



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 –

1/1/09 **Quiet Period**
1/2 -1/6/09 **Dead Period**
1/7 -1/31/08 **Quiet Period**

Men's Basketball –

1/1 – 1/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

1/1– 1/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

Football –

1/1/09 **Dead Period**
1/2 - 1/4 **Quiet Period**
1/5 - 1/10 **Contact Period**
1/11 **Quiet Period**
1/12 - 1/15 **Dead Period**
1/16 - 1/17 **Quiet Period**
1/18 - 1/31 **Contact Period**

Lacrosse –

1/1/09 **Quiet Period**
1/2 - 1/31 **Contact Period**

Track and Cross Country –

1/1- 1/2/09 **Quiet Period**
1/3 - 1/31/2008 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

1/1- 1/16 **Quiet Period**
1/17-1/31 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

1/1 - 1/31/2008 **Contact & Evaluation 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

For the signing period beginning February 4, please have all NLI Submittal forms to Caitlin by Thursday January 22 to ensure delivery to the PSA by February 4. Remember all PSA's must be registered with the Eligibility Center and have an Eligibility Center ID before we can issue them a NLI.

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 a NLI.

PHONE LOGS

Coaches, remember that your phone logs need to include ALL calls made even if you did not speak to the PSA. If you called a PSA, that call needs to be included in your phone log and then mark if you talked to the PSA, left a message, or there was no answer. Phone logs should be given to Caitlin every month!

GAMBLING

With the college bowl games and NCAA basketball tournament occurring in the next few months, please remember that NCAA Bylaw 10.3 strictly precludes **ALL** athletic staff and athletes from placing wagers of any kind on the bowl games and 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

BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Coaches, please remind your student athletes that are on a book scholarship that they are not permitted to purchase extra supplies besides their course-required books. Purchasing extra supplies is a violation and they will have to repay the money in order to preserve their eligibility.

"TWITTER" AND NCAA RULES

Twitter is a social networking service that allows its users to send and read other users' updates in real time. The updates are called tweets, which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length. Users can receive the tweets via the Twitter website, messages sent to their cell phones, email, or through other applications such as Facebook.

NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.2 limits electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospect (or the prospect's parents or legal guardians) to e-mail and facsimiles. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g. Instant Messenger, text messaging) are prohibited. Although Twitter is not specifically referenced in the Bylaw, most analysis finds that Twitter falls under the prohibited forms of electronic communication. According to an official NCAA interp, staff members cannot use a service that converts email into a text message when received by a prospect. Because Twitter converts the tweets to text messages and sends them to the users' cell phones, it would be prohibited. An NCAA Educational Column reminds institutions about the distinctions between e-mail and the tools provided on social networking websites. E-mail and fax are permitted, but all other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence including, but not limited to, text

messaging, Instant Messenger, chat rooms or message boards (i.e. a user's wall) within a social networking website or through other services or applications are impermissible. Twitter would fall under this category of "all other electronically transmitted correspondence" and would be prohibited.



AROUND THE COUNTRY

Alabama State guilty of 17 rules violations

The football program was placed on five years probation by the NCAA and must forfeit all games won in the 2000 and 2001 seasons, including the 2001 Southwestern Athletic Conference championship, for violations that occurred from 1999-2003. In addition, the football program is banned from playing in the postseason in 2009, including the SWAC title game. The violations include changing grades, allowing ineligible players to play and practice, conducting offseason workouts that are not allowed by NCAA rules and illegal contact with recruits. The NCAA also found a lack of institutional control by the school and a failure to monitor by the former head coach. Many of the NCAA penalties have already been self-imposed by Alabama State, including limiting the number of scholarships and official visits during past seasons. The new head football coach "is committed to following NCAA rules and running a clean program," a notion reflected in the staff's motto of "ask before you act."

Coastal Carolina placed on two-year probation

The NCAA placed Coastal Carolina on two years probation for violations involving a former women's golf coach giving money to take care of player's expenses. The former coach gave a team member \$500 to cover board expenses and gave a grad assistant \$100 with instruction to pay the \$95 balance on another team's member's university account. The NCAA found the former coach acted unethically and placed him on a 30-month show cause period, finding his conduct was knowing and willful and could have compromised the welfare of the student-athletes involved. The two year

probation period is the minimum penalty when major violations are involved; the two student-athletes involved were ruled ineligible until they paid back the funds involved.

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Jan. 7	MBB	Providence	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	WBB	Syracuse	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	MBB	Connecticut	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	SWIM	Miami	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	WBB	Seton Hall	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	TEN	Toledo	5 p.m.
Jan. 25	TEN	Marshall	4 p.m.
Jan. 28	MBB	Georgetown	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30-31	TRK	Penn State Natl (State College, PA)	All Day

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