

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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RECRUITING CALENDARS

BASEBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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VOLLEYBALL

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ALL OTHER SPORTS

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Happy New Year!

Happy 2014! Staying up on your compliance knowledge is the best way to make sure that 2014 is a great year in Clifton.

Remember, sending a "Happy New Year" text is appropriate for your close friends and relatives but is not permissible for prospective student-athletes who are not eligible to receive text messages. How good is your knowledge of Bylaw 13.4.1.2—Electronic Transmissions? You can check your answers below.

1. Which sport or sports currently allow the sending of text messages to prospects prior to the signing of an NLI or offer of admissions?
2. True or False: If a prospect is eligible to receive emails but not texts would be permissible for a staff member to send an email that converts the email to a text for ease of access by the prospect.
3. True or False: Staff members must wait until the calendar day after a prospect signs an NLI or admissions offer to send a text message to the prospect.

1. Currently, text messages may only be sent in the sports of Men's and Women's Basketball prior to the prospect signing an NLI or admissions or financial aid offer or submitting a deposit in response to an admissions offer.
2. False. Such messages, even though sent by email, would still be considered text messages upon receipt by the prospect.
3. False. The "calendar day after" restrictions were removed with the passage of RWG Proposal 13-1.

NLI Signing Period

The regular NLI signing periods for Soccer, Track and Field / Cross Country, and Football begin on February 5. Remember to get your NLI grant-in-aid submittals to your compliance contact at least a week prior to the signing date to ensure that all documents can be signed by the appropriate persons and the NLI packet can be created and sent in time. The signing period for Football ends on April 1, but the period lasts until August 1 for the other sports.



LAWYER: WITCHITA STATE BASEBALL ASSISTANT DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS COMMITTING NCAA VIOLATIONS

Paul Suellentrop, The Witchita Eagle
December 5, 2013

A Wichita State administrative assistant was unaware of which apparel items she ordered for baseball players, unknowingly committing NCAA violations, according to her lawyer.

Shelley Wombacher, a long-time employee of the baseball program, is at the center of an internal review regarding improper clothing and apparel benefits to members of the team. On Wednesday, sources at WSU identified Wombacher as the person with access to a discounted Under Armour account. Players ordered non-baseball items such as hunting gear at as much as a 50-percent discount, a violation of NCAA rules.

Randy Rathbun, Wombacher's lawyer, said he is angry that the university is using her as a scapegoat after her 20-plus years of work. According to Rathbun, coaches, administrators and athletes, from the baseball program and other sports and departments within the athletic department, often ordered from Under Armour through Wombacher. The practice was common, he said, for several years.

Wichita State athletic director Eric Sexton declined to comment, referring to statements made in Tuesday's news release announcing the review.

Rathbun said Wombacher received no training from the department on how to use the account, and that she has not been fired.

"They would come to her with a SKU number and order items," Rathbun said. "She had no idea what she was ordering. I don't know if anybody knew what was being ordered."

Coaches, staff and administrators are allowed to order apparel. Athletes are allowed to order items, such as running shoes or sweat suits, used in their sport.

Rathbun said Wombacher said some of the packages came through the baseball office. Others went to home addresses.

"It's just disgraceful the way they're treating this lady," he said. "How in the heck does a secretary know it's a violation?"

As many as 16 current players could be involved, sources said. Under Armour supplies WSU's baseball uniforms and other apparel. The company did not respond to an email request for comment.

According to WSU sources, the purchases go back two or three years and took place without the knowledge of former coach Gene Stephenson and his assistant coaches. Members of the current coaching staff discovered the issue and brought it to the attention of the administration. Stephenson was fired after 36 seasons on June 4. Arkansas assistant Todd Butler was hired June 16.

WSU announced the review on Tuesday, the same day Wombacher was asked to leave her office at Eck Stadium and complied. The university hired Bond, Schoeneck and King, an Overland Park law firm that specializes in NCAA rules compliance, to help investigate. Its website touts that it has conducted more than 100 investigations into potential major infractions.



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Please provide this information to your student-athletes!

DID YOU KNOW?: The NCAA has determined that any staff member is permitted to initiate or accept a "friend" or "follow" request to a prospective student-athlete (or parents/legal guardians) through a social networking site **at any time**. Friend and follow away, but remember that the communication and publicity restrictions in Bylaws 13.1 and 13.10 still apply!

NCAA Division I Governance Update

On January 16 and 17 at the NCAA Convention in San Diego, leaders from Division I will participate in a Governance Dialogue to discuss ways to better govern Division I. A new governance structure could be in place as early as next summer. More information will be provided in February's Compliance Corner.

The next **BEARCHAT** will be held **January 8** in the Quiet Study on the 5th floor of the Lindner Center. As a reminder, Bearchats require attendance of **ALL ASSISTANT COACHES**-- unless you are unable due to competition, practice, or recruiting. January's compliance topic will be Camps and Clinics so please make sure the appropriate member of your staff is in attendance.

Vacation Period Reminder!

Unless your sport is in season during UC's official winter break, required workouts over the break are impermissible. The next permissible day for required workouts for out-of-season sports will be the first day of Spring Semester classes, January 6, 2014.

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BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Jeanise Randolph, of the **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** team, earned National Player of the Week honors from the U.S. Basketball Writers Association. On the **MEN'S BASKETBALL** side, forward Justin Jackson was named the American Athletic Conference Player of the Week for two consecutive weeks in December. Congratulations to both!

WOMEN'S TENNIS begins their championship season on January 17 with home matches against Toledo on January 17 and Kentucky on January 18. The match with Toledo begins at 2:00pm at the Western Tennis & Fitness Club!

The Compliance Staff publishes The Compliance Corner each month. All comments or questions should be directed to Brandon Wright.