

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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CARA Interpretation

The baseball team practiced yesterday afternoon for three hours. Prior to practicing, the coaches instructed the student-athletes to remove the tarps and prepare the field for practice. It took the student-athletes an hour to get the field ready.

How many hours of countable athletically related activities did the baseball student-athletes participate in yesterday?

- A. 3 hours
- B. 4 hours
- C. All practices count as 1 hour
- D. Practice is not considered a countable athletically related activity

The answer is **B**.

NCAA Staff Interpretation - 10/20/11- Student-Athlete Performing Required Work other than Regular Employment (I)- states that any work performed by a student-athlete (e.g., field or facility preparation for practice or competition) that is required, supervised or monitored by a coaching staff member (including strength and conditioning coaches) or noncoaching staff member with sports specific responsibilities, other than regular employment in accordance with NCAA employment legislation, is a countable athletically related activity.

NLI Dead Periods - Bylaw 13.02.5.4

During the early signing period of Nov. 7 through Nov. 10, coaches are not allowed to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by PSAs to the institution's campus. Coaches are also prohibited from visiting a PSA's institution, as well as speaking at meetings/banquets at which PSAs are in attendance, except when allowed in Bylaw 13.1.8.1.

*** Coaches ARE allowed to write or telephone ***
a PSA during a dead period.

Recruiting Dates

Baseball

11/1 - 11/6 Contact Period
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/11- 11/30 Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

11/1 - 11/6 Evaluation Period
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/11-11/30 Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

11/1 - 11/6 Evaluation Period
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/11 - 11/30 Evaluation Period

Football

11/1 - 11/26 Evaluation Period
11/27 - 11/30 Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

11/1-4, 11/11, 11/14-18, 11/21-
22 Contact Periods
11/5-6, 12-13, 19-20
Evaluation Periods
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/23-30 Quiet Period

Track and Field/Cross Country

11/1 - 11/20 Contact Period
11/21 Dead Period
11/22-11/30 Contact Period

Volleyball

11/1 - 11/6 Contact Period
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/11 - 11/30 Contact Period

All Other Sports

11/1 - 11/6 Contact/Eval. Period
11/7 - 11/10 Dead Period
11/11 - 11/30 Contact/Eval. Period

Welcome, Brian!

Brian DeCarlo has been named as the new Compliance Coordinator. Brian is a former collegiate baseball player who holds a BA from NKU and finished his M.Ed. in Sport Administration at Xavier in August. Brian also volunteered as an assistant baseball coach at NKU for 3 years and coaches a 9-year-old baseball team.

Welcome, Whit!

The Compliance Office would also like to welcome our new Athletic Director, Whit Babcock, to the UC family! We're glad you're here, Whit!

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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.

LSU Suspends Players for Failed Drug Tests

ESPN.com - Top-ranked LSU suspended cornerbacks Tyrann Mathieu and Tharold Simon and tailback Spencer Ware from the team after they tested positive for synthetic marijuana in a school-administered drug test earlier this month, two people familiar with the situation told ESPN.com on Thursday.

The Tigers will be without the three players -- Mathieu and Ware are starters, and Simon is a heavily used reserve -- for Saturday's game against Auburn (No. 20 BCS, No. 19 AP) at Tiger Stadium. A source familiar with the situation said coach Les Miles suspended the players indefinitely, but added the trio might be back before LSU's showdown Nov. 5 at No. 2 Alabama.

"There are some requirements in place which the players have to complete before they'll be allowed back on the team," a person familiar with the situation told ESPN.com.

Synthetic marijuana is sold as blends of exotic herbs and plant materials and are coated with chemicals called synthetic cannabinoids, which produce a marijuana-like high when smoked. A news release issued by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in April said synthetic cannabinoids are "designer drugs" that are "manufactured and distributed in an attempt to circumvent the Controlled Substances Act. They are marketed in a manner so as to mask their intended purpose and are labeled with a statement that the package contents are 'not for human consumption,' or are 'for novelty use only.'"

In March, the DEA banned for one year the sale and possession of synthetic marijuana, which is commonly known by its brand names "Spice" and "K2." The DEA said its action was necessary to "avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety."

Possessing or selling synthetic marijuana is now illegal as the DEA and Department of Health and Human Services study whether the substance should be regulated on a permanent basis.

Five chemicals commonly found in synthetic marijuana blends are now classified as Schedule I controlled substances, a category reserved for unsafe and highly abused substances with no medical use.

Earlier this month, a South Carolina coroner said chemicals used in synthetic marijuana contributed to the death of Anderson (S.C.) University basketball player Lamar Jack.

Jack, 19, collapsed during a preseason workout Sept. 30. He died at AnMed Hospital in Anderson four days later. Anderson County coroner Greg Shore said Jack died after ingesting the chemical JWH-018, which is used to make synthetic marijuana. Jack's death was caused by acute drug toxicity, which led to multiple organ failure, Shore said.

"This drug certainly triggered this young athlete's death and that is tragic," Shore said. According to published reports, Jack, a redshirt freshman from Piedmont, S.C., complained of cramps and vision problems before collapsing. He had an extremely high body temperature when he was rushed to the emergency room.

According to the DEA, side effects of using synthetic marijuana include convulsions, anxiety attacks, dangerously elevated heart rates, increased blood pressure, vomiting and disorientation.

The DEA said synthetic marijuana use has become increasingly popular among teenagers and young adults. According to a DEA news release, the American Association of Poison Control Centers reported in March 2010 that there were 112 calls to U.S. poison control centers since 2009 related to synthetic cannabinoids. Just nine months later, there were more than 2,700 calls from 49 states and the District of Columbia.

"It's an epidemic," a person familiar with the LSU case. "It's not just here, it's everywhere. It's scary because the kids don't know anything about it. It's a student-body issue, not just a student-athlete issue."

Mary Wilfert, NCAA associate director of health and safety, said the NCAA in August added synthetic cannabinoids to its banned class of street drugs, which also includes marijuana, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive substance found in marijuana) and heroin.

Wilfert said the NCAA isn't testing for synthetic cannabinoids because its drug labs aren't yet equipped to test for them. Wilfert said the NCAA held an educational forum about the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids for its member schools in January during the NCAA convention in San Antonio. She said the NCAA also has educated schools about the drugs through newsletters.

"It's caught our attention and we're addressing it," Wilfert said. "In the near future, after we get information back from our labs, we'll make a determination as to whether we'll start testing for it."

Wilfert said that if a student-athlete tests positive for an NCAA-banned substance in a school-administered drug test, the student-athlete is not subject to NCAA punishment. ®

"Schools can determine whether they test for something," Wilfert said. "It's independent of NCAA testing. NCAA testing does not test for [synthetic cannabinoids]. I know some schools are testing for it. What the penalties are is up to the school."

Note: While keeping the best interests of our student-athletes in mind, UC now has the ability to test for synthetic drugs with their new drug-testing company. Any questions should be directed to Bob Mangine.

Role of Boosters in Intercollegiate Athletics

Boosters play a role in providing student-athletes with a positive experience through their enthusiastic efforts. They can support teams and athletics departments through donations of time and financial resources which help student-athletes succeed on and off the playing field.

Boosters, referred to by the NCAA as “representatives of the institution’s athletic interests,” include anyone who has:

- Provided a donation in order to obtain season tickets for any sport at the university.
- Participated in or has been a member of an organization promoting the university’s athletics programs.
- Made financial contributions to the athletic department or to a university booster organization.
- Arranged for or provided employment for enrolled student-athletes.
- Assisted or has been requested by university staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- Assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student athletes or their families.
- Been involved otherwise in promoting university athletics.

Please be reminded that once an individual is identified as a “representative of the institution’s athletics interests,” the person retains their identity forever.

Only institutional staff members are permitted to recruit prospective student-athletes. Generally, NCAA rules prohibit anyone else from contacting (calling, writing or in-person contact) prospects or the prospect’s relatives or guardian for recruiting purposes.

Students are still considered prospects even if they have signed a National Letter of Intent or any other financial aid agreement with a university.

Boosters are not precluded from continuing established friendships with families who have prospective student-athletes. However, boosters may not encourage a prospect’s participation in university athletics or provide benefits to prospects that were not previously provided.

If a violation occurs, it may jeopardize a student-athlete’s eligibility for intercollegiate competition, jeopardize a school’s membership status with the NCAA or cause a booster to lose access to all booster benefits.

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Bearcat Spirit!

Look out for your fellow Bearcats in their big events of the month:

Football - vs. West Virginia, November 12th @ TBD

M Basketball - vs. Miami (OH), November 29th @ 7 PM

W Basketball - vs. Dayton, November 16th @ 7 PM

Volleyball - vs. Marquette, November 5th @ 2 PM