



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

STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES

SAT Test Date

Jan. 22nd-Registration Dec. 20th Regular
Dec. 29th Late

ACT Test Date

Feb. 12th -Registration Jan. 7th Regular
Jan. 8th-21st Late

IN THE NEWS...

Fairfield University has been cleared of the major NCAA violations alleged by former students from the men's basketball team after an independent investigation. Father Jeffrey von Arx announced Thursday. Jermaine Clark '02, Oscar Garcia and Jeremy Logan '03, and two former players that wished to remain anonymous, said in the Tuesday Aug. 5, 2003, edition of the Connecticut Post that Fairfield's basketball coaching staff falsified mandated drug tests, committed academic dishonesty by writing term papers for several players, gave cash handouts for as much as \$500 during the 1999-2000 winter break, and gave regular cash payments from a booster. Clark, Logan and Garcia each told the Connecticut Post that O'Toole ran a "boot camp," mandating players to devote their free time to basketball related activities while surpassing the 20-hour cap each week.

MORE NEWS...

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Auburn University has determined that football team chaplain Chette Williams did not violate any major NCAA rules after newspaper stories raised questions about the role he plays in the athletic department. He said Chette Williams Ministries Inc. spent \$704 for meals at three FCA events and \$400 for a bus ride to an event last summer. He said the payments could be a potential violation since NCAA rules don't allow a school or an "athletically related organization" from paying such expenses.

NEW ADDITIONS TO YOUR ROSTER?

Coaches...if you plan to add any new student-athletes to your roster(s) for Spring 2005, there are a number of things you will need to do. Make sure each new student-athlete gets a physical as soon as possible...physical packets can be obtained in the Compliance Office. Each new student-athlete will also need to complete the required Compliance paperwork and pick up a Student-Athlete Manual...remember to schedule a meeting with the Compliance Office to get this completed as soon as possible. Any new team members who are freshmen will need to get cleared by the NCAA Clearinghouse ASAP. Transfer student-athletes should get official transcripts sent to the Compliance Office in sealed envelopes for evaluation of transfer units. If you have any questions regarding the addition of student-athletes to your roster(s), please contact the Compliance Office. Physicals and Compliance Packets must be completed and processed prior to any student-athlete engaging in practice or competition activities.

NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND - Deadline Reminder

All of the student-athletes should have received their NCAA Special Assistance Fund checks. Be sure to remind them to turn in their receipts to the Compliance Office. The deadline is this Friday, January 14th at 5 pm. For a list of student-athletes who received checks on your team contact Cara (x83706). If receipts are not received by that date, the student-athlete's student account will be charged \$300.

NLI SIGNING DATES APPROACHING

For Men's & Women's Soccer and Men's Water Polo

The Spring signing period for men's and women's soccer and men's water polo is quickly approaching...it opens Wednesday, February 2nd and remains open until August 1st. 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Don't forget that the Dead Period surrounding the initial signing date for soccer and water polo coming up in February begins on Monday, January 31st and ends Thursday, February 3.

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.

Brand: Minority hiring efforts 'unacceptable'

NCAA President Myles Brand considers "unacceptable" the process by which minority coaches are considered for job openings.

But Brand, in an interview on College Sports Television's *One2One* to air Sunday, says there's little the NCAA can do aside from making the situation public.

"It's the schools, the universities and colleges that hire and fire, coaches, athletic directors," Brand said.

"The NCAA home office has nothing to do with that, nor should they."

Brand says he believes he can best help ensure fair-hiring practices by speaking out on the subject and working with the Black Coaches Association.

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

BRANDED E-MAIL LETTERHEAD...

The company www.onletterhead.com provides a branded email service, which designs institutional email letterheads, memos, post cards and thank you cards (please see sample). The company charges a one-time design fee of \$150 for the branded email letterhead and \$6 per month per email account user for this service. The question has come up as to whether or not it is permissible to use this service and send emails to prospects under the provisions of NCAA Bylaws [specifically 12.5.1.1 (c), and 13.4.1 (d)]. The NCAA determined that service provided by www.onletterhead.com would be permissible because the emails would be considered branded or embedded with a letterhead rather than containing an attachment. In addition, www.onletterhead.com agreed to remove its logo so that institutions may have photographs of student-athletes appear on the designed letterheads. For more information contact the LMU Compliance Office.

MORE NEWS...

NCAA approves academic reform

GRAPEVINE, Texas — College sports teams must stay on track to graduate at least 50 percent of their student-athletes to avoid the risk of losing scholarships for a year, under a plan approved Monday by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Teams with a projected graduation rate below 50 percent could be subject to contemporaneous penalties as part of the new NCAA academic reform standards. Contemporaneous penalties will be based on the new Academic Performance Rate (APR) of each team and individual academic performance of student-athletes. When a contemporaneous penalty is applied, an institution may not re-award the scholarship of an ineligible student-athlete who left the school to a new student-athlete. This restriction lasts for one year.

The NCAA approved a package under which about 30 percent of Division I football teams would have lost scholarships had it been implemented immediately. The APR will be based on the number of student-athletes on each team who achieve eligibility and return to campus full-time each term. There will also be a longer-term graduation success rate. Sports affected the most by the cut score and that would have teams with at least one player below the standard, according to the data, are baseball, 23.9 percent; men's basketball, 20.1 percent; and football, 30.7 percent. The committee did put a 10 percent cap on the number of scholarships teams could lose. Based on 85 scholarships, Division I-A football teams could lose no more than nine scholarships in one year. Basketball teams could lose up to two scholarships.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King Jr.