

The COMPLIANCE CORNER

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Meet the Team

Each month, the Compliance Corner features a different member of our staff to help everyone get to know us a little better. Last issue we featured intern Alan Carrol, this month we bring you our Faculty Athletics Representative, Fritz Russ:



Fritz began his education at Eckerd College before receiving his master's and doctorate degree from Carnegie-Mellon University. He went on to become a chaired professor at the University of North Carolina, where he worked for four years as part of the school's faculty athletics committee.

Since becoming a part of the UC faculty in 1989, Fritz has served as Senior Vice Provost, Dean of the College of Business, and head of the Marketing Department. He currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in international marketing as well as marketing research.

As the faculty's athletics representative, Fritz works as a liaison between student-athletes, the athletics department, faculty, and the university at large. As the NCAA indicates, a representative "works to support a campus environment where athletics is maintained as a vital component of the educational program and where student-athletes constitute an integral part of the student body". Academic integrity, institutional control, and promotion of student-athlete welfare are all part of Fritz's focus.

Recruiting Dates

Baseball

8/1 – 8/31 Contact Period

Men's Basketball

8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period

Football

8/1 – 8/31 Quiet Period

Women's Lacrosse

8/1 – 8/31 Contact Period

Track and Field/Cross Country

8/1 – 8/14 Quiet Period

8/15 – 8/31 Contact Period

Volleyball

8/1 – 8/31 Contact Period

All Other Sports

8/1 – 8/31 Contact/Evaluation Period



Division I Committee On Infractions Issues Decision On Ball State

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions has penalized Ball State University for major violations involving the women's tennis program. The violations in this case center on unethical conduct by the former head women's tennis coach and the women's tennis team exceeding playing and practice hour limitations.

The committee noted in its report that limitations on playing and practice hours exist to safeguard student-athlete well-being.

"Excessive participation in athletically related activities detracts from time that can be devoted to academic work and can lead to any number of dangerous medical conditions for student-athletes," the committee stated.

Penalties in this case include three years probation and reductions in playing and practice hour limits. The former head coach received a three-year show-cause order, which outlines how athletic duties must be limited at her present or future employing institutions. The public report further details these limitations.

During the 2007 through 2009 fall semesters, the former head coach required women's tennis student-athletes to participate in playing and practice hours that exceeded time limitations and failed to provide two calendar days off per week. At times, the former head coach did not record these activities on playing and practice logs.

The former head coach also required the student-athletes to participate in mandatory athletic activities during the summer vacation period. Prior to the end of the spring 2009 semester, she provided women's tennis student-athletes with a 12-week conditioning program to be completed during the upcoming summer. Specifically, the student-athletes were directed to compete in at least 20 matches and report to the former head coach each Monday via e-mail with the details of their conditioning and results of their matches. The former head coach also sent individual text messages to student-athletes reminding them to report their activities over the summer, and she sent group e-mails to the team expressing her disappointment at the rate of the team's reporting of training and match play.

The former head coach also conducted impermissible tryouts for a current and three prospective student-athletes. In addition, the committee found the former head coach provided \$250 in impermissible inducements to two prospective student-athletes.

The committee cited the former head coach with unethical conduct due to her request of student-athletes to provide false and misleading information during the investigation and her requests for student-athletes to conduct impermissible practice.

The penalties, some of which were self-imposed by the institution and adopted by the committee, are below. Additional details are available in the public report.

Public reprimand and censure.

Three years of probation (July 14, 2010, to July 13, 2013).

Three-year show-cause order for the former head coach (July 14, 2010, to July 13, 2013).

Reduction from 20 to 16 in the number of allowed countable athletically related activity hours for women's tennis during the remaining 20-hour segments of the 2009-10 academic year (self-imposed by the university).

Reduction from 20 to 18 in the number of allowed countable athletically related activity hours for women's tennis during the remaining 20-hour segments of the 2010-11 academic year (self-imposed by the university).

Reduction from 8 to 6 in the number of allowed countable athletically related activity hours for women's tennis during the remaining 8-hour segments of the 2009-10 academic year (self-imposed by the university)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Check-in meetings

If you have not scheduled your compliance check-in meeting or need to change your meeting time/date, please contact Maggie ASAP. This meeting must be done before your team participates in ANY athletically related activities.

Check page three to see current meeting times.

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 if they have not completed their applications AND paid their deposit. If you have any questions as to which of your students still need to complete their applications, send Caitlin Stoffer an email and she can check for you.

Drug-Testing Consent Forms

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



Bearcat Spirit!

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

Women's Soccer- vs. Morehead State. August 20th @ 7:00 PM

Men's Soccer- vs. Dayton. September 1st @ 7:00 PM

Volleyball- vs. Kent State. September 3rd @ 7:30 PM

Football- vs. Indian State. September 11th @ 12:00 PM



Check-In Meeting Times

Women's Soccer, August 3rd 1:30 PM

Volleyball, August 8th 2:15 PM

Football, August 8th 3:30 PM

Men's Soccer August 15th 10:00 AM

Men's Basketball, August 18th 12:00 PM

Cross Country, August 27th 4:00 PM

Golf, September 7th 9:00 AM

Tennis, September 7th 4:00 PM

Swimming, Sept. 8th 9:00; Sept. 21st 3:00 PM

Baseball, September 14th 4:00 PM

Women's Basketball, Sept. 16th 9:00 AM

Lacrosse, September 20th 10:00 AM

Track, September 21st 3:00 PM

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