



The University of Bearcat Compliance Corner



**The Official Newsletter of the UC Compliance Office
For coaches and athletic staff**

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October Recruitment Calendar

48 hours

Football: Quiet period -except for 6

evaluation days in Sept., Oct. and the prospect arrives on the institution's

Nov. (thru the last Sat.)

campus, rather than with the initiation of the

Men's Basketball: 9/7-10/6 - Quiet period

prospects transportation by a coach or the time of

(except for 18 days for contact the prospect's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in
and/or evaluations) the community. It is permissible for an institution

10/7-11/5 – Quiet period

to pay a prospect's actual costs for reasonable

Women's Basketball: 9/30 – 10/7 – Quiet period

expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while

10/8-11/5 – Quiet period traveling to and from campus on the official visit

(except 40 evaluation days) without beginning the 48-hour time period.

Check in Meetings

The compliance staff would like to thank all those
involved in check in meetings.

Reminder about FORMS

REMEMBER that practice logs are due on
Monday of each week. Contacts and Evaluations
should continue to be turned in to the Compliance
Office. Also Participation rosters are due after
each game, this also includes exhibitions. Your
cooperation and timely return of these forms will
be appreciated.

However, if a prospect lodges with a student-
athlete or is entertained by the student-athlete, the
48 hours commences at that time. Additionally,
please note that a prospective student-athlete may
receive a meal at the prospect's off-campus place
of lodging when he or she arrives too late in the
community to begin the official visit that day,
inasmuch as the prospect is considered to be in
transit to the institution's campus.



What is Compliance? Who is Compliance?

Principles of Institutional Control

It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA. The institution's chief executive officer is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.

Principles of Institutional Responsibility

The institution's responsibility for the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletics interests of the institution.

Principles of Rules Compliance

Each institution shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the NCAA in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. It shall monitor its programs to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved. In any such instance, the institution shall cooperate fully with the NCAA and shall take appropriate corrective actions. Members of an institution's staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the applicable NCAA rules, and the member institution shall be responsible for such compliance. **COMPLIANCE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

Employment

Remember that student-athletes must notify the compliance office if they get a job during the academic year. The student-athlete is limited to the amount of money they can earn during the academic year. The compliance office will determine the limitations of earnings with the student-athlete as well as inform their employers of these limitations and NCAA rules regulating employment to help prevent the occurrences of violations.

Practice

No student-athlete may practice without first signing the DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM and the STUDENT-ATHLETE STATEMENT. If a student misses the check in meeting he/she must come see James or Ryan to complete the appropriate forms. It is the coach's responsibility if a violation occurs due to the student-athlete not filling out these forms. Please have all walk-ons come to the Compliance Office to fill these forms out before practicing with the team.



Official Visits

Now that the new academic year is upon us, it is one again time to review the procedures regarding Official Visits. Per NCAA Bylaw 13.7.1, an institution may finance only one visit per prospect, and prospects are limited to five official visits overall. This restriction applies regardless of how many sports the prospect plans to participate in at the collegiate level. Each institution is required to inform the prospect of the five-visit limitation in writing prior to the official visit, which may not take place prior to the first day of classes of the prospects senior year.

Academic requirements that must be completed prior to visit include:

- PSAT, SAT, PLAN (or PACT Plus) or ACT score presented to the institution and taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions.
- Academic Transcript must be presented to the institution. It may be an unofficial photocopy of an official document from the prospect's high school.

A nonqualifier who has enrolled at a two-year college may not be provided an expense paid visit until they have completed an academic year at the two-year college. Further, a potential transfer student must receive permission from the four-year institution before making an official visit. Written records must be kept of all paid visits for all prospects.

A prospect in football and any other sport counts as a football prospect. A prospect in basketball

and any other sport (except football) counts as a prospect in basketball. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the prospect must depart the campus at the end of the 48-hour visit (which commences the minute the prospect sets foot on campus). However, a prospect may remain in the area past 48-hours provided it is for reasons unrelated to the visit and the institution does not pay any further expenses (including return transportation to the prospect's home).

Entertainment and complimentary admissions to on-campus athletic events may only be provided to the prospects and their parents, legal guardians, or spouse. The complimentary admissions may not be to conference or NCAA championships or any other postseason contest. The official visit may only be made to an on-campus site (within 30 miles) or a home game competition. A prospect may be entertained at the home of an institutional staff member (including a coach) provided it is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion.

In cases where an improper benefit has been provided by an institution and the amount of the benefit is not in excess of \$25, the eligibility of the prospect will not be affected, provided the prospect repays the value of the improper benefit to a charity of their choice.

Coaches must turn in After Visit Records and Travel Reimbursement Vouchers to the Compliance Office for approval. Please refer to the NCAA manual or contact the Compliance Office if you have any questions on official visits.

2001-2002 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Initial Signing</u>	<u>Final Signing</u>
Basketball (early period)	11/08/00	11/15/00
Basketball (late period)	04/11/01	05/15/01
Football (midyear JC Transfer)	12/20/00	01/15/01
Football (regular period)	02/07/01	04/01/01
Soccer	02/07/01	08/01/01
All Other Sports (Early Period) including W. Volleyball	11/08/00	11/15/00
All Other Sports (Late Period) Including W. Volleyball	04/11/01	08/01/01

Did You Know?

Q: A high school has a policy that requires a student to be present any time an outside party requests to look at his/her transcript. If the student is present when the coach looks at the transcript, does that have to be considered a contact?

A: Yes, if the student is present it must be considered a contact.

Q: Can an institution pay the travel expenses for a prospect to travel from his home, to campus and then to his educational institution?

A: Yes, provided the cost of the trip does not exceed the round trip cost between the prospect's home and campus.

THANKS TO YOU ALL

Kenyon Martin has signed a three-year guaranteed contract with the National Basketball Associations' New Jersey Nets worth an estimated 11.4 million dollars. He asked me to personally thank the staff at the University of Cincinnati for all of their assistance and support throughout his academic and athletic career. He also wants to encourage everyone to come see him with his new team as they take on the Cleveland Cavaliers during an exhibition game at the Shoemaker Center on October 27, 2000. There is also a possibility that Kenyon may serve as the Grand Marshall in the Homecoming Parade October 28th.

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