



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 –

9/10 – 11/7 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

Men's Basketball –

9/9 – 10/5 **Contact Period**

10/6 – 11/17 **Quiet Period except**

11/8 -11/11 **Dead period**

Women's Basketball –

9/30 – 10/7 **Quiet Period**

10/8 – 2/28 **Evaluation Period except:**

11/8 -11/11 **Dead period**

40 Evaluation days during 10/8 – 2/28 selected at the discretion of the institution; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period

The remainder of this Evaluation period beyond the 40 days is a **Quiet Period**

Football –

8/1 – 11/27 **Quiet Period except:**

6 Evaluation Days during the months of September, October & through the last Saturday in November selected at the discretion of the institution (off-campus recruiter may visit an educational institution only once during this **Evaluation Period**)

Volleyball –

8/1 – 12/5 **Contact/Evaluation Period**
(80 Evaluation days)

except 11/8 – 11/11 **Dead Period**

All Other Sports –

Contact & Evaluation Period

GRADUATION DATES

Coaches, please remember to double-check PSA's high school graduation dates before calling them to make sure that they are in the permissible class to call.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Effective August 1, 2005 for students first entering a collegiate institution on or after that date, computer science courses are no longer allowed to be used for initial-eligibility purposes. Computer science courses (such as programming) that are taught through the mathematics or natural/physical science departments and receive either math or science credit may still be used after August 1, 2005.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE

A list of those student-athletes who are eligible for practice activities has been sent to each head coach for those teams that reported at the beginning of the academic year. If a student-athlete does not appear on this list then he/she is not eligible for practice activities. They must report to the compliance office and complete their NCAA compliance forms prior to beginning any countable athletically related activities.

TRAVEL DAY/OFF DAY

If you declare your travel day as your off-day, NO countable athletically related activities can occur on that day. Some countable athletically related activities include: athletic meetings with a coach initiated or required by a coach, visiting the competition site in the sports of golf and cross country, discussion or review of game films, and setting up offensive and defensive alignment.

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Every student-athlete who has attended a compliance check-in meeting has received a copy of the NCAA educational handout on countable athletically related activities. Each head coach was also sent a memo and the educational handout as an attachment the first week of class. When you are planning your workout schedule for upcoming weeks, please remember to include all countable athletically related activities on the practice log. Some practice logs do not have any time indicated on them for weight lifting or time spent with the strength and conditioning coach. Meetings between coaching staff members and student-athletes to discuss athletic matters must also be included on the practice logs. The chart below is a **sampling** of countable and non-countable activities.

Please remember that during **out-of-season workouts**, you are **limited to 8 hours per week and you must have 2 days off per week**. If coaches initiate and/or provide a list of activities or a calendar for the student-athletes to do and the list does not include 2 days off, then a documentation of a violation of NCAA rules has occurred. Also, if you have student-athletes or other staff members reporting back to coaching staff members about attendance at voluntary activities, then the activities no longer are voluntary and must be counted in the limits of practice. Further, observation by a coach or staff member of a voluntary workout is no longer voluntary and becomes a countable activity.

Countable Athletically Related Activities

- Practices
- Athletics meetings with a coach initiated or required by a coach
- Competition (always counts as 3 hours)
- Field, floor or on-court activity
- Setting up offensive or defensive alignment
- On-court or on-field activities called by any member of the team and confined primarily to members of that team
- Required weight-training and conditioning activities
- Required participation in camps/clinics
- Visiting the competition site in the sports of cross country and golf

- Participation outside the regular season in individual skill-related instructional activities with a member of the coaching staff
- Discussion or review of game films

Noncountable Athletically Related Activities

- Compliance Meetings
- Meetings with a coach initiated by the student-athlete (as long as no athletically related activities occur)
- Drug/alcohol educational meetings
- Study hall, tutoring or academic meetings
- Student-athlete advisory committee
- Voluntary weight-lifting NOT conducted by a coach or staff member
- Voluntary sport-related activities (e.g. initiated by student-athlete, no attendance, no coach present)
- Traveling to/from the site of competition (as long as no countable activities occur)
- Training room activities, rehabilitation activities and medical examinations
- Recruiting activities
- Training table meals
- Attending banquets
- Fund-raising activities or public relations/promotional activities and community service projects

Compliance staff members will be monitoring practice activities closely and communicating often with student-athletes and staff members about time spent on countable athletically related activities. We encourage coaching staff members to communicate with the strength and conditioning staff on how much time their student-athletes are spending under the direction of the strength coach.

If you have any questions on countable athletically related activities, please contact the compliance office.



COUNTING CONTACTS & EVALUATIONS

In sports other than football, contacts and evaluations are limited by the permissible number of recruiting opportunities (five in basketball, seven in other sports). Evaluations that occur during the academic year count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities. Outside of the academic year, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts that occur with a prospect count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period (e.g., academic year or outside the academic year). All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. (Bylaw 13.1.6.5.)

Contact and evaluation logs still need to be turned in throughout the year, stating your location and the dates, even if no countable contacts were made.

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

The policy requiring prior notification of any planned unofficial visit is in effect for the 2004-05 academic year with the addition that you **MUST** submit an itinerary for the visit. The notification must be made to the compliance office **IN WRITING** (this can be done via email) prior to the arrival of the prospect if the coaching staff has prior knowledge of the visit. The name, high school, year of anticipated graduation, length of the visit, and activities must be included in this notification. If the visit will be overnight, be prepared to furnish additional information, such as where the prospect will be staying and proof of payment by the recruit. If the prospect is staying overnight in the dorms, a payment of \$15 must be made prior to the overnight stay. Payments should be brought directly to Bruce Ivory or Maggie McKinley. Checks should be made out to the University of Cincinnati. If an itinerary is not submitted, it will be a violation of policies and procedures. A reminder that 2-year college students in their first year at a junior college are not permitted to make unofficial visits until they have completed one academic year in residency at the junior college. The restriction of no contact applies to on- and off-campus contact.

NAME GAME

Congratulations to our Compliance Specialist Rebecca (Klein) Hinkel who was married on September 18th to Jimmy Hinkel.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Rutgers Basketball Coach Reprimanded

The women's basketball coach at Rutgers was publicly reprimanded by the NCAA for negative comments she made about officiating during the first round of the 2004 NCAA Basketball Championship.

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.

BEARCAT PRIDE

Show your Bearcat spirit by supporting our teams!

Oct. 2	Football	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	W. Soccer	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Volleyball	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	W. Soccer	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	M. Soccer	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Volleyball	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Football	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	M. Soccer	3:30 p.m.

NONQUALIFIER TRACKING FORMS

In order to avoid problems concerning NCAA violations, nonqualifiers who enroll at the University of Cincinnati must be tracked. By identifying these individuals, we can avoid violations and also provide services to individuals who have been identified as nonqualifiers.

Head coaches can request forms from the compliance office to be used for the purpose of identifying and tracking nonqualifiers who they intend to include as part of our athletic programs. It is required that this form be submitted to the compliance office for each nonqualifier that the coaching staff is aware of. There are many services that nonqualifiers are able to receive during their first year in residence:

- Academic/tutoring services
- One complimentary admission for self; all regular-season home athletics contests
- Conditioning program (including workout apparel; supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer)
- Intramurals
- Promotional materials, inclusion of photos in media guide, game programs, brochures, etc.
- Rehabilitation expenses (postsurgical) for injury unrelated to athletics participation (when rehab is necessary to prepare for practice and competition)
- Surgical expenses for injury during voluntary workout
- Training-room facilities (in conjunction with weight-training program)
- Weight training (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer)

However, these individuals will NOT be eligible for any of these services unless the nonqualifier tracking form is received in the compliance office.

PAPERWORK

Please remember to turn in your practice logs every Monday (or the day following the end of your designated practice week) and participation rosters after each competition. Remember, competition counts as 3 hours, no matter how long it actually is.

AGENT RULES CHANGE

President Bush signed a law, The Sports Agent and Responsibility Trust Act (SPARTA), creating tougher penalties for unethical sports agents. The law is to prevent agents from inducing student-athletes to sign contracts through bribes or misleading information. Agents are prohibited from providing anything of value to the student-athlete or anyone associated with the SA. Agents are forbidden from giving false or misleading information, making false or misleading promises or representations, and predating or postdating contracts. The agent must disclose in writing that the student may lose eligibility to compete as a SA if an agent contract is signed. These provisions were already enforced by the NCAA and some states. The agent and athlete must notify the athletic director within 72 hours after signing a contract. Violators will face civil actions by the Federal Trade Commission and state attorney general. Up to \$11,000 fines per day could be issued and schools can seek civil remedies for damages.

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