



LMU ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE CORNER

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CONTACT/EVALUATION CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

Oct. 6th-Nov. 17th Quiet Period
Nov. 8th-Nov. 11th Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Oct. 8th-Feb.28th Evaluation Period
Nov. 8th-Nov. 11th Dead Period

Men's Baseball

Sept. 10th-Nov. 7th Contact/Eval Period
Nov. 8th-Nov. 11th Dead Period

Women's Softball

Aug. 1st-Nov.24th Contact/Eval Period
Nov.8th-11th Dead Period

Women's Volleyball

Aug. 1st-Dec. 5th Contact/Eval Period
Nov.8th-11th Dead Period

NLI SIGNING DATES...

The NLI Early Signing Period begins November 10th and ends on November 17th. This period includes all sports EXCEPT Men's and Women's Soccer and Men's Water Polo.

STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES

SAT Test Date

Nov. 6th-Registration Oct. 1st Regular
Oct. 13th Late

ACT Test Date

Oct.23rd -Registration Sept. 17th Regular
Sept.18th-Oct. 1st Late

IN THE NEWS...

Arizona State is investigating whether the payment of a utility bill for suspended running back Loren Wade violated NCAA rules. Wade was suspended two weeks ago when athletic-department officials discovered that an assistant in the school's compliance and recruitment department put her name on a line of credit to allow the running back to pay an overdue utility bill. The Arizona Republic reported Wade also is said to have borrowed the compliance officer's car. The employee was fired.

MORE NEWS...

Before kickoff for games Saturday in the Division I-AA Gateway Conference, all the players will gather near midfield for a new and unconventional ceremony. Instead of trading taunts, they will share handshakes. The policy, which grew from a postgame brawl two years ago between league members Western Kentucky and Western Illinois, was implemented in four league games and is unique in college football.

NCAA COMPLIANCE ASSISTANT INTERNET SOFTWARE

All new recruits for the 05-06 academic year should be input into the recruiting software. Coaches...if you want to roll any of your recruits from the 03-04 recruiting cycle forward to this year, please contact Cara (ext. 83706) for assistance. All unofficial visits, contacts and evaluations, and telephone logs are required to be input into the software. Countable hours should still be completed on the paper forms and be turned in to the Compliance Office each month. Various coaches will be randomly selected each month for progress checks.

CHANGES TO NEW RECRUITING POLICY - OFFICIAL VISITS

In response to the NCAA Board of Director's (BOD) directives dated September 10, 2004, minor adjustments were made to our newly developed recruiting policies that were approved by Fr. Lawton on August 30, 2004. Just days after our approval came from Fr. Lawton, the BOD required all institutions to include 15 specific topics within their recruitment policies. LMU identified just two topics that were not addressed and we have subsequently included those in our recruitment policies. Those topics included - a) Method of development of recruiting policy, and b) Inclusion of an educational component that all prospects must receive when he/she makes an official visit. The revision is currently awaiting approval by Fr. Lawton and must be on file with the WCC office on or before Dec. 1, 2004.

REVISING COMPLIANCE SECTION OF WEBSITE

The Compliance Office is currently re-designing the NCAA Compliance portion of LMULions.com. This portion of the website will include some new information and additional links. Further, the NCAA has re-designed it's website and the Compliance portion of the website is outstanding. We will be creating some direct links to the NCAA site to make it easier for you to locate important information. We also welcome any suggestions you might have.

ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION

The NCAA Certification Peer Review team will be on Campus from November 3rd-5th. Please mark your calendars and plan to be in town and available should the team wish to speak to you. We encourage you to review and familiarize yourself with our written report prior to the visit. It can be found on our website or contact Betty Werner for assistance.

NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Please see the deadline schedule below for this year's approval and distribution process for NCAA Special Assistance Funding. As a point of reminder, coaches should submit only those student-athletes who you feel truly need assistance from this funding source. As in past years, limited funds are available. Last year we assisted a total of 68 student-athletes and distributed a total of \$20,600. Please make every effort to follow the schedule below so that we can attempt to get checks into the hands of our student-athletes prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Scheduled Deadlines

Oct. 15 Names Submission Deadline—Coaching staff submits List of Potential Recipients to Compliance Office
Oct.15-Oct.29 Compliance Office Verifies Financial Need of all Applicants/ Processes Applications
Nov. 1 Notification of aApproval/Denial List to Coaching Staff
Nov. 5 Coaching Staff Forwards Desired List to Compliance Office
Nov. 8-12 Compliance Office Processes Applications
Nov. 15 Compliance Office Submits Applications to West Coast Conference for Processing
Soon After WCC Approval Anticipated Soon Thereafter
Late-Nov. Checks/Acceptance Forms Forwarded to Coaching Staff for Distribution for Student-Athletes

COMPLIANCE BINDER COMING SOON...

Just a quick reminder that new and updated Compliance Binders for the Coaching staff are being completed and should be available by the end of October.

NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The new legislative proposals will be handed out at today's staff meeting. Please review these proposals and be prepared to provide feedback at next week's coaches meeting on Wednesday, October 20th. Staff members are encouraged to provide feedback at our staff meeting next week or via e-mail...whichever you prefer. Legislative proposals will be discussed at length at the WCC Executive Meetings scheduled in November.