

THE COMPLIANCE CORNER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE UC COMPLIANCE OFFICE

JUNE 2012

RECRUITING CALENDARS

BASEBALL

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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VOLLEYBALL

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ALL OTHER SPORTS

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Contact Period

Eval. Period

Quiet Period

Dead Period

ATTENTION COACHES AND STRENGTH & CONDITIONING STAFF

All INCOMING student-athletes that wish to participate in summer workouts need to receive permission from the Compliance Office before they are allowed to participate.

TESTING DATES

Tentative dates and times for the NCAA Recruiting Test are now available and will be as follows:

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH**
10 AM
- **TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH**
10 AM
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH**
10 AM

All tests will be administered in the 5th floor Computer Lab

Please let your Compliance contact know which session you are planning to attend as soon as possible.



BOARD REVAMPS MEN'S BASKETBALL RECRUITING

By Michelle Brutlag Hosick
NCAA.org

Men's basketball coaches will be free to contact recruits without many of the current restrictions under a new recruiting model for the sport adopted by the Division I Board of Directors.

Coaches will be allowed to send unlimited phone calls and text messages to men's basketball recruits. The deregulation extends to social media, starting June 15 after a recruit's sophomore year. Private messages on social networks also will be deregulated. Public messages through social networks will continue to be prohibited because of the rule preventing institutions from publicizing their recruiting efforts.

The Board believed that allowing earlier and more frequent contact between coaches and recruits will help build stronger relationships and reduce some of the influence of third parties on the recruiting process.

The new model, recommended after a year of study by the Leadership Council, also restores two weekends of recruiting at nonscholastic events in April and trims the summer recruiting period to three four-day periods in July.

In October 2010, the commissioners spurred the Council review of the recruiting model by asking the Board to immediately eliminate the July evaluation period. The presidents declined to take immediate action but agreed that changes were necessary. The Board assigned the task to the Leadership Council and gave the group a year to complete its work.

The approved recommendations signal the end of the bulk of that review.

In addition to modified recruiting periods and less stringent contact rules, the changes adopted by the Board include:

- A start date for official visits beginning January 1 of the junior year, with schools able to pay travel expenses for the prospect and a parent/guardian.
- Permitting some contact at a prospect's educational institution during the junior year in conjunction with an evaluation, with some restrictions and requirements.
- The July period will be limited to three four-day periods beginning Wednesday at 5 p.m. and ending Sunday at 5 p.m.
- The April period will be limited to certified events that begin after 6 p.m. on Friday and end before 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Leadership Council Chair Michael Alden, athletics director at Missouri, explained the philosophy behind the model and its effort to help develop better relationships between coaches and the young men they recruit and allow the coaches to emphasize academic performance with recruits as early as possible.

"This model recognizes that men's basketball recruits are vulnerable to mixed messages concerning athletic skills and education at an early age and that college coaches offer the best hope to promote higher education," Alden said. "It also attempts to provide for a natural progression of communication, contact and paid visits for coaches to establish relationships with prospective student-athletes and their families."

Additionally, the presidents charged the Leadership Council to continue to monitor the recruiting environment to ensure the changes are having an impact and determine if further action is required. The Council will also return to the Board in January with a recommendation for summer access and its relationship to summer school.

The new model will be fully in place by August 1, 2012. In April 2012, coaches will be permitted to evaluate on two weekends (not during the Final Four, not during standardized test weekends or over Easter weekend), and the new July calendar will go into effect in 2012 for three four-day periods.

On June 15, 2012, the current contact limits will be lifted and coaches may contact prospects who have finished their sophomore year. The rest of the provisions will become effective August 1, 2012.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

It is permissible to employ current UC student-athletes at any time, provided a few requirements are met. First, the student-athletes may only be paid for work they actually perform. Second, student-athletes must be compensated at a rate that is commensurate with the going rate for similar services. Third, the student-athlete may not be compensated based on the value the student-athlete has because of the publicity, fame, or reputation that he or she has obtained due to his or her athletics ability. Finally, all student-athletes who obtain employment must complete a form to submit to the Compliance Office. Prior to submission, the employer is required to read and sign, verifying compliance with NCAA regulations.

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Coaches, please provide this 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 of their junior year.

ROLE OF BOOSTERS IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The use of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter can very easily be used by individuals in an attempt to influence prospective student-athletes to attend a specific institution. The NCAA prohibits any involvement by boosters in the recruitment of prospects, and individuals who might initiate these attempts to contact prospects could jeopardize the institution's ability to continue the recruitment of such prospects. Please note that it is impermissible for boosters to contact prospects through social media sites until the prospect has attended a UC class or participated in a team practice. This means that boosters may not tweet or create a Facebook status about a prospect, send the prospect a private message, mention a prospect using the @reply feature on Twitter, or post on a prospect's Facebook wall until one of those two events has occurred.

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BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Good luck to the following Track & Field student-athletes competing in the NCAA Outdoor Championships at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa from June 6-9:

Michelle Eby (Pole Vault)
Kathy Klump (800 Meters)
Emelie Larsson (Javelin)
Jasmine Cotten (Heptathlon)