



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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For coaches and athletic staff*

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

3/1 – 7/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period** except
4/11 – 4/13 **Dead Period**

Men's Basketball –

11/18 – 3/15 **Evaluation Period**
40 Evaluation days selected at the discretion of the institution; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period. All days not designated as evaluation = **Quiet Period**
3/16 – 3/22 **Contact Period**
3/23 – 4/6 (8:00a.m.) **Quiet Period Except:**
3/31 – 4/5 **Dead Period**

Women's Basketball –

3/1 – 3/31 **Contact Period**
18 person days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics. All days not designated as contact = **Quiet Period**

Football –

2/4 – 4/14 **Quiet Period**

Volleyball –

2/19 – 7/31 **Contact & Evaluation Period** except:
4/11 – 4/14 **Dead Period**
5/1 – 5/27 **Quiet Period**

All Other Sports –

Contact & Evaluation Period

CAMP BROCHURES

Camp Brochures Camp brochures – Camp brochures may be provided to a prospect prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school. (Bylaw 13.4.1-c)

1. The brochures are not restricted by content or design.
2. They are restricted in size. They may only be a single two-sided sheet, not to exceed 17" x 22" when opened in full. (Bylaw 12.5.1.7).
3. The use of a current student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation is restricted to the camp counselor section of an institution's brochure in order to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. A current student-athlete's name or picture may not be used in any other way to advertise or promote the camp. (Bylaw 12.5.1.7)

Camp brochure containing pictures of student-athletes: A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is employed in an institutional or privately owned camp may be identified by name and/or picture in the camp brochure only in a designated camp counselor section.

Inclusion of quotations in camp brochures: In Division I, an institution's camp brochure may include quotations from former campers, parents of former campers, and prospective student-athletes' coaches related to the camp.

Summer camp brochure containing coupons: It has been determined that a prospective student-athlete may utilize a coupon within a summer camp brochure that allows the bearer to receive reduced-cost apparel items at a local sporting goods store; provided that no special arrangement is made by the institution to give extra coupons to a particular prospect.

RECRUITING & VIDEO SERVICES

Institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 13.15.3.1 (Published Recruiting Services), an institution may subscribe to a regularly published scouting service involving prospects, provided this service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers.

Further, Bylaw 13.15.3.2 (Video Services) permits member institutions to use video services so long as only regularly scheduled (regular season) high-school or two-year college contests are involved. Moreover, the institution may not contract with a video service in advance to have a particular contest videotaped, and the service must be available to all institutions at the same cost. Off-campus observation of a prospect on a videotape made available by a scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations.

During its April 2, 1987, meeting, the former Interpretations Committee concluded that a member institution is prohibited from using a video service or scouting service to obtain videos of prospective student-athletes engaged in specially arranged activities (other than regular game competition) designed to reveal and display their abilities in different phases of the sport (e.g., lifting weights, agility drills). However, a prospective student-athlete may arrange to have his or her participation in drills and other activities recorded and may provide such video to institutions at his or her discretion.

Institutions should note that Bylaw 11.3.2.5 (Recruiting Services Consultants) states that institutional athletics department staff members may not serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service. This bylaw is intended to promote equity in the recruiting process by eliminating any recruiting advantage that may be gained by a coach or other athletics staff members who may otherwise be involved in some manner with a recruiting or scouting service. Generally, any service that provides information about prospective student-athletes to college coaches is considered a recruiting or scouting service for purposes of applying NCAA legislation. Therefore, coaches and other athletics department staff members cannot be involved with recruiting or

scouting services or any third-party organizations (e.g., coaches associations, administrator organizations) that operate, endorse, or are affiliated with a recruiting or scouting service. For example, a coach may not be a member of a coaches association if that association, directly or indirectly, sponsors, operates, or is affiliated with a recruiting or scouting service even if he or she is not directly consulted about the recruiting or scouting services operations.

VIDEOTAPING PSA'S

A new interpretation states that an institution's coaching staff member may videotape a prospect's regular practice sessions and regular game competition (e.g., high school or club team competition) during contact or evaluation periods, including any summer evaluation periods, provided the coaching staff member does not arrange or direct the prospect's activities. It is not permissible to videotape summer camp competition because it is not considered regular game competition.

SUPPLEMENTS

Before recommending or purchasing any non-muscle building product, vitamin, mineral, meal replacement drink, energy bar, or carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, be sure to clear the purchase with Bill Walker in athletic training and with the compliance office. Some are banned because a certain quantity of a substance may produce positive drug tests, so the substances and quantities of substances in the product need to be checked.



AROUND THE COUNTRY

Texas Tech Ordered Banned Drink After NCAA Warning

Texas Tech continued to order a highly caffeinated energy drink for more than a year after the NCAA warned the school that excessive amounts of the beverage could lead to positive drug tests. The drink contains caffeine, a stimulant banned by the NCAA because high doses can cause a positive drug test.

The former sports nutritionist received approval to purchase the energy drink, along with other products containing banned stimulants. The nutritionist was fired and has pleaded guilty to a money laundering charge and accused of defrauding the school of nearly \$500,000.

Lincoln University (Missouri) Penalized for NCAA Violations, Lack of Institutional Control

Lincoln University is on probation for four years, has a reduction in scholarships and recruiting visits, has limited the number of transfer student-athletes per year, has a ban on postseason competition in football for 2005, and some teams have vacated all records set during the years in question. These penalties stemmed from participation by a number of ineligible student-athletes which indicated a lack of institutional control. Many of the ineligible student-athletes were transfers who did not meet the transfer requirements.

TCU Self-imposes Penalties for Violations

Due to "unacceptable behavior," TCU is prohibiting its men's track and field program from participating in the 2005 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships, will have scholarships reduced by 2.5, and on-campus recruiting visits reduced. The former coach enticed international athletes by providing them airfare and living expenses, including furniture. NCAA is still performing its' investigation.

Ohio State reprimands assistant for NCAA violation

An assistant football coach was reprimanded by Ohio State for trying to arrange for a car and a loan for a recruit and getting him a tutor in the summer of 2002. Getting a PSA a tutor for a college entrance exam is a secondary NCAA violation. The recruit never played at Ohio State.

Alabama Booster Faces Federal Prison Term

A booster was convicted of bribing a former high school coach to persuade a defensive lineman to sign with Alabama in 2000. Federal laws usually used to prosecute organized crime and drug dealers were used to charge the booster. He was convicted of conspiring to bribe a public official, money laundering, and crossing state lines to commit a crime. There's a maximum prison term of 15 years, but federal sentencing guidelines call for a lighter punishment. The student-athlete's recruitment instigated an investigation which resulted in scholarship reductions and lost bowl opportunities for Alabama. The former high school coach said the booster paid him \$150,000 in a series of cash payments each below the \$10,000 threshold for IRS reporting. The booster's sentencing is scheduled for May 5.

Ohio State Women's Basketball Received Free Dental Work

Ohio State is investigating allegations that a booster provided free dental work to members of the women's basketball team. No current members of the team are in danger of being ineligible. The orthodontist is suspected of performing dental work on the players and not billing the players insurance companies. The current players said they received invoices saying they owed nothing so they assumed the insurance company covered the bill. The NCAA approved continuing eligibility for these current players.

Barton County C.C. Former Basketball Coach has Another Charge Filed Against Him

The former men's basketball coach is accused of defrauding the University of Louisville by making it appear that a former Barton County player was eligible to play in Division I although he wasn't. The coach provided the registrar's office a false certificate indicating the athlete had earned the equivalent of a high school diploma, which allowed him to graduate from Barton County and be eligible to play at Louisville. A student can enroll at Barton County and play college athletics without a high school diploma, or its equivalency, but cannot graduate from Barton County without one.

AROUND THE COUNTRY, CON'T

Use of Booster's "Cabin" was Part of Utah's Violations

The former basketball coach used a booster's "cabin" – the vacation home of the state governor's billionaire father – to entertain players and recruits. The home had a pool, spa, and space for the booster's car collection. The former coach lived in a hotel while coaching at Utah, but the booster left him the keys and told him to use the home as if it were his own. The coach used it about 20 times a year, including to entertain players because his hotel had no kitchen. This was part of the violations that caused the NCAA to find a lack of institutional control at Utah. Other violations included the coach paying for meals during one-on-one meetings with players, student-athletes receiving more than the NCAA-allowed \$30 per day to entertain recruits when acting as a host, more than one student-athlete acting as a host at a meal, players receiving additional complimentary tickets, a player receiving an airline ticket to attend the funeral of a friend, and the coach observing recruits in pickup games. These violations resulted in the loss of scholarships.

Minnesota's Men's Tennis Program Under Investigation

Minnesota's head and assistant coaches were suspended indefinitely after an internal university investigation found two sophomore players, one who is the coach's son, received nearly \$15,000 from a summer internship program before their work with the program was completed. The money has been repaid in full but the NCAA is performing an investigation.

SUMMER CAMPS

- All student-athletes working in a camp must be PRE-APPROVED by the compliance office at least two weeks before the camp begins.
- If a student-athlete is employed in the camp, he/she shall not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution's playing season and sport.
- Any free or reduced admission forms must be turned in to the compliance office at least one week prior to the start of camp.

SUMMER CAMPS, CON'T

- Free admission can not be given to a high school, preparatory school, or two-year college athletics award winner. A high school includes the ninth grade level, regardless of whether the ninth grade is part of a junior high system.
- Free admission can be provided for the children of a coach instructing in the camp, provided the fee is considered a part of the coach's compensation and such opportunity is available to all children of coaches instructing the camp.
- A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospect's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic.
- You may provide local transportation for campers as long as it is provided for all campers in the same camp. You may NOT provide local transportation for one camper but not another.

REMINDER – ITINERARIES

Be sure you are turning in updated itineraries after each official visit, even if no changes were made.

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