



LMU ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE CORNER

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CONTACT/EVALUATION CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

Nov. 18th-March 15th Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

Oct. 8th-Feb. 28th Evaluation Period

Men's Baseball

Nov. 12th-Feb. 28th Quiet Period

Women's Softball

Jan. 2nd-July 31st Contact/Eval Period

Women's Volleyball

Jan. 1st-Feb. 18th Quiet Period
Feb. 19th-July 31 Contact/Eval Period

STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES

SAT Test Date

March 12th-Registration Feb. 7th Regular
Feb. 16th Late

ACT Test Date

April 9th -Registration March 4th Regular
March 5th-18th Late

IN THE NEWS...

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A former high school coach told a federal jury that he got offers of money, a job and free law school for his wife before he accepted a \$150,000 payoff to steer his best player to sign with Alabama. Lynn Lang, the former head coach at Trezevant High School, testified at the trial of Logan Young, a Memphis millionaire who is on trial on federal bribery and money laundering charges. A sentencing hearing is set for May 5. Young, faces up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. His attorney says he'll appeal. Lang is awaiting sentencing on a guilty plea to racketeering conspiracy. He said he took the money to convince defensive lineman Albert Means to sign with the Crimson Tide in 2000. In testimony in U.S.

District Court, Lang said that coaches at two other Southeastern Conference schools, Kentucky and Georgia, gave him money. He also testified that Tennessee, Mississippi, Michigan State and Arkansas offered money for Means but never paid.

MORE NEWS...

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The NCAA's Division I Infractions Appeal Committee has set March 29 as the date to hear Georgia's appeal to reduce by one year its four-year probation in men's basketball stemming from violations in 2003 during Jim Harrick's tenure as coach. Georgia also will ask the committee to restore one of three basketball scholarships taken away — one in each of the next three years.

NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE OPERATIONAL CHANGES

All of you should have received a memo last week informing you of the operational changes to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Here are a few reminders about some of those changes:

The clearinghouse registration fee has been increased from \$30 up to \$32 starting September 1, 2005 (for the 2006 Class). This is due to changes in initial eligibility rules, inflation and Web site initiatives that have raised operational costs.

Beginning August 1, 2005 computer science courses can no longer be used as core courses unless the courses receive mathematics or natural/physical science credit toward high-school graduation. The courses must appear on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses in mathematics or natural/physical science.

Presently, prospects are able to access information at any time through the Clearinghouse Web site, or by calling the toll-free customer service line during regular business hours. The Voice Response Unit has been eliminated.

The clearinghouse will no longer mail a paper copy of the certification reports to institutions, as the information is readily available on the clearinghouse Web site for immediate use.

The Clearinghouse will perform preliminary and final certifications for all home-schooled students, thereby providing those students the same benefits as traditionally-schooled students.

Please review these changes. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office.

NLI SIGNING DATES

M/W Soccer - Men's Water Polo - Feb. 2 - Aug. 1

All Other Sports - Apr. 13 - Aug. 1

The Spring signing period for men's and women's soccer and men's water polo opened last Wednesday, February 2nd and remains open until August 1st. The window opens for all other sports on Apr. 13. Please make sure you give the Compliance Office plenty of advance time to generate NLI's for any prospect you intend to send an offer to. If possible, please allow 3-4 days for processing so that your NLI's are not delayed and ultimately arrive late at your prospect's home. Further, please be sure to remind your signees to return their original ink documents to us ASAP...we have only 21 calendar days to process those documents or they will be declared invalid.

TRANSFER EVALUATIONS

Coaches, with the Spring semester in session and recruitment activities beginning to get into full swing, please make sure that any prospects who are 2-4, 4-4, or 4-2-4 transfers are evaluated for transferable degree credit. Please ensure that you request an official copy of the prospect's transcript with courses that are "in-progress." Additionally, please make sure you request a major course of study for the prospect. Bring these materials along with a "New Student-Athlete Request Form" to the Compliance Office for processing. The Compliance Office will forward this information to the appropriate college for evaluation of transferable credit and return that report to the coach. Please allow a minimum of 7 days for processing. All transfer evaluation requests **MUST** be processed by the Compliance Office. Coaches should not request evaluations on their own from any of the colleges. For more information about this process, please contact the Compliance Office and/or follow the transfer evaluation procedures found in your Coaches Compliance Handbook. Additionally, for 4-4 transfers, please ensure that an appropriately executed "Release" has been forwarded and received by the LMU Compliance Office prior to commencing in recruiting activities with the prospect.

IMPORTANT DATES / ACADEMIC CALENDAR - 2004-2005

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.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day

On Feb. 9, 2005, sports educators, coaches, teachers, students, athletes and other women's sports advocates will support female sports participation by celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). Established by a Congressional resolution in 1986, NGWSD celebrates the achievements of girls and women in sports. This year's theme, "More Than A Game," will continue to acknowledge the past and current sports achievements, the importance of females sports participation and their struggle to attain the same equal athletic opportunities as men. NGWSD is celebrated in all 50 states, with community-based events, award ceremonies and other activities honoring the achievements of girls and women in sports. NGWSD is sponsored by seven prominent national organizations: American Association of University Women, Girls Incorporated, Girl Scouts of the USA, National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, National Women's Law Center, the Women's Sports Foundation, and the YWCA of the U.S.A.

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

Latest Lawsuit Regenerates Title IX Talk

A nonprofit advocacy group has amended an earlier lawsuit against the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), alleging that a 2001 report on the application and effects of Title IX on intercollegiate athletics was flawed. In the suit, the College Sports Council (CSC), a coalition of five national sports organizations, accuses the GAO of falsely inflating gains in college sports for both men and women. Eric Pearson, executive director of the CSC, said the numbers in the report are "so flawed they don't even stand up to the standards and practices for accountants." He said in fact that he would like to see the GAO research and produce a new report using more accurate methodology. The lawsuit alleges the report titled, "Intercollegiate Athletics: Four-Year Colleges' Experiences Adding and Discontinuing Teams," is misleading because while it reports an increase in both men's and women's intercollegiate athletics teams in both the NCAA and the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the numbers are distorted because 134 more institutions were included in the latter part of the survey (1998-99) than were involved in the initial, baseline sample taken in 1981-82.

MORE NEWS...

President George W. Bush recently signed into law a measure that makes it illegal for sports agents to sign student-athletes into representational contracts with bribes or misleading information. The Sports Agent and Responsibility Trust Act was sponsored by U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tennessee, and was created in conjunction with U.S. Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Nebraska, and former University of Nebraska, Lincoln, head football coach. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, sponsored the measure in the U.S. Senate. The bill also forbids agents from providing anything of value to the student-athlete or anyone associated with the athlete. Agents also must tell student-athletes in writing that they may lose their NCAA eligibility after signing an agency contract. Pre- and post-dated contracts also are forbidden. The law also requires both the sports agent and the student-athlete to notify the athletics director at the athlete's school within 72 hours of signing the contract or before the athlete's next sporting event. Schools could seek civil remedies for damages suffered through violations of the law.

EVEN MORE NEWS...

KENT, Wash. (AP) — Rick Neuheisel became defensive and was "playing dodgeball" when initially questioned by NCAA investigators about gambling on college basketball games, his lawyer told jurors Monday as testimony began in the former Washington football coach's lawsuit. In opening statements, Neuheisel lawyer Bob Sulkin said his client was set up by NCAA officials seeking to make an example of him. Neuheisel is suing the NCAA and the university, alleging he was wrongly fired.

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it." - Matthew Campbell