



# 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 – 4/7/08 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

### Men's Basketball –

3/1 – 3/15/08 **Evaluation Period**

3/16 – 3/22/08 **Dead Period**

3/23 – 3/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

### Women's Basketball –

3/1 – 4/3/08 **Contact Period**

### Cross Country/Track –

3/1 – 3/13/08 **Contact Period**

3/14 – 3/16/08 **Dead Period**

3/17 – 6/11/08 **Contact Period**

### Football –

2/8 – 4/14/08 **Quiet Period**

### Lacrosse –

1/2 – 4/7/08 **Contact Period**

### Volleyball –

1/19 – 4/6/08 **Contact Period**

### All Other Sports –

3/1 – 3/31/2008 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

## PER DIEM AND MEALS

Remember, if you give your team per diem, you are **not** permitted to also buy them food for that same meal. Also, if you give per diem, every SA must receive an equal amount of per diem and each SA must sign for the per diem **at the time it is given**.

## "SENIOR DAY" AWARDS

Coaches, remember that any gifts (pictures, flowers, etc.) that you give to your seniors on "Senior Day" celebrations must be included in the permitted annual awards amount of \$325 for seniors.

## ROSTER CHANGES

As we all know, student-athletes come and go for various reasons. There are academic casualties, transfers, cuts, quits, and other reasons for students leaving the team. It is absolutely essential that coaches notify the compliance office promptly whenever a student-athlete joins or leaves a team. It is important that we make the proper modifications to the squad and eligibility lists. If a student-athlete is being removed from scholarship, you must complete the green GIA form and attach an explanation as to the reason the SA will no longer be receiving aid. No SA will be removed from aid unless this is done. Also, if any student-athlete wants to join your squad, they must be certified as eligible by the compliance office before they participate in any practice activity. **YOU MUST LET US KNOW OF ROSTER ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS AND SIGN OFF ON THE UPDATED SQUAD LIST.**

## TRAVEL & PARTICIPATION ROSTERS

Travel rosters must be turned in the compliance office **PRIOR** to leaving for your trip. This is to prevent a student-athlete from traveling who is not eligible to travel at the current time. Please send Mya the participation roster immediately following your trip.



## POST NLI REMINDERS

Here is a review of the permissible activities that a signed prospect may or may not participate in while on campus during the summer prior to initial fulltime enrollment. Signed prospects who are enrolled or receiving athletics aid during the summer prior to their freshman year may receive, have access to, or be allowed to purchase the following benefits:

- Use of weight room/voluntary conditioning activities
- Use of training room
- Medical expenses
- Use of academic services
- Issue apparel
- Assistance in employment
- Housing
- Dining
- Playbook/Game film
- Strength and Conditioning information

PSA's who have signed a NLI but are not enrolled or receiving aid during the summer may have limited access depending on their sport.

Therefore, verify with the compliance office the status of each prospect prior to paying any expenses for that prospect.

## NATIONAL OR OLYMPIC TEAMS

**Expenses for Participation on National or Olympic Teams:** NCAA amateurism regulations allow for individuals to receive actual and necessary expenses to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel and room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. However, such expenses must be approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for foreign student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation).

### The Effect of This Rule on

#### Ontario's Quest for Gold Program

Based on the information the NCAA has to date, Quest for Gold is an athlete-assistance program funded by the Ontario provincial government that provides direct financial assistance to Ontario athletes. Since this program is entirely separate from programs administered by the national governing bodies in Canada and Canada's equivalent to the USOC, any individual who accepts funds pursuant to this program would jeopardize his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics.

## GAMBLING

With the NCAA basketball tournament occurring this month, please remember that NCAA Bylaw 10.3 strictly precludes **ALL** athletic staff and athletes from placing wagers of any kind on the NCAA Men's or Women's basketball championships (or any other collegiate sporting event). Staff members and athletes are not allowed to complete tournament brackets where the winner receives **ANY** type of prize or item, even if the contest is free to enter.

While certain gambling activities may seem innocent or fun, an individual may lose his/her job in intercollegiate athletics and a student-athlete may lose a season of competition or may lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports by being involved in such activity.

It is not permissible to bet the shirt, the house, the farm or dinner on an intercollegiate contest.

Specifically, it is not permissible to:

1. Provide information to individuals associated with organized gambling;
2. Solicit a bet on an intercollegiate team;
3. Accept a bet on any team representing an institution;
4. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., shirt, cash, dinner) that has tangible value;
5. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics **OR** professional athletics by using a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Gambling activities by those who are employed or participants of intercollegiate athletics are prohibited even if they are considered legal activities under state or federal law (e.g., student-athletes cannot place bets on college or pro games in Las Vegas).

### Remember:

1. **No "Dorm Pools", "Office Pools", or "Neighborhood Pools"** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit
2. **No Internet Sports Wagers**
3. **No "Friendly Wagers"**
4. **No bets through "800" numbers**
5. **No participation in Fantasy Leagues** that involve an entry fee or tangible benefit or payments
6. Do not provide individuals (including those involved with Tout Services) involved with organized gambling with information about intercollegiate athletic teams
7. **No NCAA brackets**

## AROUND THE COUNTRY

### **Florida State puts itself on probation**

Florida State's sports teams will be on self-imposed probation for two years and some will lose scholarships because of an academic cheating scandal, the university said in a report. About 60 student-athletes have lost or will suffer some loss of eligibility. Two staffers, a tutor and learning specialist, already have been fired. The school also is making changes at five senior staff levels in the athletic department, though the report did not include details on the changes.

The cheating occurred mainly through online testing for a single course in fall 2006 and the spring and summer semesters last year.

The NCAA's Student-Athlete Reinstatement staff has agreed to a 30 percent across-the-board loss of eligibility for students who came forward and admitted they received improper help with the test.

### **Clemson reports 13 NCAA secondary violations**

Clemson reported 13 NCAA secondary violations, with two of the more serious infractions involving businesses using images of student-athletes in advertising or photographs for sale. In both cases the students maintained their eligibility because they received no money from the use of their images. Some were categorized as Level I secondary violations, which are reported directly to the NCAA. The other eight were Level II secondary violations, which are reported to the Atlantic Coast Conference and are defined as inadvertent.

The other Level I infractions involved:

- A coach who attended an impermissible nonscholastic event in August. The coach received a letter of reprimand and had recruiting evaluations reduced by half.
- The eligibility of an international student.
- A head coach who took an injured athlete for care and let the athlete stay at the coach's home in September. The coach received a letter of admonishment and the athlete was declared ineligible until the lodging and transportation are repaid.

Two of the Level II violations included occasions when a head coach's father provided free chiropractic care for a student-athlete. Those violations happened in April and were reported by the coach, who received a letter of admonishment. The athlete's eligibility was reinstated after the cost of treatment was paid and later donated to a charity.

### **BEARCAT SPIRIT**

3/5	BASE	Marshall	4pm
3/6	MBB	DePaul	7:30pm
3/7-8	BASE	Cleveland State	4pm
3/9	BASE	Cleveland State	1pm
3/12	BASE	Bowling Green	4pm
3/14	BASE	Niagara	4pm
3/15	BASE	Niagara DH	1pm
3/16	LAX	Duquesne	1pm
3/22	Track	Early Bird Relays	All Day
3/27	MGO	The Big Four (Traditions Golf Club)	All Day
3/28-29	WGO	UC Spring Invitational (Crystal River, Fla.)	All Day
3/30	TN	Boston University (Western Tennis Club)	12pm
3/30	LAX	Syracuse	1pm
3/31-4/1	WGO	UC Spring Invitational (Elks Run – Batavia, OH)	All Day
3/31-4/1	MGO	UC Spring Invitational (Elks Run – Batavia, OH)	All Day

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