



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 –

3/1 – 7/31 Contact/Evaluation Period

Men's Basketball –

5/1 – 7/5 Quiet Period except:

NBA Predraft Camp Evaluation Period

7/6 – 7/15 Evaluation Period

7/16 – 7/21 Dead Period

7/22 – 7/31 Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball –

4/19 – 7/5 Quiet Period

7/6 – 7/15 Evaluation Period

7/16 – 7/21 Dead Period

7/22 – 7/31 Evaluation Period

Football –

6/1 – 7/31 Quiet Period

Volleyball –

1/1 – 7/31 Contact & Evaluation Period

All Other Sports –

Contact & Evaluation Period

DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM

Coaches, if you have any incoming athletes that will not be 18 by the time they arrive on campus, please send a list to Rebecca Hinkel ASAP so she can send the drug testing consent form to them ahead of time for their parents to sign.

PROPOSAL 2005-77-B – RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS

Institutions should note that an editorial revision is being completed for NCAA Proposal No. 2005-77-B to specify that all recruiting coordination functions shall be performed by one of the institution's countable coaches, as defined by NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1.1. The intent of the proposal was for those individuals who count in the coaching limits to handle all recruiting coordinator functions (except routine clerical tasks), regardless of whether that coach is employed full time or part time or on a paid or volunteer basis. Further, the revision will amend Bylaw 13.4.1.1-(a) to clarify that the preparation of printed recruiting materials must be done by countable head or assistant coaches in all sports. Institutions should note that the February 22, 2006, staff confirmation related to the preparation of general correspondence in football will be rewritten to apply to all sports with the adoption of Proposal No. 2005-77-B. Thus, effective August 1, 2006, all electronic communication (e.g., electronic mail, text messages) that is sent to a prospect and the prospect's parents or coaches must be prepared by a head or assistant coach, even if the communication is physically sent by another staff member (e.g., secretary, administrative assistant). For example, it is permissible for the

head coach to type an e-mail message and send that to her secretary who then sends that e-mail out to the prospect on behalf of the head coach. Finally, it remains permissible for any athletics department staff member to engage in on-campus recruiting activities, including transporting a prospect to and from the airport when the prospect is making an official visit to the institution.

PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES – DONATIONS TO GROUPS THAT INVOLVE OR BENEFIT PSA'S

Institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.15.1, an institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of a prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment or so the prospect can obtain a postgraduate education. This prohibition applies to all prospects, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. It is not permissible for an institution's athletics department, in response to requests from high school (or preparatory school or two-year college) groups, to provide items (e.g., autographed balls, jerseys) to assist in raising money for its programs (athletics or other). If another department of the institution is asked to provide donations to benefit prospects, such activity is permissible only if the donations are not earmarked specifically for an athletics purpose or used only to provide benefits to prospects' athletics programs. An institution may not donate institutional memorabilia (e.g., jerseys, hats, T-shirts) to any organization for the purpose of being auctioned to raise funds to provide financial assistance to high school students to attend collegiate institutions. An institution (or an institution's coach or representative of its athletics interests) may

contribute to a nonathletics organization that includes prospective student-athletes and nonprospects (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs), provided the assistance is not earmarked for a particular prospective student-athlete and is offered in conjunction with the organization's regular fund-raising activities. An institution's athletics department staff

in a fund-raising event (e.g., paying greens fees to participate in a golf

outing when any portion of the greens fees will go to benefit an athletics program). Bylaw 13.15.1 also prohibits an institution from sponsoring a table, providing memorabilia or otherwise providing institutional support in conjunction with a banquet or other function that will directly or indirectly benefit prospective student-athletes (e.g., awards banquet conducted by a sports foundation, high school athletics banquet). Therefore, if a sports foundation provides benefits to prospects (e.g., scholarships, donations to high school athletics programs), it would not be permissible for an institution to provide memorabilia or sponsor a table at any of the foundation's functions. Any type of institutional support in conjunction with such functions would, at a minimum, indirectly benefit prospective student-athletes. Subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions, athletics department staff members are not precluded from individually purchasing admission to attend events (e.g., athletics banquets or meetings, competitions) where funds from the admission fee ultimately will benefit prospects, provided the primary purpose of the event is not to raise funds for prospects. In addition, an institution's coach may participate

in activities to raise funds to be donated to a foundation that will distribute the funds to high school (or preparatory school or two-year college) athletics programs, provided the request to participate in such activities is initiated by the foundation, the coach does not make actual financial contributions to the foundation, and the coach or coach's institution is not involved in selecting the educational institutions that are to receive the financial assistance.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Incoming freshmen need to send their final transcripts and test scores to the clearinghouse ASAP. The longer they wait to send them, the closer to the school year until they are evaluated. **International students will not be issued an I-20 until they are a final qualifier.** The International Student Services Office will not issue it until the student is eligible to receive financial aid. In order to be eligible they need to

AROUND THE COUNTRY

University of Louisiana accused of violations
The university is accused of four violations including improper certification of the eligibility of a former men's basketball player and football coaches improperly giving players t-shirts based on their performance in games and drills. The university is in the process of recommending self-imposed penalties.

Rent agreement violation of NCAA rules
USC football players, Matt Leinert and Dwayne Jarrett, lived in an apartment together last year, but the rent was not split in half. Leinert's father secured the apartment and also paid \$2566 of the rent per month while each player only paid \$650 in rent per month. This is an extra benefit for Jarrett and he will have to apply for reinstatement.

CHECK-IN MEETINGS

Teams should schedule their check-in meetings for the upcoming academic year with Maggie. Please keep in mind that the check-in meeting will last approximately 1 ½ hours. All student-athletes must complete the SA statement and drug-testing consent form prior to participating in practice activities.

The ones already scheduled are:

Football Aug. 6 TBA

Women's Soccer Aug. 8, 1:00

Volleyball Aug. 10 TBA

Tennis & Swimming Sept. 8, 4:00

Swimming Sept. 18 TBA

The NCAA membership services staff noted that in Division I fall sports other than football, it is permissible to designate a single date for issuing equipment and for taking squad pictures on the day prior to the beginning of preseason practice. The staff confirmed that it is permissible for an institution to begin providing preseason practice expenses to student-athletes on the evening prior to the designated equipment and squad picture day (i.e., lodging and an evening meal). The staff further confirmed that an institution may conduct other nonathletically related meetings (e.g., to sign compliance forms, to administer medical examinations) prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice.

HOUSING

Remind your incoming freshmen and transfers that they **NEED** to complete their housing applications and pay their deposits **BEFORE** they come to campus. Housing will not let them move in this year if they have not completed their applications. Also, there is another form they have to complete this year when they move in. It asks if they have received the Meningococcal vaccine and Hepatitis B vaccine and if so, the dates they received them. Please inform them to bring this information with them as well.

If you have any questions as to which of your students still need to complete their applications,

send Rebecca Hinkel an email and she can check for you.

NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the upcoming school year, the signing dates for the 2007-08 national letter of intent signing period are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 8, 2006	November 15, 2006
Basketball (Late Period)	April 11, 2007	May 16, 2007
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 20, 2006	January 15, 2007
Football (Regular Period)	February 7, 2007	April 1, 2007
Soccer	February 7, 2007	August 1, 2007
All Other Sports(Early Period)	November 8, 2006	November 15, 2006
All Other Sports(Late Period)	April 11, 2007	August 1, 2007

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Just a reminder that **nothing** can be paid for during an unofficial visit, this includes mileage, validating parking, or anything else that would be a reimbursement or form of reimbursement by waiving the payment of an item.

REVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOLS FOR USE IN NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

The NCAA has began its review of high schools to ensure the academic legitimacy of the high schools used in the initial-eligibility process. Eventually, all high schools will be reviewed using the criteria established by the working group and endorsed by the Board and the Presidents Council. The initial schools under review were identified based on

irregularities in the information reported to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

The schools currently under review have been notified and given the opportunity to respond to specific questions regarding the high school. Failure to provide a response to the questions will result in a school being invalidated for use in the initial-eligibility process. In addition, on-site visits have been conducted at some high schools to supplement the information considered in the review.

In order to ensure certification decisions for student-athletes for fall 2006 enrollees, a determination will be made by July 1, 2006, regarding those schools currently being reviewed. This determination will establish early in the certification timeline whether the school's academic credentials will be able to be used for certifications during the 2006-07 academic year. Many schools will be reviewed after July 1, and some schools being reviewed prior will remain under review; however, based on timing, these schools, if already approved for NCAA purposes, could be used in certification for student-athletes enrolling fall 2006. If a school is subsequently invalidated, future student-athletes will be impacted by this decision and not permitted to use the high school in the initial-eligibility process.

In addition to the approval of a process for review of high schools, the Board and Presidents Council endorsed a proposal to incorporate a review of a PSA's academic record. Therefore, even if a school is validated, it is possible that the

certification decision is being rendered.

As of June 1, the following schools have been invalidated and are no longer approved for NCAA purposes. These schools are currently marked in the

clearinghouse system as inactive. The majority of schools were not approved for NCAA purposes based on failure to respond to the information sent to the high school. It should be noted if information is subsequently received, the specific credentials of the school may be reviewed.

American Academy (Miami, Florida)
Celestial Prep (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
Einstein Charter School (Morrisville, Pennsylvania)
Goliath Academy (Miami Lakes, Florida)
Hawaii Electronic School (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Martinez Adult Education (Martinez, California)
North Atlantic Regional High (Lewiston, Maine)
Paradise Christian Academy (Paradise, California)
Philadelphia Christian Academy (Philadelphia, PA)
Ranch Academy (Canton, Texas)
Rich Township HS Phoenix Camp (Park Forest, IL)
Sagemount School (Miami, Florida)
Tazewell City Career & Tech Center (Tazewell, VA)
University High School (Miami, Florida)
Virginia Beach Central Academy (VA Beach, VA)

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