



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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For coaches and athletic staff*

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

2/1 – 2/28 **Quiet Period**

Men's Basketball –

2/1 – 2/28 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

2/1– 2/28 **Evaluation Period**

Football –

2/1 **Quiet Period**

2/2 – 2/5 **Dead Period**

2/6 – 2/28 **Quiet Period**

Lacrosse –

2/1 – 2/28 **Contact Period**

Track and Cross Country –

2/1 **Contact Period**

2/2 – 2/5 **Dead Period**

2/6 – 2/28 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

2/1 – 2/28 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

2/1 – 2/28 **Contact & Evaluation Period**

EXCEPT SOCCER: 2/2 -2/5 Dead Period

NLI SIGNING DATES

Basketball (Regular Period)	April 15, 2009	May 20, 2009
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 17, 2008	Jan. 15, 2009
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 4, 2009	April 1, 2009
Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country,	Feb. 4, 2009	Aug. 1, 2009
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 8, 2009	Aug. 1, 2009

NLI REMINDERS

* NLI's may NOT be hand delivered to a PSA off-campus

*Institutions may not announce a prospect's signing until they have received a valid copy of the NLI **AND** financial aid agreement. Be sure the PSA is returning the NLI **AND** financial aid agreement, as it is NOT valid until we have both of these back.

*An Eligibility Center ID is **required** for signing an NLI.

POST NLI ACTIVITIES

TELEPHONE CALLS

Limit on number?

- ✓ There is no limit on the number of phone calls after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.

Who can call?

- ✓ Countable coaches – initiate/return calls, no restriction on content of the conversation
- ✓ President/AD – return calls, no restriction on content of the conversation
- ✓ Academic advisors – initiate/return calls, related to admission or academic issues
- ✓ Compliance coordinators – initiate/return calls, related to compliance issues
- ✗ Enrolled student-athletes – cannot initiate calls to PSAs that have signed an NLI

[NCAA Bylaws 13.1.3.3.3, 13.1.3.4.1.2, Educational Column 7/27/06]

OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS –Non WBB or FB

Limit on number?

- ✓ There is no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the PSA signs the NLI after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.

When can they occur?

- ✓ A countable coach can have contact at any time other than a “dead period”

Where can they occur?

They can occur at any off-campus site (with restrictions)

- ✓ PSA’s school – still limited to one/week in MBB during permissible contact period
- ✓ Competition/Practice site – restricted to provisions in Bylaw 13.1.7.2
- ✗ Summer certified event (MBB)

Who can have contact?

- ✓ Countable coaches
- ✗ Representatives of athletics interest- Boosters can have contact ONLY to discuss permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g. summer employment)

[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8]

*Note: if a coach has an off-campus contact with an NLI signee during a quiet period, it is not permissible to have such contact at the PSA’s school or at the site of the PSA’s competition

OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS –WBB

Limit on number?

- ✓ There is no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the PSA signs the NLI after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.

When can they occur?

- ✓ A countable coach can have contact at any time other than a “dead period”

Where can they occur?

They can occur at any off-campus site (with restrictions)

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- ✓ Competition/Practice site – restricted to provisions in Bylaw 13.1.7.2

- ✗ Summer certified event

Who can have contact?

- ✓ Countable coaches
- ✗ Representatives of athletics interest- Boosters can have contact ONLY to discuss permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g. summer employment)

[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8.1]

*Note: if a coach has an off-campus contact with an NLI signee during a quiet period, it is not permissible to have such contact at the PSA’s school or at the site of the PSA’s competition

OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS –FB

Limit on number?

- ✓ There is no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the PSA signs the NLI after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.

When can they occur?

- ✓ A countable coach can have contact during the contact period and spring evaluation period
- ✓ No contact may be made during a dead period

Where can they occur?

- ✓ At the PSAs educational institution during the contact period shall not exceed one per week
- ✓ At the PSAs educational institution during the spring evaluation period shall be considered one of the institution’s two permissible days (See Bylaw 13.1.8.9.2)
- ✓ Competition/Practice site – restricted to provisions in Bylaw 13.1.7.2

Who can have contact?

- ✓ Countable coaches
- ✗ Representatives of athletics interest- Boosters can have contact ONLY to discuss permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g. summer employment)

[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8.2]

*Note: if a coach has an off-campus contact with an NLI signee during a quiet period, it is not permissible to have such contact at the PSA’s school or at the site of the PSA’s competition

EVALUATIONS

Limit on number?

- ✓ There is no limit on the number of evaluations after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8.17]

RECRUITING MATERIALS

- ✓ An institution may send necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities to a PSA that has signed an NLI, or has been

accepted for enrollment by the institution in print form or video format.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.1, 13.4.2.5]

PUBLICITY

- ✓ An institution may use a PSA's photograph in printed institutional items that promote a sport's season in which the PSA will participate after he/she has signed an NLI
- ✓ An institution may release information on PSA's concerning their commitment to attend the institution after they have signed an NLI. There is no limit on the number of content of such communications.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.10.8, 13.10.9]

SUMMER HOUSING

- ✓ An institution may arrange off-campus summer housing for a PSA who has signed an NLI **AND** is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to initial, full-time enrollment **OR** is receiving athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment

[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.5, Official Interpretation 6/30/93]

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES/USE OF TRAINING ROOM FACILITIES

- ✓ A PSA who is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial, full-time enrollment at the institution may be provided academic support services and may use the training room facilities.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.6]

MEDICAL EXPENSES – FB

- ✓ An institution may finance medical expenses (including rehab and physical therapy) for a PSA who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.7]

MEDICAL EXPENSES – MBB

- ✓ An institution may finance medical expenses (including rehab and physical therapy) for a PSA who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer workouts that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.8]

MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS

- ✓ Specified benefits may be provided to a PSA/PSA's family who has signed an NLI in situations when a life-threatening injury or illness

occurs with the PSA or a member of his/her immediate family

- ✓ Institution may provide expenses (i.e. FedEx charges) for a high school to send a PSA's academic transcript to the Eligibility Center
- ✓ Institution may pay the fee necessary to send a PSA's ACT or SAT test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center
- ✗ Institution may not incur any expenses (e.g., legal expenses, mailing costs) to assist a PSA in challenging an invalidation of his/her test score by the agency

[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.9, 13.15.2.1, Staff Interp 08/24/94, Official Interp 8/27/96]

MEDICAL EXAMS

- ✓ An institution can administer medical examinations at any time to a PSA that has signed an NLI, provided the exams occur during an official visit, attendance at summer school, or a visit to the institution at the PSA's expense. The exams may also take place before or after, but not during a signee's attendance at a summer orientation session.

[NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.5]

VOLUNTARY SUMMER CONDITIONING

- ✓ FB – a PSA who has either signed an NLI or is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the institution may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis)
- ✓ BB – a PSA who has either signed an NLI or is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial full-time enrollment at the institution may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis)

[NCAA Bylaw 13.11.3.8.1, 13.11.3.9]

SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES

The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

(a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;

(b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);

(c) Staff members of a conference office; and

(d) Student-athletes.

This means:

NO wagers for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) on ANY professional or college sports event, even those that don't involve your college.

NO sports "pools," even those run by your friends in the dorm.

NO Internet gambling on sports events.

NO fantasy leagues that award a prize and require a fee to participate.

NO sports wagering using "800" numbers.

NO exchange of information about your team with ANYONE who gambles.

Please remind your student-athletes about the rules and refer them to the compliance office if they have any questions



AROUND THE COUNTRY

Arkansas forfeits two track national titles

The Arkansas Razorbacks were required to forfeit two national championships in track and field to satisfy NCAA sanctions that resulted from violations involving sprinter Tyson Gay and former assistant Lance Braumann. Gay, winner of the 2007 world championship 100 and 200 meter races, transferred to Arkansas where he was provided extra benefits by Braumann and his wife. These extra benefits included impermissible transportation, lodging and improper assistance, among others. As a result, the NCAA took away Arkansas' two titles and gave the school three years probation.

Albany penalized for major violations

The University of Albany was penalized by the NCAA for sending impermissible text messages to prospective student-athletes in both baseball and football and for the institution's failure to monitor coaches' text messaging. There were 36 occasions when football coaches sent text messages, resulting in 331 messages sent and 220 PSAs contacted. The head baseball coach sent 56 impermissible text

messages to fine prospects. As a result, the University of Albany received two years of probation, reduction in athletic scholarships and significant recruiting restrictions affecting all baseball and football coaching staff.

Lawsuit challenges agent rules

Oklahoma State pitcher Andrew Oliver is suing the NCAA over its rules concerning the use of advisors to help with negotiations in professional leagues. Oliver's attorneys are arguing that the NCAA should not restrict a player's right for legal counsel when negotiating a big league contract. Oliver was reported to the NCAA by his former advisors for using their services to work out professional contracts. The NCAA told Oliver that, as a result, he must sit out 70% of this season's games. Oliver hopes to reverse this decision and receive damages by filing this lawsuit.

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Feb. 3	WBB	Providence	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	MBB	Notre Dame (@ USBank)	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	TEN	Syracuse	1 p.m.
Feb. 14	WBB	Louisville	7 p.m.
Feb. 18-21	SWIM	Big East Champs (Indianapolis, IN)	All Day
Feb 21-22	TRK	Big East Champs (New York, NY)	All Day
Feb. 26	MBB	West Virginia	7 p.m.

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