

The COMPLIANCE CORNER

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Monthly Reminder

The involvement of outside people in the recruiting process gives them the status of a representative of athletics interests, or "boosters", even if they never have made a financial donation to the institution. The presence of these people at a recruiting event or their contact with a prospective student-athlete on a visit is prohibited. This prohibition includes former athletes and local celebrities.

Interpreting Bylaws

Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings (I)

Date Published: September 17, 2010

Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The committee determined that a prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe practices and meetings until the date on which he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent, a written offer of admission or financial aid, or has made a financial deposit with the institution. After that date, the prospective student-athlete is permitted to observe the institution's practices and meetings only in the same manner as the general public.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.5.9 (prohibited practice activities) and a staff interpretation (7/15/10, Item No. 1), which has been archived]

Application of NCAA Bylaw 13 to a Prospective Student-Athlete with no Reasonable Expectation of Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics (I)

Date Published: November 1, 2010

Type: Official Interpretation

Item Ref: 2-a

Interpretation:

The Legislative Council determined that the restrictions of Bylaw 13 do not apply to a prospective student-athlete who has no reasonable expectation of participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a disability or terminal illness, provided he or she is not a relative of a prospective student-athlete who is being recruited by the institution.

Recruiting Dates

Baseball

12/1 – 12/31 Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

12/1 – 12/23 Evaluation Period

12/24 – 12/26 Dead Period

12/27 – 12/31 Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

12/1 – 12/23 Evaluation Period

12/24 – 12/26 Dead Period

12/27 – 12/31 Evaluation Period

Football

12/1 – 12/18 Contact Period

12/19 Quiet Period

12/20 – 12/31 Dead Period

Women's Lacrosse

12/1 – 12/31 Quiet Period

Track and Field/Cross Country

12/1 – 12/12 Contact Period

12/13 – 12/16 Dead Period

12/17 – 12/31 Quiet Period

Volleyball

12/1 – 12/5 Contact Period

12/5 – 12/14 Quiet Period

12/15 – 12/31 Dead Period

All Other Sports

12/1 – 12/31 Contact/Evaluation Period

TICKETS AND DEAD PERIODS

Reminder: You cannot provide PSAs, their family or friends with complimentary tickets during sports' dead period. To the right are the dead period dates:

BASE: Nov. 8-11, Jan. 6-9, April 11-14

MBB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 24-26, Mar. 31- Apr. 7, Apr. 11-14, May 19-27, July 16-21

WBB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 24-26, Apr. 1-7, Apr. 11-14, July 16-21

FB: Dec. 20-31, Jan. 1-3, Jan. 10-13, Jan. 31- Feb. 3

LAX: Nov. 8-11, Apr. 11-14, May 27-29

XC/TRK: Nov. 22, Dec. 13-16, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, Mar. 11-12, June 9-11

VB: Nov. 8-11, Dec. 15-31, Apr. 11-14

MSO/WSO: Jan. 31- Feb. 3

All Others: Nov. 8-11, Apr. 11-14

NLI SIGNING DATES

Follow us on Facebook!

The compliance office now has a facebook page, all athletic departments members should follow the page here:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cincinnati-OH/Cincinnati-Athletics-Compliance/257385781960?ref=ts>

Coaches, please provide this link and 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.

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball and all other sports not listed (Early Period)	Nov. 10, 2010	Nov. 17, 2010
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 15, 2010	Jan. 15, 2011
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 2, 2011	April 1, 2011
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country, Men's Water Polo	Feb. 2, 2011	Aug. 1, 2011
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 13, 2011	May 18, 2011
All Other Sports Not Listed (Regular Period.)	April 13, 2011	Aug. 1, 2011

Iowa self-reports recruits meeting stars

DES MOINES, Iowa -- The University of Iowa told the NCAA the school allowed two basketball recruits to meet celebrity Hawkeye fans Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore. Such a meeting would be a recruiting violation.

The recruits met the married movie stars at an Iowa-Iowa State football game in September and two former Iowa basketball players the same day, The Des Moines Register reported Sunday based on records obtained under Iowa's public records law.

NCAA rules prohibit recruits from contact with individuals considered to represent a university's athletic interests. Iowa athletic director Gary Barta said the school has responded to the NCAA regarding its football and men's basketball team.

"We anticipate the NCAA will determine each to be unintentional secondary violations," Barta said in a statement to The Associated Press on Sunday. "In each case, staff of the UI thoroughly investigated the activity and has already educated all involved on what was not done correctly or completely."

The school's report to the NCAA said the recruits met former Hawkeye basketball players Reggie Evans and Dean Oliver after a pickup game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, then met Kutcher and Moore in a suite at Kinnick Stadium later that day.

The NCAA staff sent a letter to Iowa officials four days later after two prospective recruits were quoted in published reports saying they met with the former basketball players, along with Kutcher and Moore.

The documents provided to the Register don't name the recruits. But reports in September and October quoted Josh Oglesby, a senior at Cedar Rapids Washington High School, and Marcus Paige, a junior at Linn-Mar High School, as saying they met Kutcher and Moore. Oglesby announced his commitment to Iowa in late September after his official visit to the Iowa City campus. Paige has yet to announce his plans. Mark Abbott, senior associate athletic director, said he did not believe the violations would preclude the Hawkeyes and new coach Fran McCaffery from continuing to recruit either player.

Kutcher is from Iowa and briefly attended the University of Iowa. He is an ardent supporter of the Hawkeyes, occasionally attending football and basketball games in Iowa City. Documents said the presence of Kutcher and Moore at the football game drew a crowd, and the recruits met both actors and took pictures with them. The school's internal report said the basketball staff didn't attempt to stop the situation because it was "uncomfortable."

Iowa associate athletic director Fred Mims said in the school's official response to the NCAA that the violations were "inadvertent" and that steps have been taken to ensure it won't happen again.

"The university is remorseful that these violations occurred," Mims wrote in a letter to the NCAA on Oct. 1. "We believe they were the result of sloppy management by our basketball staff."

USC: Student/agent warned

CORVALLIS, Ore. -- University of Southern California athletic department officials knew of 1st Round Enterprises and its NFLPA-certified CEO prior to the Thursday incident where freshman tailback Dillon Baxter solicited a free golf cart ride from the company's cart onto USC's campus, USC officials confirmed Sunday. Baxter was ruled ineligible Friday by USC, one day after he received the ride from 1st Round in what the school has determined to be a violation of NCAA rules concerning extra benefits. According to the school, USC vice president for athletic compliance David Roberts and senior associate athletic directors Mark Jackson and J.K. McKay met with the CEO and driver of the cart, Teague Egan, prior to Thursday and told him that a golf cart ride would be against NCAA rules.

"Approximately one week [before Baxter's golf cart ride], USC officials saw Egan in a golf cart on campus and met with him to inquire into his contacts with USC student-athletes," USC vice president for athletic compliance David Roberts told ESPNLosAngeles.com Sunday. "At that time, Egan was asked not to provide any transportation or other benefits to student-athletes."

Reached by phone Sunday evening, Egan refused to comment on the veracity of Roberts' statement but did say that the ride was his "mistake."

"I don't want to blow things over, so I want to talk to them again before I say anything," said Egan. "It's never too late to say something."

USC self-reported the infraction and also filed an official request with the NCAA for Baxter's reinstatement. As part of the request, USC put a nominal value on the golf cart ride that Baxter would have to repay, Roberts said.

"We're hoping that that this is going to be the end of it and the NCAA will understand that we acted proactively and quickly," Roberts said Saturday, speaking to reporters before USC's game against Oregon State at Reser Stadium. "Obviously we'll take further action in this coming week to make sure that there are no other contacts between these people and our players."

USC coach Lane Kiffin said he didn't have anything new on Baxter's situation when asked about it Sunday.

"I would anticipate having a lot more information tomorrow when the NCAA offices open up," Kiffin said. Kiffin reminded his players again "how everything is so big," he said. "You can't even take a ride in a cart for a block across campus. No matter who it is, whether it's a student or something, you just really can't do anything."

Egan, 22, is currently an undergraduate student at USC, according to official school records. His biography on the agency's website includes a claim that he has "befriended many athletes on the USC football team." 1st Round Enterprises is a student-run company that represents recording artists, promotes parties at local nightclubs in the Los Angeles area and lists itself as a provider of sports representation. Egan and 1st Round are not believed to represent any professional athletes at this time. The agency's official site lists no clients, but Egan is registered as a contract advisor with the NFL Player's Association.

"As an contract advisor, I have never ever given a player money, anything of monetary value, or extra benefit not afforded to other students or my friends," Egan wrote in a statement to ESPNLosAngeles.com Saturday night. "We did not mean or intend to break any rules, and are truly sorry this instance got blown out of proportion."

Egan added: "To me, a golf cart ride wasn't an extra benefit, since I give 15-20 rides a day to all my friends to and from class. The question is would they consider riding on the handle bars of a bicycle against the rules? Say we all wanted to go to the movies together, would we have to take separate cars, and the player ride by himself? ... I wouldn't even buy a players ticket to that movie. But a ride?"

Egan also said he plans on "fully cooperating with USC on any issue they might have." The two parties met Sunday in what Egan termed a "productive meeting."

Former Trojans linebacker Jordan Campbell, the first USC player to defect post-sanctions when he transferred to Louisville in June, was listed as a partner on the agency's official site until late Saturday and was confirmed by Roberts as a principal with the company. Longtime NFL agent and current USC adjunct professor of law Fred Fenster is also listed as the legal senior adviser for the company.

Campbell and Fenster did not return phone calls and messages left for them Saturday.

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Bearcat Spirit!

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

MBB vs. Utah Valley. December 11th, 8:00 PM.

WBB- vs. Louisville. December 15th @ 7:00 PM

MBB vs. Depaul. December 28th, 7:00 PM.