



# 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 –

3/1 – 8/31/07 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

### Men's Basketball –

10/6 – 3/28/07 **Evaluation Period**

3/29 – 3/31/07 **Dead Period**

### Women's Basketball –

3/1 – 3/29/07 **Contact Period**

3/30 – 4/12/07 **Dead Period**

### Football –

2/9 – 4/14 **Quiet Period**

### Volleyball –

1/1 – 7/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

### All Other Sports –

3/1 – 3/31/2007 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

## OFFICIAL VISIT PROCESS

All official visit requests for Olympic Sports must go through Ann Orme before approval by anyone else. Upon receipt, she will log the visit and direct it to the appropriate academic advisor for evaluation. The advisor, compliance, and the sport oversight will approve it. This is very important because a travel authorization **MUST** be generated for insurance purposes prior to the PSA's visit; even if there will be no expenses. After the visit, updated itineraries should be given to Deborah and all other paperwork to Ann, even if **NO** expenses.

## PER DIEM AND MEALS

Remember, if you give your team per diem, you are **not** permitted to also buy them food for that same meal. Also, if you give per diem, every SA must receive an equal amount of per diem.

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## "SENIOR DAY" AWARDS

Coaches, remember that any gifts (pictures, flowers, etc.) that you give to your seniors on "Senior Day" celebrations must be included in the permitted annual awards amount of \$325 for seniors.

## 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 AND SIGN OFF ON THE UPDATED SQUAD LIST.**

## TRAVEL & PARTICIPATION ROSTERS

Travel rosters must be sent to Deborah Rise in the compliance office **PRIOR** to leaving for your trip. This is to prevent a student-athlete from traveling who is not eligible to travel at the current time. Please send Deborah the participation roster immediately following your trip.

## POST NLI REMINDERS

Here is a review of the permissible activities that a signed prospect may or may not participate in while on campus during the summer prior to initial fulltime enrollment. Signed prospects who are enrolled or receiving athletics aid during the summer prior to their freshman year may receive, have access to, or be allowed to purchase the following benefits:

- Use of weight room/voluntary conditioning activities
- Use of training room
- Medical expenses
- Use of academic services
- Issue apparel
- Assistance in employment
- Housing
- Dining
- Playbook/Game film
- Strength and Conditioning information

PSA's who have signed a NLI but are not enrolled or receiving aid during the summer may have limited access depending on their sport.

Therefore, verify with the compliance office the status of each prospect prior to paying any expenses for that prospect.

## NATIONAL OR OLYMPIC TEAMS

**Expenses for Participation on National or Olympic Teams:** NCAA amateurism regulations allow for individuals to receive actual and necessary expenses to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel and room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. However, such expenses must be approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for foreign student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation).

### The Effect of This Rule on

#### Ontario's Quest for Gold Program

Based on the information the NCAA has to date, Quest for Gold is an athlete-assistance program funded by the Ontario provincial government that provides direct financial assistance to Ontario athletes. Since this program is entirely separate from programs administered by the national governing bodies in Canada and Canada's equivalent to the USOC, any individual who accepts funds pursuant to this program would jeopardize his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics.

## GAMBLING

With the NCAA basketball tournament occurring in this month, please remember that NCAA Bylaw 10.3 strictly precludes **ALL** athletic staff and athletes from placing wagers of any kind on the NCAA Men's or Women's basketball championships (or any other collegiate sporting event). Staff members and athletes are not allowed to complete tournament brackets where the winner receives **ANY** type of prize or item, even if the contest is free to enter.

While certain gambling activities may seem innocent or fun, an individual may lose his/her job in intercollegiate athletics and a student-athlete may lose a season of competition or may lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports by being involved in such activity.

It is not permissible to bet the shirt, the house, the farm or dinner on an intercollegiate contest.

Specifically, it is not permissible to:

1. Provide information to individuals associated with organized gambling;
2. Solicit a bet on an intercollegiate team;
3. Accept a bet on any team representing an institution;
4. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., shirt, cash, dinner) that has tangible value;
5. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics **OR** professional athletics by using a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Gambling activities by those who are employed or participants of intercollegiate athletics are prohibited even if they are considered legal activities under state or federal law (e.g., student-athletes cannot place bets on college or pro games in Las Vegas).

### Remember:

1. **No "Dorm Pools", "Office Pools", or "Neighborhood Pools"** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit
2. **No Internet Sports Wagers**
3. **No "Friendly Wagers"**
4. **No bets through "800" numbers**
5. **No participation in Fantasy Leagues** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit or payments
6. Do not provide individuals (including those involved with Tout Services) involved with organized gambling with information about intercollegiate athletic teams
7. **No NCAA brackets**

## INSTITUTIONAL NOTE CARDS – PROPOSAL 2006–39

### 2006-39 RECRUITING -- PRINTED RECRUITING MATERIALS -- INSTITUTIONAL NOTE CARDS

**Status:** Adopted, 60-Day Override Period

**Intent:** To specify that institutional note cards may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full and may only contain the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on the outside and may not include any preprinted information on the inside.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.1.1, as follows:

As specified below, an institution may provide the following printed materials to prospective student-athletes, coaches of prospective student-athletes or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved:

"(a) General Correspondence. General correspondence, including letters and postcards issued by the U.S. postal service (i.e., blank cards) *and institutional note cards* may be sent to a prospective student-athlete only by mail.

Attachments to general correspondence may include materials printed on plain white paper with black ink. The content of all general recruiting correspondence to prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents or legal guardians) must be prepared by the head coach or one of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4 (see Bylaw 11.7.1.2). It is not permissible for an institution's president or chancellor or director of athletics to prepare general correspondence to prospective student-athletes.

#### **[13.4.1.1-(b) through 13.4.1.1-(h) unchanged.]**

"(i) Institutional Note Cards. Institutional note cards that are provided to prospective student-athletes may not exceed 8 1/2 by 11 inches when opened in full. In addition, such cards may only contain the institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on the outside and may not include any preprinted information on the inside."

**Rationale:** Concerns have been raised by the membership regarding a shift from the traditional institutional note card to items that have become larger and more elaborate. In response to multiple requests by the membership, this proposal would set a consistent standard for institutional note cards that are sent to prospects. A size and appearance restriction will limit costs of printing and postage, as well as limit any advantage related to the size of an institution's recruiting budget.

How to apply the legislation and recent interpretations:

#### **Outside of the Institutional Note Card:**

Institutional Logo OR Athletic Department Logo (can be sport specific as long as it is one of your normal (trademark) logos.

#### **AND**

Name of Institution, nothing else can be included on the outside of the card. Please note that this means you cannot include a 2<sup>nd</sup> logo, borders, etc. on the outside of the card.

#### **Inside of the Institutional Note Card:**

It needs to be completely blank on the inside of the note card. Please note that this means you cannot include borders, logos, pre-printed information, etc. on the inside of the card

#### **Interpretations:**

**Q:** Is it permissible to include multiple logos on the outside of the note card?

**A:** No. Each card may include the institution's name and either a single institutional logo or a single athletics logo.

**Q:** What would constitute "preprinted information?"

**A:** Based on the intent of the legislation, the inside of the note cards must be blank when they are received from the publisher or printer that produces the cards. Therefore, any printing on the inside would constitute "preprinted information."

**Q:** Is it permissible to print a message on the inside of the note card through a printer or copier?

**A:** The NCAA Division I Legislative Review/ Interpretations Committee reviewed this question and determined that only handwritten information may be added to the inside of the note card.

**Q:** How does the proposal apply to cards that are not folded or that are not folded in half?

**A:** Even if an institutional note card is not folded, one side must be considered the outside and the other must be considered the inside. If a card is not folded in half (e.g., fold), when the card is opened in full, one complete side must be considered the outside and the other must be considered the inside. Note that a card mailed without an envelope is considered a postcard and, therefore, must be a blank card issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Q:** How does the proposal apply to cards that are not rectangular in shape?

**A:** Regardless of the shape of an institutional note card, when opened in full, it must fit within the area of a rectangle that measures 8x11 inches.

## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### **Montana State Loses Scholarships**

Montana State's football program will lose three scholarships next season after failing to attain NCAA academic standards. A report by officials of the NCAA, Big Sky, and Southeastern Conferences suggested several improvements to the athletic department. Particularly noted for improvement were recruiting, academic and social mentoring programs, and graduation rate of football players. This is the second time in several years that the football program has lost scholarships because of APR deficiency. Officials say that new recruiting policies have already been established.

### **USC Investigating Phone Call with Signee**

USC is looking into a possible violation concerning a disputed phone call between Reggie Bush and new signee Joe McKnight. Former players are forbidden from telephoning prospective recruits, their relatives or guardians. During a press conference McKnight said that Coach Pete Carroll had set up a conference call with Bush. Carroll and Bush's attorney both deny any call took place. The Pac-10 Conference and the NCAA are not involved in an investigation concerning McKnight at this time. They are both still investigating whether Bush or his family received improper benefits during his playing days at USC.

### **Third Oklahoma Football Player Alleged to have Received Excess Pay**

A third Oklahoma football player has been alleged to have received excess pay from the same car dealership where two former players received similar benefits. The university has acknowledged the allegation, but still says only the two previously investigated accepted excess pay. The third player was referenced in a report Oklahoma made to the NCAA, put was not said to have been paid. The NCAA also claims Oklahoma did not collect gross earning statements for 12 football student-athletes. Oklahoma has banned athletes from working at the car dealership until at least 2008-09. It will also reduce the number of football coaches who are allowed to recruit off campus this fall.

## HOUSING

Coaches, if you haven't done so already, please get your estimated bed amounts for your incoming freshmen to Rebecca by March 12. When you know your final count, please tell her that as well.

### BEARCAT SPIRIT

3/3	SWIM	Hoosier Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)	All Day
3/3	TN	Louisville (Queen City Racquet Club)	7pm
3/3-4	BASE	Dartmouth	1pm
3/4	TN	UNC Wilmington (Queen City Racquet Club)	4:30pm
3/9-10	BASE	Cleveland State	4pm
3/11	BASE	Cleveland State	1pm
3/16-17	BASE	Chicago State	4pm
3/17	TR	Early Bird Invitational	All Day
3/18	BASE	Chicago State	1pm
3/19-20	MGO	Butler Spring Invitational (Indianapolis, Ind.)	All Day
3/21	BASE	Toledo	4pm
3/23-24	WGO	UC Spring Invitational (Crystal River, Fla.)	All Day
3/28	BASE	Wright State	6:30pm
3/30	TN	Syracuse (Queen City Racquet Club)	7pm
3/31	ROW	Dayton/EMU/IU	All Day
3/31	TN	DePaul (Queen City Racquet Club)	4pm

**Go BEARCATS!!**

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