:02 am) – 12/31 **Quiet Period**

### All Other Sports –

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

## AWARDS

**Coaches, the awards you give to your student-athletes must be PRE-APPROVED by the Compliance office.** We have had a number of problems with this issue this year, and need your cooperation to avoid violations.

You must indicate who will be receiving the award, what the award is for, what the award physically is, and the value of the award.

Example: Jane Smith, MVP, trophy, \$50. John Smith, Senior award, framed jersey, \$75.

Remember that engraving/embroidery must be included in the value of the award. The allowable values can be found in Figs. 16-1, 16-2, and 16-3 in the NCAA Manual. Below are two common awards and their corresponding allowable values.

Annual participation: \$175 underclassmen; \$325 seniors

Special attainments: \$175 each (e.g. MVP, most improved, scholar-athlete, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact us before you take any action.

## NEW COMPLIANCE CORNER!

A new Compliance Corner is coming! Check out the new format and information beginning in January 2010. Every month we will feature a spotlight on a student-athlete or departmental staff member, reports on current events in compliance, rules reminders, and short quizzes for which the correct answer could win you a prize. Stay tuned.....

## DORMS/DINING HALLS – BREAK

The dorms will close at noon on December 12. All students must check-out and return their keys before they leave for the winter break, unless they have prior approval through Caitlin to stay. Students are not required to remove all of their belongings, but are encouraged to take any valuables and essentials for the break period. Students are asked to empty trash, clean out the refrigerator/freezer and defrost it, and unplug all electrical appliances. Students should receive a letter from their RAs giving detailed instructions on the check-out procedure and expectations. The dorms will re-open at 10am on January 3.

**If any of your student-athletes need to stay for the break (or part of it) notify Caitlin as soon as possible.**

The last meal served in the dining halls is lunch on December 11. The dining hall will then re-open for breakfast on January 4.

## PRACTICE DURING EXAMS

For those teams outside the playing season, all athletically related activities are prohibited from November 30 through the end of each SA's exams.

## VACATION PERIOD ISSUES

### **LODGING AND MEALS**

#### **NCAA Bylaw 16.5.2 Permissible**

**Vacation-Period Expenses.** The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes during official institutional vacation periods if the student-athletes are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition. 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.

Additionally, the institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who return to campus during the vacation period from competition that occurs at the end of their playing and practice season (or a segment thereof). Under this circumstance, 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.

If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under the above 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. An institution, may provide an additional meal (as opposed to the cash equivalent) to SAs to meet nutritional needs as a benefit incidental to participation during each day of any vacation period, provided the SA is required to remain on-campus to be involved in practice or competition.

### **TRAVEL**

Any athletics department staff member can give eligible student-athletes transportation to the campus from the nearest bus or train station or major airport in conjunction with practice and/or team travel relating to competition between the end of the exam period of one quarter and the beginning of the following quarter.

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.

An 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.

### **Exceptions**

(a) Student-Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation: The institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the greater of the transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from:

- (1) Campus to the event site and back to campus;
- (2) Campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or
- (3) The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home.

(b) Student-Athlete Uses "Leg" of Team Transportation: An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation (i.e., 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 the allowance provided the student-athlete in (a) above.

(c) Second Trip Home: If a student-athlete either uses team transportation to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus, or participates in an event that takes place in the institution's home community, and also has personally paid for a round-trip ticket home during that same vacation period, that student-athlete may be provided actual transportation expenses to travel between campus and home on a second occasion during that same period.



## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### Michigan Failed to Keep Compliance Paperwork

An internal audit of the University of Michigan's Athletic Department revealed that the football team failed to turn in forms tracking how much time players spent on football during the 2008 season and offseason. In August, it was reported that anonymous football players said the team was exceeding NCAA limits regarding allowable athletic activities. The report led to an internal and NCAA investigation, which should be completed by December 31. While all other sports had submitted their countable athletically related activity (CARA) logs in a timely manner, the football team failed to turn them in at all.

### NCAA Releases Study on SA Sports Wagering

The NCAA has made progress since 2004 in educating student-athletes on the dangers of sports wagering. Division I men's basketball student-athletes showed a decrease in frequent (once per month or more) gambling from 6.1% to 4.5%. There is also indication that fewer student-athletes are engaging in heavy levels of sports gambling. However, social gambling (once per year) has increased, especially among males. Approximately 30% of male student-athletes reported wagering on sports in the past year, which is a NCAA violation. Sports wagering among men's golfers has increased and is much higher than levels of other student-athlete groups. While 12% of men's basketball student-athletes reported betting socially, 40% of men's golfers bet socially and 8% reported wagering weekly. Technological advances have also impacted the sports wagering trends – rather than traditional on-campus books and runners, sport wagering is being encouraged through the internet.

## BEARCAT SPIRIT!

12/1	MBB	Texas Southern	7:30 pm
12/4	WBB	Kentucky	11:00am
12/6	WBB	Xavier	2:00 pm
12/10	MBB	Miami OH	8:30 pm
12/13	MBB	Xavier (@ Xavier)	7:00 pm
12/13	WBB	Butler	6:00 pm
12/18	WBB	Eastern Kentucky	7:00 pm
12/19	MBB	Lipscomb	2:00 pm
12/21	WBB	Valparaiso	7:00 pm
12/22	MBB	Winthrop	7:30 pm
12/29	WBB	Wright State	7:00 pm
12/30	MBB	Connecticut	7:00 pm

**GO BEARCATS!!**

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