

# The University of Bearcat Compliance Corner



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

September 2000

September Recruitment Calendar

Football: Quiet period -except for 6

evaluation days in Sept.- Nov.

Men's Basketball: 09/1-9/6 - Quiet period

09/7-10/6 – Contact period the cost of room and board to student-athletes,

for 18 of 30 days

Women's Basketball: 09/1-9/8 & 9/30 – Quiet

09/9-09/29 – Contact periodo the beginning of the academic year or a

Check in Meeting dates for September

9/5 - Men's and Women's Golf 3:30PM

9/5 - Cross Country 5:00PM

9/14 - Tennis 12:00PM

9/15 - Rowing 4:00PM

9/18 - Women's Basketball 11:00AM

9/19 - Men's and Women's Swimming 3:00PM

9/20 - Baseball 4:00PM

9/21 - Women's Track 3:00PM

9/21 - Men's Track 4:30PM

MAKE SURE student –athletes come ready to report. Student-athletes will need:

- 1. Local address & telephone number
- 2. Permanent address & telephone number
- 3. Automobile info (license #, make and model of car)

Preseason Expenses ARE...

Fall sports have already reported or will report to preseason practice prior to the beginning of classes. The UC athletic department may provide including those who are not on an athletic scholarship (i.e. walkons), during preseason prior

vacation period during the academic year when they are required to be on campus for practice or competition during their sports designated playing and practice season. It is also permissible to provide transportation to student –athletes to receive a meal during the preseason

## Compliance Computer Log

Please remember Olympic Sports coaches can use their computers to input student-athlete information pertaining to contacts and evaluations. The program is in the preliminary stages and will be used exclusively during the academic year as a substitute for paper contact and evaluation logs. The program can be accessed through your personal computer on your desktop the icon will read COMPLIANCE LOG. The program is a

Microsoft access program designed by our own Phillip Thomas Nadavallil. Coaches are encouraged to begin to familiarize themselves, and start using the program. As of now, football, basketball, and volleyball should continue turning in contact and evaluation logs, as they cannot access the program.

#### When is a Cat a Cat?

Please remember that even though a prospect has

signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI), he/she is still considered a prospect until he/she attends classes as a full time student or participates in permissible practice sessions. **September 20, 2000 is the first day of fall quarter classes**. As a result, it is not permissible to provide any benefits or services to a prospect that are normally provided to enrolled student-athletes only. There are three exceptions to this rule.

- Signed prospects are permitted to utilize limited training room facilities (e.g. whirlpool, taping),
- utilize weight room facilities provided the activity is not conducted by the weight room personnel (only supervised) and not observed by a coaching staff member, and
- utilize academic support services provided the prospect is enrolled in the institution's summer term.



# Keep em Organized!

It has been determined that an institution can provide student-athletes with a non-electronic day planner that is developed and produced by the institution (as opposed to being purchased commercially). It is also permissible for the institution to outsource the activities related to the physical assembly of the day planner (e.g. binding and copying). So students will be receiving day planners as part of the student-athlete handbook to be distributed this month

# 2001-2002 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

<u>Sport</u>	Initial Signing	Final Signing
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 od)	04/01/01
Soccer	02/07/01	08/01/01
All Other Sports (Early Period) including W. Volleybal		11/15/00
All Other Sports (Late Period) Including W. Volleyba	04/11/01	08/01/01

# Page Me

Coaches Contacting Prospects Through a Pager: the use of a pager to contact a prospect is considered a telephone call. If a pager permits a text message to be displayed, an institutional coaching staff member who leaves a message in excess of a greeting has made a telephone contact according to bylaws 13.1.3 and 13.1.3.1.

Bulking Up?

An institution may provide only **NON-MUSCLE BUILDING** nutritional supplements to a studentathlete at any time for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes, provided the supplements **DO NOT** contain any NCAA banned substances. Permissible non-muscle building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrates/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals. If there is any uncertainty about prohibited items please contact **SPORTS MEDICINE** or **COMPLIANCE.** The NCAA has established a resource center that you may address all your concerns to confidentially at www.drugfreesport.com/rec; and a hotline at 877-202-0769.

Friends Don't Let Friends

This is a reminder to all University of Cincinnati athletic staff. You are in a position of power in the lives of the student-athletes at the University of Cincinnati. Lead by example! Be Proactive!

Talk to student-athletes about the trouble associated with drinking (automobile accidents, date rape, and death). The University of Cincinnati will be testing all student- athletes for alcohol as indicated in their check-in meetings; so please remember to remind them of this fact.

## Did You Know?

- Q. Can a student-athlete that is eligible to compete, accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club?
- A. YES, provided that the meeting occurs within a 30 mile-radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete according to BYLAW **16.11.1.6.**
- Q. Can an institution accept unlimited collect calls from a prospect?
- A. Yes, Provided the prospect places the calls no earlier than July 1 after his/her junior year.
- Q. What is the definition of a week for the one a week phone call limitation?
- A. 12:01am Sunday to midnight Saturday



#### HAVE A WATCHFUL EYE

With the start of the 2000-01 football season impending, the academic and athletic year is here and there are some things that we should pay very close attention to, such as complimentary tickets and gambling.

#### COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS MAY NOT

**BE SOLD!!!** According to **16.2.2.1** a studentathlete may not receive any form of compensation for complimentary tickets and may not exchange or assign them for any item of value.

ALL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES ARE

NONPERMISSIBLE!!!!!! Bylaw 10.3 states that
staff members of a member conference, staff
members of the athletics department of a member
institution and student-athletes shall not
knowingly:

- a. Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- b. Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- c. Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- d. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition form any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value: or
- e. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a

bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Just do what's right and don't bet on it!

If there are any questions about what constitutes gambling activities please call the **COMPLIANCE OFFICE 556-3559.** 

#### THANKS TO YOU ALL

Kenyon Martin has signed a three-year guaranteed contract with the National Basketball Associations' New Jersey Nets worth an estimated 9.5 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 is 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 at the Homecoming Parade October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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