



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 –

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**

W. Lacrosse –

8/1 – 8/31 **Contact Period**

Track and Field/Cross Country –

8/1 – 8/8 **Quiet Period**

8/9 – 8/31 **Contact Period**

Volleyball –

8/1 – 8/31 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

8/1 – 8/31 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

CHECK-IN MEETINGS

Women's Soccer, August 4th 3:00

Volleyball, August 9th 1:00

Football, August 10th 3:45

Cross Country, August 28th 4:00

Golf, September 7th 1:00

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

Baseball, Sept. 14th 4:00; Sept. 21st 4:00

Track, September 22nd 3:00

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.

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 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.

NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the upcoming school year, the National Letter of Intent signing dates for PSAs enrolling in the 2010 – 2011 school year are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2009	November 18, 2009
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	May 19, 2010
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2009	January 15, 2010
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2010	April 1, 2010
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	February 3, 2010	August 1, 2010
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 11, 2009	November 18, 2009
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	August 1, 2010

Twitter and Recruiting

The NCAA recently released guidelines related to microblogs (a.k.a. Twitter) and Bylaw 13. It is

permissible for an athletics department staff member to: publicly microblog (e.g. “tweet”) about generic information, post a photograph of a prospect after he/she signs an NLI or institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, ”Direct message” a prospect, and comment publicly on a prospect only to the extent of confirming the institution’s recruitment of the prospect. It is IMPERMISSIBLE for an athletics department staff member to: publicize a prospect’s visit to campus, comment publicly on a prospect beyond confirming UC’s recruitment of the prospect, post a photograph of a prospect during a campus visit, use Twitter “@replies” or “mentions” to correspond with a prospect, or direct message a prospect when the coach is aware that the prospect receives Twitter direct messages as text messages on his/her cell phone.

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.

AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

All PSAs who have registered with the Eligibility Center must return to the Web site to finalize their answers to the amateurism questionnaire ASAP(a.k.a. Request Final Certification). PSAs need to log in with their personal identification number and check the box titled “Final Authorization” for amateurism certification. A link entitled “Prospective Student-Athletes: How to Request a Final Certification” containing helpful instructions regarding this process has been added to the Amateurism Certification Web page on www.ncaa.org. From the “Academics and Athletes” tab, choose “Eligibility and Recruiting,” select “Amateurism” from the list of links, and then select “Amateurism Certification Information” under the Pre-Enrollment heading.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

NCAA Penalizes New Hampshire

New Hampshire’s men’s ice hockey program has been put on two years of probation and faces multiple recruiting restrictions due to emails sent using recruiting software. The associate head coach sent 923 impermissible e-mail messages to 30 prospective student-athletes during the 2007 fall and 2008 spring semesters. His recruiting software allowed him to send an e-mail message to multiple prospects with one computer keystroke – the prospective student-athletes received these messages before June 15th after the end of their freshman or sophomore years in high school. The violations occurred because the coach misunderstood the relevant recruiting rule and as a result, high school freshmen and sophomores were placed in the same category as juniors and seniors. The penalties in this case include two years of probation, a one-person reduction in the allowable off-campus recruiter count from April – October 2009, no official visit for the 30 prospects effected, and the 30 prospects cannot sign an NLI with the university.

BEARCAT SPIRIT

8/21	MSO	Cincinnati State	7:00 pm
8/21	WSO	@ Kentucky	7:00 pm
8/23	MSO	@ Ohio State	7:00pm
8/23	WSO	@ Ohio	1:00pm
8/28-29	VB	@ Utah Classic	

Go BEARCATS!!

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