



# LMU ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE CORNER

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## CONTACT/EVALUATION CALENDAR

### Men's Basketball

Nov.18th-March 15th Evaluation 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

Nov.12th-Feb.28th Quiet 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

Dec. 4th-Registration Oct. 29th Regular  
Nov. 10th Late

### ACT Test Date

Dec.11th -Registration Nov.5th Regular  
Nov.6th-18th Late

## IN THE NEWS...

FROM THE BCA comes its first-ever "report card" survey, which is an unprecedented effort to objectively quantify efforts of D1 programs to include minorities in their head football coach hiring process. Among the most striking observations was that blacks have held only 17 of 2835 available head coaching positions in the 24 years of Division I football. Currently there are five black coaches among the 117 Division I-A teams.

## MORE NEWS...

The NCAA Committee on Infractions has extended the University of Washington's probationary period until February 2007 for violations of gambling and recruiting in the football program and the institution's failure to monitor itself.

The penalty represents a two-year extension from the ending date of the probationary period imposed in the Washington's infractions case in 2003 involving the men's basketball program.

## EARLY SIGNING PERIOD NOW OPEN

The Early Signing Period for the National Letter of Intent is officially open today and will remain open until next Wednesday (Nov. 17). Most programs have offered NLI's to prospects. For those programs that still intend to send offers, please stop by the Compliance Office so that we can plan ahead in order to ensure that offers are sent out as soon as possible.

## SAOF

Approximately 18 months ago, the NCAA developed a program called the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund to assist student-athletes. As a guiding principle, the fund can be used in three ways: 1) Enrollment in an academic curriculum, 2) recognizing academic achievement, and 3) Meeting financial needs of student-athletes in conjunction with participation in athletics. When this fund was first initiated, we had a very broad and brief discussion about how to use this money at one of our department meetings. We did not utilize our first year's allocation and now have \$20,000 to utilize. Restrictions on use include (prohibited uses): 1) Salaries and benefits, 2) Grant-In-Aid, 3) Capital Improvements (construction), 4) Stipends. The funding can be used in a similar manner to the NCAA Special Assistance Fund as well as in global ways to benefit student-athletes. In discussions with the administrative staff and with the SAAC, prudent use of this funding seems to center around projects that will benefit the collective student-athlete population rather than individuals, mainly due to the fact that we already have a fund in place to assist individuals (NCAA Special Assistance Fund). In priority order, it was felt that the funding should be used for: 1) Computers for the new academic center, 2) Annual purchase of blankets for student-athletes exhausting their eligibility, 3) Annual purchase of participation plaques for student-athletes, 4) Build a reserve for unanticipated projects. Further suggestions on use of the fund are encouraged.

## COMPLIANCE SECTION OF WEBSITE REVISED

The Compliance Office has re-designed the NCAA Compliance portion of LMULions.com. This portion of the website includes some new information and additional links. Further, the NCAA has re-designed its website and the Compliance portion of the NCAA website is much better. We created some direct links to the NCAA site to make it easier for you to locate important information. There is also a link to the NCAA Compliance Assistance Software on the Coaches portion of the Compliance site. Currently, we are investigating how to post all of our Compliance Forms on the site...we hope to work on that over the next few months. We also welcome any suggestions you might have.

## NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Thanks to all the coaches who submitted names of their student-athletes for funding consideration. We had a total of 71 applicants, three more than our total for 03-04. The applications are currently being reviewed by the Financial Aid Office and we anticipate having those returned with decisions early next week. Once we have all of the approved applications, we will forward those to the WCC for processing. We hope to have the checks before Thanksgiving. 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 annually 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 at \$300 per person and distributed a total of \$20,600.

## 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 Approval/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

New Compliance Handbooks are available for coaches and staff. A member of the Compliance Office will contact each of you to provide you with your new copy. Please do not throw away your current copies. We would like to use some existing portions and will recycle the rest of the outdated material.

## NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

At last month's department meeting, a copy of the new legislative proposals were provided to all members of the coaching and administrative staffs. We welcome your input on these proposals before institutions in the WCC are asked to vote in early December. Please forward all comments to the Compliance Office via e-mail.

## IMPORTANT DATES / ACADEMIC CALENDAR - 2004-2005

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| Aug 30    | Fall 2004 Classes begin                                   |
| Sep 6     | University Holiday - Labor Day                            |
| Oct 15    | Mid-term deficiency grades due in Office of the Registrar |
| Oct 25-26 | Undergraduate Holidays                                    |
| Nov 25-26 | University Holidays - Thanksgiving                        |
| Dec 13-17 | Final Examinations  |
| Dec 22    | Final grades due to the Registrar                         |
| Dec 23-31 | Christmas Holidays, University Closed                     |
| Jan 10    | Spring 2005 Classes begin                                 |
| Jan 17    | University Holiday - Martin Luther King Day               |
| Feb 21    | University Holiday - Presidents' Day                      |
| Feb 25    | Mid-term deficiencies Due to the Registrar                |
| Mar 21-25 | Easter/Spring Break                                       |
| Mar 31    | University Holiday - Cesar Chavez Day                     |
| May 2-6   | Final Examinations  |
| May 6     | Baccalaureate Mass  |
| May 7     | Undergraduate Commencement Exercises                      |
| May 8     | Graduate Commencement Exercises                           |
| May 11    | Final grades due to the Registrar                         |

### Compliance Newsletter Suggestions...

If you have any suggestions of ways to improve the Compliance Corner Newsletter or of different types of information you would like to see in the newsletters, please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office. We are very welcome to constructive criticism and suggestions.

### More News...

Mississippi State's football program was placed on four years probation, stripped of four scholarships during each of the next two seasons and banned from postseason play this year by the NCAA because of recruiting violations.

The NCAA's infractions committee announced that it found that two former assistants and several boosters committed recruiting violations between 1998-2002. But allegations of unethical conduct against former coach Jackie Sherrill were dismissed. The Bulldogs are allowed just 81 football scholarships for the 2005 and 2006 seasons, and are limited to 45 expense-paid recruiting visits in each of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years - 11 per year fewer than the maximum allowed by the NCAA.

### NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DATES 2004-2005

|                               |                |                               |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Basketball                    | Early Period   | Nov. 10, 2004 - Nov. 17, 2004 |
| Basketball                    | Late Period    | Apr. 13, 2005 - May 18, 2005  |
| Football                      | Midyear JC     | Dec. 15, 2004 - Jan. 15, 2005 |
| Football                      | Regular Period | Feb. 2, 2005 - Apr. 1, 2005   |
| M/W Soccer & Men's Water Polo | Regular Period | Feb. 2, 2005 - Aug. 1, 2005   |
| All Other Sports              | Early Period   | Nov. 10, 2004 - Nov. 17, 2004 |
| All Other Sports              | Late Period    | Apr. 13, 2005 - Aug. 1, 2005  |

## TIPS - INFO - REMINDERS

### STUDENT-ATHLETE EARLY REGISTRRTATION

Early registration for the Spring 2004 semester has been set for Friday, November 12th beginning at 8 am. Please remind your student-athletes to make sure they meet with their academic advisors and get those holds removed...as well as any other holds (e.g. controller hold) prior to registration.

### STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT FORMS

Coaches please remind your student-athletes that if they plan to work this year, they need to complete a Student-Athlete Employment Form. The forms can be found outside of the Compliance Office and should be returned to the Compliance Office.

### Title IX Tidbits...

**DID YOU KNOW** that because a sport is revenue-producing or has more spectators, these facts cannot be used as an excuse for treating male athletes better than female athletes?

Lots of people say that football should be treated differently (i.e., be permitted to get more benefits and special treatment that schools don't have to match re: how they treat girls) because it makes more money than girls' sports.

- At 64% of all Division I and Division II colleges, the football program loses money.

- If an economic reason can be used to justify sex discrimination, would you accept that reason to justify other forms of discrimination? For instance, would it be okay to say that you can't have an athletic scholarship because you are an African-American or because your family is poor? Educational benefits like participation in sports, drama, or physics classes need to be available to everyone rather than only those of a particular race or gender.

**DID YOU KNOW** that schools cannot use a myth that "boys are more interested in sports than girls," to justify providing more participation opportunities for boys than girls?

There is no research that shows that boys are more interested in sports than girls. We do know that girls are just as interested in sports as boys when they are young. A combination of lack of opportunity, lack of peer group support when they do play sports and lack of encouragement causes them to drop out of sports at a rate that is six times greater than boys.

**DID YOU KNOW** that a school cannot say men can get treated better than girls because the booster club of a boys' team provides funds to be used just for that team? Title IX clearly addresses this myth. If a school accepts money to support its programs, the money then belongs to the school. The school is obligated under the law not to discriminate. Think about it. What if someone gave you money and said you could only use this gift for white students?

**DID YOU KNOW** that cheerleaders and band members must support both men's and women's sports?

Title IX requires that equal benefits be afforded girls' and boys' teams. How would you feel if you were told that your sport wasn't important enough to have the support of the band or cheerleaders?

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*