



The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Compliance Corner



*The Official Newsletter of the UC Compliance Office
For coaches and athletic staff*

February 2008

RECRUITING DATES

Baseball –

11/16 – 2/29/08 **Quiet Period**

Men's Basketball –

10/6 – 3/31/08 **Evaluation Period**

Women's Basketball –

9/16/06 – 4/22/08 **Evaluation Period**

Except: Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days. Days not designated for Evaluation Period are Quiet.

Cross Country/Track –

1/3 – 7/31/08 **Contact Period**

Exceptions in February:

2/4 – 2/7/08 **Dead Period**

Football –

11/25 – 2/2/08 **Contact Period**

except: Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.

Exceptions in February:

2/3/08 **Quiet Period**

2/4/ – 2/7/08 **Dead Period**

2/8 – 4/14/08 **Quiet Period**

Lacrosse –

1/2 – 5/22/08 **Quiet Period**

Volleyball –

1/1 – 7/31/08 **Contact Period**

All Other Sports –

2/1 – 2/29/08 **Contact & Evaluation Period**

NLI SIGNING DATES

Basketball (Regular Period)	April 16, 2008	May 21, 2008
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 19, 2007	January 15, 2008
Football (Regular Period)	February 6, 2008	April 1, 2008
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country, Men's Water Polo	February 6, 2008	August 1, 2008
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 9, 2008	August 1, 2008

TRAVEL ROSTERS

Coaches, please remember to send Mya a travel roster **prior** to each event your team plans to participate in.

SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES

The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

- Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- Staff members of a conference office; and
- Student-athletes.

POST NLI ACTIVITIES

WHAT IS PERMISSIBLE / NOT PERMISSIBLE AFTER A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE (PSA) SIGNS A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT (NLI)

✓ = PERMISSIBLE

X = NOT PERMISSIBLE

Telephone Calls-	
	Limit on number?
✓	There is no limit on the number of phone calls after the calendar day on which the PSA signs an NLI.
	Who can call?
✓	Countable coaches—initiate/return calls, no restriction on content of the conversation
✓	President / AD—return calls, no restriction on content of the conversation
✓	Academic advisors—initiate/return calls, related to admissions or academic issues
✓	Compliance coordinators—initiate/return calls, related to compliance issues
X	Enrolled student-athletes—cannot initiate calls to PSAs that have signed an NLI
[NCAA Bylaws 13.1.3.3.3, 13.1.3.4.1.1, Educational Column 7/27/06]	
Off-Campus Contacts- Sports Other Than Women's Basketball	
	Limit on number?
✓	There is no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the PSA signs an NLI.
	When can they occur?
✓	A countable coach can have contact at any time other than a "dead period"*
	Where can they occur?
	They can occur at any off-campus site (with restrictions).
✓	* PSA's school- still limited to one visit a week in the sports of basketball and football
✓	* Competition/Practice site- still restricted to the provisions in Bylaw 13.1.7.2.
X	* Summer certified event (men's basketball)
	Who can have contact?
✓	Countable coaches
X	Representatives of athletics interest- "Boosters" can have contact ONLY to discuss permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., discussion of summer employment arrangements).
	* Please be reminded that if a coach has off-campus contact with an NLI signee during a quiet period, it is not permissible to have such contact at the PSA's school or at the site of the PSA's competition.
[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8, Official Interpretations 3/28/07 and 9/18/07]	
Off-Campus Contacts- Women's Basketball	
	Limit on number?
✓	There is no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the PSA signs an NLI.
	When can they occur?
✓	A countable coach can have contact at any time other than a "dead period"*
	Where can they occur?
	They can occur at any off-campus site (with restrictions).
✓	*Competition/Practice site- still restricted to the provisions in Bylaw 13.1.7.2.
	Who can have contact?
✓	Countable coaches
X	Representatives of athletics interest- "Boosters" can have contact ONLY to discuss permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., discussion of summer employment arrangements).
	* Please be reminded that if a coach has off-campus contact with an NLI signee during a quiet period, it is not permissible to have such contact at the PSA's school or at the site of the PSA's competition.
[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8.1]	

	Evaluations-
	Limit on number?
✓	There is no limit on the number of evaluations by the institution with which the PSA signs an NLI.
	[NCAA Bylaw 13.1.8.17]
	Summer Housing-
✓	An institution may arrange off-campus summer housing for a PSA who has signed an NLI AND is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to initial, full-time enrollment OR is receiving athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment.
	[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.6, Official Interpretation 6/30/93]
	Academic Support Services and Training Room Facilities-
✓	A PSA that has signed a national letter of intent AND is enrolled in summer school may be provided academic support services and may use the training room facilities.
	[NCAA Bylaw 13.2.7]
	Miscellaneous Benefits-
✓	Specified benefits may be provided to a PSA/ PSA's family who has signed an NLI in situations when a life-threatening injury illness occurs with the PSA or a member of his/her immediate family.
✓	Institution may provide expenses to a high school to send transcripts to the NCAA Eligibility Center
✓	Institution may pay the fee necessary to send a PSA's ACT or SAT test scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center
X	Institution may not incur any expenses (e.g., legal expenses, mailing costs) to assist a PSA in challenging an invalidation of his/her test score by the testing agency, even if the PSA signed a National Letter of Intent or has been officially accepted for enrollment at that institution.
	[NCAA Bylaws 13.2.10, 13.15.2.1, Staff Interpretation 8/24/94, Educational Column 10/28/96]
	Recruiting Materials-
✓	An institution may send necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities, including a video playbook or a video of broken-down game film to a PSA that has signed an NLI, or has been accepted for enrollment by the institution. An institution may not provide (send or leave) a video playbook to a PSA's coach.
	[NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1.1, 13.4.2.5, Official Interpretation 3/30/06, Staff Interpretation 7/18/07]
	Publicity-
✓	An institution may use a PSA's photograph in printed institutional items (e.g., season ticket brochure) that promote a sport's season in which the PSA will participate after he/she has signed an NLI.
✓	An institution may release information on PSA's concerning their commitment to attend your institution after they have signed an NLI. There is no limit on the number or content of such communications.
	[NCAA Bylaws 13.10.8, 13.10.9]
	Medical Exams-
✓	An institution can administer medical examinations at any time to a PSA that has signed an NLI, provided the examinations occur during an official visit, attendance at summer school or a visit to the institution at the PSA's expenses. The examination may also take place before or after, but NOT during a signee's attendance at a summer orientation session.
	[NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.5]
	Voluntary Summer Conditioning-
✓	FBS- a signee may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties. An institution may loan clean apparel (e.g., t-shirts, shorts, laundry services, socks and undergarments) to all football PSAs who qualify for involvement in such activities.
✓	FCS- a signee may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach, including a countable coach. An institution may loan clean apparel (e.g., t-shirts, shorts, laundry services, socks and undergarments) to all football PSAs who qualify for involvement in such activities.
✓	Basketball- a PSA who has either signed an NLI and is receiving financial aid to attend summer school may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties. An institution may loan clean apparel (e.g., t-shirts, shorts, laundry services, socks and undergarments) to all basketball PSAs who qualify for involvement in such activities.
	[NCAA Bylaws 13.11.3.8.1, 13.11.3.8.2, 13.11.3.9, Official Interpretation 5/18/05]

NO SPORTS WAGERING ALLOWED!

It is important to be educated on this issue as many opportunities for gambling will be occurring with the Super Bowl and March Madness. Last year, we had issues with student-athletes participating in pools with friends and on the Facebook website. We urge you not to participate in any type of gambling pool whether an entry fee is required or not.

In clear, simple language, here's the rule:

You may not place any bet of any sort on any college or professional sports event.

You may not give information to anyone who does place bets on college or professional sports.

That means...

- NO wagers for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) on ANY professional or college sports event, even those that don't involve your college.
- NO sports "pools," even those run by your friends in the dorm.
- NO Internet gambling on sports events.
- NO fantasy leagues that award a prize and require a fee to participate.
- NO sports wagering using "800" numbers.
- NO exchange of information about your team with ANYONE who gambles.

In other words, no information about injuries, new plays, team morale, discipline problems, or anything else.

BEARCAT SPIRIT!

Feb. 2	MBB	Marquette	12:00
Feb. 2	WBB	Norte Dame	3:00
Feb. 2	MSW	Wright State	1:00
Feb. 2	WSW	Wright State	1:00
Feb. 9	WBB	USF	2:00
Feb. 13	MBB	St. Johns	7:00
Feb. 17	WBB	West Virginia	7:00
Feb. 20	MBB	USF	7:00
Feb. 22	TN	Abilene Christian (Queen City Racquet Club)	6:30
Feb. 29	BASE	Chicago State	4:00
Feb. 29	LAX	Robert Morris	4:00
Feb. 29	TN	Youngstown State (Queen City Racquet Club)	6:30



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if I join a pool, but the prize isn't money, it's a t-shirt or a gift card. Is it okay?

A: NO! Even if the prize isn't cash, the fact that there is a prize of any kind makes it sports wagering.

Q: Why is it against the rules to join a fantasy league? It seems like harmless fun?

A: Fantasy leagues are considered sports wagering. It would be okay to join a fantasy league if it does not require a fee to participate or awards a prize.

Please take time to view the NCAA's interactive website regarding gambling activities.

www.dontbetonit.org



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