



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



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For coaches and athletic staff*

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RECRUITING DATES

Baseball – 9/12 – 11/9 Contact/Evaluation Period

Men's Basketball –

9/9 – 10/5 **Contact Period** (No evaluations at sites other than the prospect's educational institution.)

10/6 – 3/31 **Evaluation Period** (Limited to regularly scheduled high school, prep school & two-year college contests & practices involving SA's enrolled only at that institution)

***EXCEPT 11/10 - 11/13 and 12/24 - 12/26 Dead Period**

Women's Basketball –

9/16 – 4/21 **Evaluation Period** (shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days)

9/16 – 10/6 **Contact Period**

***EXCEPT 11/10-11/13 and 12/24-12/26 Dead Period**

Football –

8/1 – 11/29 **Quiet Period**

***EXCEPT – 42 evaluation days during Sept., Oct., and Nov. 11/30 – 1/31/09 Contact Period** (6 in-person off-campus contacts per PSA).

***EXCEPT – 12/21; 1/2 -1/4; 1/11; 1/16 - 1/17 Quiet Periods and 12/22 – 1/1; 1/12 -1/15 Dead Periods**

W. Lacrosse – 9/1 – 11/25 Contact Period

***EXCEPT 11/10-11/13 Dead Period**

Track and Field/Cross Country –

8/12 – 12/14 **Contact Period**

***EXCEPT 11/24 - 11/25 Dead Period**

Soccer – 10/1 -2/1 Contact/Evaluation Period

Volleyball –

8/1 – 12/7 **Contact Period**

*Each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (August 1 through July 31, which does not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics but do include involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club.

***EXCEPT – 11/10 – 11/13 Dead Period**

All Other Sports –

10/1 – 11/9 **Contact/Evaluation Period**

11/10 – 11/13 **Dead Period**

- **REMINDER! There are no official visits allowed during dead periods.**

NLI SIGNING DATES

As you are planning for the school year, the signing dates for the 2009-10 National Letter of Intent signing period are as follows:

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 12, 2008	November 19, 2008
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 15, 2009	May 20, 2009
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 17, 2008	January 15, 2009
Football (Regular Period)	February 4, 2009	April 1, 2009
Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country	February 4, 2009	August 1, 2009
All Other Sports(Early Period)	November 12, 2008	November 19, 2008
All Other Sports(Regular Period)	April 15, 2009	August 1, 2009

- Any mid-year graduate of high school should not sign a NLI if coming to UC in the spring – they will not be able to receive financial aid.
- An Eligibility Center ID is **required** for signing a NLI.

PRIOR TO VISITS

1. Coach submits academic transcript with standardized test score along with Academic Evaluation Form and Core-Course GPA worksheet to compliance office. Coach also submits a daily itinerary with all planned activities and meetings, contact information for the prospect, and the name of the student-host. Coach must check that student-host has been approved by compliance office.
 2. Compliance office registers evaluation on Official Visit Log and forwards to academic services for review.
 3. Academic services completes portion of Academic Evaluation form and forwards it to compliance office, ensuring that PSA has registered with the Eligibility Center.
 4. Director for compliance completes compliance portion of academic evaluation, ensuring that prospect has taken a standardized test under national conditions (for high school prospects). Compliance office makes comments and enters on NCAA clearinghouse institutional request list.
 5. Administrative Sport Oversight reviews forms and signs off for final approval of official visit.
- NOTE-All incoming transfer PSA's transcripts must go to Todd PRIOR to their visit.**
6. A copy of academic evaluations will be sent to the coach. Until the coach receives this back, **do not assume the visit is approved.**

COMPLIMENTARY FOOTBALL TICKETS

Just a reminder that it is NOT permissible to provide your complimentary football tickets to any student-athlete, prospective student-athlete or their friends or family members unless you have an established (prior) relationship with the family/student. Below are sample questions to analyze if it is permissible to provide the PSA/SA/Family/Friend with a ticket:

1. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) develop as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics or notoriety related thereto?

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2. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the athlete's status as a prospective student-athlete?

3. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete's parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the athlete's status achieved as a result of his or her athletics ability or reputation?

4. Was the pattern of benefits provided by the individual to the athlete (or the athlete's parents) prior to the athlete attaining notoriety as a skilled athlete similar in nature to those provided after attaining such stature?

Please note, there should be an established pattern of providing the benefit prior to the student becoming a prospect and/or student-athlete. Please let me know if you are thinking about providing your tickets to someone in the above mentioned categories. The same rule applies for all extra benefits and provision of items. Any item issued to a student-athlete must be issued through the normal issuance procedures for all student-athletes through the respective office (e.g. equipment, sports medicine, ticket office).



AROUND THE COUNTRY

NCAA rules against North Carolina prep school
The academic credentials of Charis Prep school in Wilson, NC were not approved by the NCAA, making it difficult for a student who attends the school to become eligible for NCAA participation. The decision means the NCAA will not use Charis prep's core courses, grades, or graduation records to determine freshman eligibility. The High School Review Committee of the NCAA investigated the school, and cited concerns over a lack of quality control or organized curriculum structure. Charis Prep has appealed the decision and a ruling is expected in the next several months.

Committee on Infractions penalizes New Mexico

The NCAA has issued penalties including three years of probation, a reduction of football scholarships, recruiting restrictions, and a three year show-cause order for two former assistant football coaches. The penalties stem from a case involving violations of the NCAA rules governing ethical conduct and impermissible benefits and inducements. Two former assistant coaches arranged for the enrollment in correspondence courses for two student-athletes and three prospective student athletes; the three prospective student athletes received credit for course work they did not complete. The courses were led by an instructor from Fresno Pacific University who also was an acquaintance of one of the former assistant coaches. The Committee found that the former assistant coaches acted in a scheme to achieve eligibility for two of the prospective student athletes. The coaches were knowingly involved in NCAA rules violations, arranged for fraudulent academic credit and provided false and misleading information to the enforcement staff. Fresno Pacific University was involved in previous major infractions cases, and so all institutions are warned by the committee that due diligence must be exercised prior to accepting courses from Fresno Pacific for academic credit and eligibility purposes.

ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Coaches, remember that any PSA's planning an official visit need to be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center (formerly the Clearinghouse) **before** they can come on an official visit.

STUDENT HOSTS

Coaches please make an appointment with Caitlin Stoffer for any student athlete that is not on your qualified student host list that you want to be a host. All student hosts must go through an education session **prior** to participating as a student host. If you have not turned in your team's official visit education session form to Caitlin, please do so as soon as possible



BEARCAT SPIRIT

10/11	FB	Rutgers (Homecoming)	12:00 p.m.
10/12	MGO	Xavier Invitational	All Day
10/12	VB	Villanova	2:00 p.m.
10/15	MSO	Alabama A&M	7:00 p.m.
10/18	MSO	Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
10/18	VB	Louisville	7:30 p.m.
10/21	VB	Morehead State	7:30 p.m.
10/24	WSO	Villanova	7:00 p.m.
10/25	MSO	Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
10/26	WSO	Georgetown	1:00 p.m.
10/30	FB	USF	7:30 p.m.
10/31	VB	USF	7:30 p.m.
10/31	CC	BIG EAST Champs (NY)	All Day

GO BEARCATS!!

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