

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

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Reminders!

- Countable athletically related activities are prohibited between midnight and 5am. This includes any type of practice activity and lifting/conditioning activity.
- For teams in-season, time limitations of 20 hrs per week, 4 hours per day, one day off per week begin with your first contest or first day of class, whichever occurs earlier.
- For teams Out-of-season, time limitations of 8 hrs per week, of which 2 hrs can be skill instruction, and 2 days off per week begin on September 15th.

Check-In Meeting Dates

Baseball	September 13, 4:00 pm
W Basketball	September 14, 4:00 pm
M Golf	September 7, 9:00 am
W Golf	September 6, 4:00 pm
Lacrosse	September 16, 2:00 pm
M Swimming	September 12 & 19, 3:00 pm
W Swimming	September 12 & 19, 3:00 pm
W Tennis	September 12, 4:00 pm
Track & Field	September 20, 3:00 pm

Bylaw 13.9.2.2 - Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date

Before August 1 of a PSA's SENIOR year an institution cannot provide a written offer of athletically-related financial aid or a written indication of such an offer. On or after August 1 of a PSA's senior year, an institution may indicate that athletically-related financial aid will be offered; however, the PSA cannot sign a form indicating acceptance of the aid before the initial signing date in that sport in the NLI program.

Recruiting Dates

Baseball

9/1 – 9/8 Quiet Period
9/9 – 9/30 Contact Period

Men's Basketball

9/1 – 9/8 Quiet Period
9/9 – 9/30 Contact Period

Women's Basketball

9/1 – 9/15 Quiet Period
9/16 – 9/30 Contact Period

Football

9/1 – 9/30 Evaluation Period

Women's Lacrosse

9/1 – 9/30 Contact Period

Track and Field/Cross Country

9/1 – 9/30 Contact Period

Volleyball

9/1 – 9/30 Contact Period

All Other Sports

9/1 – 9/30 Contact/Eval. Period



Thoughts of the Month

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<http://www.gobearcats.com/compliance/cinn-compliance.html>

Coaches, please provide this information to your student-athletes.

REMINDER: You cannot be “friends” with a PSA on Facebook until the 1st permissible date that they can send general correspondence, which in sports other than MBB at UC is Sept. 1st on their junior year.

“All you have in life is your reputation and your integrity. Don’t jeopardize your future by cheating today.”

- Friar Telly, II

“When you confront a problem you begin to solve it.”

- Rudy Giuliani

“When faced with a challenge, look for a way to solve, not a way out of it.”

- David Weatherford

Renegade Miami football booster spells out illicit benefits to players

In an on-going effort to educate our coaches, staff and fans, it is important to take news stories occurring around the country and learn how WE can prevent similar situations from occurring at the University of Cincinnati. Fans are always encouraged to ask questions before they do anything involving a prospective or enrolled student-athlete and coaches and staff are required to report knowledge of potential rules violations. Looking the other way makes you just as involved in the violation as the person committing the violation.

Sections taken from Yahoo! Sports - A University of Miami booster, incarcerated for his role in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, has told Yahoo! Sports he provided thousands of impermissible benefits to at least 72 athletes from 2002 through 2010.

In 100 hours of jailhouse interviews during Yahoo! Sports’ 11-month investigation, Hurricanes booster Nevin Shapiro described a sustained, eight-year run of rampant NCAA rule-breaking, some of it with the knowledge or direct participation of at least seven coaches from the Miami football and basketball programs. At a cost that Shapiro estimates in the millions of dollars, he said his benefits to athletes included but were not limited to cash, prostitutes, entertainment in his multimillion-dollar homes and yacht, paid trips to high-end restaurants and nightclubs, jewelry, bounties for on-field play (including bounties for injuring opposing players), travel and, on one occasion, an abortion.

All told, the length, breadth and depth of the impropriety Shapiro has alleged would potentially breach multiple parts of at least four major NCAA bylaws – and possibly many more. Shapiro described acts that could include violations of multiple parts of bylaw 11, involving impermissible compensation to coaches; multiple parts of bylaw 12, involving amateurism of athletes; multiple parts of bylaw 13, involving improper recruiting activity; and multiple parts of bylaw 16, involving extra benefits to athletes.

Perhaps most troubling is Shapiro’s sustained impropriety could trigger the NCAA’s “willful violations” exception to its four-year statute of limitations. Under bylaw 36.2.3, an investigation can expand beyond the statute if information reveals that an individual tied to a university has engaged in “a pattern of willful violations” over a sustained period beyond the previous four years.

Ultimately, what documents show is a booster who broke NCAA rules while simultaneously making tens of thousands of dollars in annual contributions to Miami’s athletic program. All while incurring massive bills aligning himself socially with a stable of Miami players. A stable that features multiple elite players such as Wilfork, Beason, Andre Johnson, Devin Hester, Kellen Winslow Jr., Antrel Rolle and many more – including at least 12 players currently on the Hurricanes roster.

“I did it because I could,” he said. “And because nobody stepped in to stop me.”

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Issues Related to Campus Recruiting Visits

Hosting Duties:

A student host involved in an official or unofficial visit must be a) a current SA or b) a student designated for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. Individuals are considered hosts if they are involved in traditional hosting duties such as tasks that require specific interaction with the prospect (e.g., entertaining, escorting, etc.). Individuals who are involved solely in administrative functions (e.g., stuffing envelopes, collecting unofficial visit money, handling complimentary admissions etc.) would not be considered student hosts.

Student-managers and other student-employees are considered to be students, not athletics department employees and, therefore, would be restricted to engaging in general employment functions and would not be permitted to host prospective student-athletes unless they meet the criteria noted.

Athletics Department Involvement with Institutional Hosting Groups:

A student host involved in an official or unofficial visit must be a) a current SA or b) a student designated for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. Athletics departments should remain completely uninvolved in the management and operation of these programs. Athletics departments may contribute funds to the overall university host program provided such funding does not result in the athletics departments assuming control or compromising university oversight. Athletics departments may request specific hosts from the institution's pool of hosts only if such opportunities are available to other institutional departments and again, the athletics department does not compromise the university's control or oversight of the host program.

Standard Lodging:

A PSA on an OFFICIAL visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular SAs normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., jacuzzis, suites) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. Institutions should adhere to the following guidelines: Hotels selected to house PSAs should be similar to hotels in which prospective students are housed, hotels in which visiting teams are housed or lodging used by the institution for away from home contests.

Standard Meals:

A PSA on an OFFICIAL visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular SAs normally do. Additionally, meals must be comparable to those provided to SAs during the academic year. In this regard, meals provided during an official visit will be considered standard if they are similar in nature to campus meals, including training table meals. Additionally, institutions should note that the training table meal standard is considered the upper limit for all sports regardless of whether training table is typically provided in a particular sport. Further, an institution may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment of a PSA on the campus or elsewhere. This restriction includes special arrangements for admittance to exclusive or elite restaurants where such opportunities are not generally available to the public.

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Miami Booster Con't

Shapiro said he violated NCAA rules with the knowledge or direct participation of at least six coaches – Clint Hurtt, Jeff Stoutland and Aubrey Hill on the football staff, and Frank Haith, Jake Morton and Jorge Fernandez on the basketball staff. Multiple sources told Yahoo! Sports Shapiro also violated NCAA rules with football assistant Joe Pannunzio, although the booster refused to answer any questions about that relationship. Shapiro also named assistant football equipment manager Sean Allen as someone who engaged in rulebreaking, and equipment managers Ralph Nogueras and Joey Corey as witnesses to some of his impropriety.

Among the specific incidents, Shapiro or other sources say Hurtt, Hill, Stoutland, Pannunzio and Allen all delivered top-tier recruits to Shapiro's home or luxury suite so the booster could make recruiting pitches to them. Among the players who were ushered to Shapiro while they were still in high school: Eventual Miami commitments Ray-Ray Armstrong, Dyron Dye and Olivier Vernon (prompted by Hurtt); eventual Florida commitments Andre Debose (Hurtt) and Matt Patchan (prompted by Stoutland and Pannunzio); eventual Georgia commitment Orson Charles (Pannunzio); and eventual Central Florida commitment Jeffrey Godfrey (Allen).

Shapiro insists he came in contact with multiple recruits improperly during their official or unofficial visits going all the way back to 2002.

"Hell yeah, I recruited a lot of kids for Miami," Shapiro said. "With access to the clubs, access to the strip joints. My house. My boat. We're talking about high school football players. Not anybody can just get into the clubs or strip joints. Who is going to pay for it and make it happen? That was me."

The booster said his role went one step farther with the basketball program, when he paid \$10,000 to help secure the commitment of recruit DeQuan Jones. Shapiro said the transaction was set up by assistant coach Jake Morton in 2007 who acted as the conduit for the funds, and was later acknowledged by head coach Frank Haith in a one-on-one conversation. [Full story on Yahoo! Sports.com](#)

Recruiting Issues Con't

Standard Transportation:

Official Visits: An institution transporting a PSA (and those accompanying a PSA) around campus during the official visit must use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus:

A) Coaching staff members or student hosts may use personal vehicles to transport a PSA (and those accompanying the PSA) around campus during an official visit. Institutions should note that vehicles used for transportation around campus should be consistent with the type of vehicle an institution uses (or would use) for regular prospective students under similar circumstances, regardless of whether the institution actually provides such transportation.

B) A coaching staff member may use his or her personal vehicle for such purposes, provided that vehicle is used on a regular basis by the coach and has not been modified for the purpose of transporting prospects.

C) Coaches may rent vehicles for transportation purposes as needed, pursuant to institutional policy, provided those vehicles are considered basic transportation and not modified in any manner for this purpose.

D) Unmodified golf carts and the like may be considered basic transportation and may, therefore, be used to transport prospects around the campus.

Unofficial Visits: During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the PSA with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the PSA's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. An institutional staff member must accompany the PSA during a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses shall be considered a violation.

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that an institution may provide those persons accompanying the PSA on an unofficial visit with transportation only to view off-campus practice and competition sites in the PSA's sport and other institutional facilities.

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Bearcat Spirit!

Look out for your fellow Bearcats in their big events of the month:

Football - vs. NC State, September 22nd @ 8 PM

M Soccer - vs. Xavier, September 28th @ 7 PM

W Soccer - vs. Notre Dame, September 18th @ 3:30 PM

Volleyball - vs. Connecticut, September 23rd @ 7:30 PM