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The University of Maryland Office of Athletic Compliance

## Don't Jump in the POOL!



It's that time of year again - March Madness! With the NCAA Tournament right around the corner, we wanted to take a few minutes to remind you about the NCAA's stance on sports wagering. The NCAA specifically prohibits wagering on college or professional athletic events by anyone involved with the University of Maryland Athletic Department (coaches, staff, STUDENT-

ATHLETES, student managers, etc.) even in what you might consider to be "harmless" pools. Any bracket challenge or tournament pool that involves an entry fee and offers the opportunity to win a prize (monetary or otherwise) is not permitted by NCAA rules. Students, this can cost you your eligibility!

Furthermore, the rule prohibits providing information to anyone who places bets on college or professional sports. The NCAA believes that the general student-athlete population should be aware of the harms, both financially and psychologically, that can result from gambling, as well as the effects that it can have on their eligibility.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Maryland Compliance staff if you have any questions.

## Upcoming NLI Signing Period

The National Letter of Intent signing date for sports other than Football, Basketball, Track, Field Hockey and Soccer begins **April 9, 2008** and continues through August 1, 2008. The regular signing period for Basketball begins **April 16, 2008** and continues through May 21, 2008. If you plan on sending a NLI, you will need to submit a request to Keli for approval.

Communication of the NLI signing may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion but shall occur only **AFTER** the prospect has signed a **NLI**. The media staff must receive confirmation of a prospect's signing by the compliance office **PRIOR TO** releasing this information.

If you have any additional questions please contact Keli at 4-8325.

## Question and Answer

**Q: When is it permissible to release the name of a prospect who has not signed a National Letter of Intent but will be attending the University of Maryland?**

A: You may publicly release the name of a prospect's commitment to attend UMD when he or she has signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission (i.e. the Maryland Planner) and/or financial aid agreement (Bylaw 13.10.9- Media Releases Regarding Signing). In addition, the media relation's staff must receive confirmation from compliance before releasing this information.



## Recruiting Calendar

March 15 - April 30

**Baseball**  
**Softball**  
**Volleyball**

Mar. 15 - Apr. 6            Contact Period  
**Apr. 7 - Apr. 10        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 11 - Apr. 30        Contact Period

**Men's Basketball**

Mar. 15                      Evaluation Period  
Mar. 16 - Mar. 22        Contact Period  
Mar. 23 - Mar. 31        Evaluation Period  
Apr. 1 - Apr. 2            Contact Period  
**Apr. 3 - Apr. 10        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 11 - Apr. 13        Contact Period  
**Apr. 14 - Apr. 17        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 18 - Apr. 30        Contact Period

**Women's Basketball**

Mar. 15 - Apr. 3            Contact Period  
**Apr. 4 - Apr. 10        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 11 - Apr. 13        Quiet Period  
**Apr. 14 - Apr. 17        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 18 - Apr. 22        Evaluation Period  
Apr. 23 - Apr. 30        Quiet Period

**Football**

Mar. 15 - Apr. 14        Quiet Period  
Apr. 15 - Apr. 30        Evaluation Period

**Gymnastics**

Mar. 15 - Apr. 6            Contact/Evaluation  
**Apr. 7 - Apr. 10        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 11 - Apr. 22        Contact/Evaluation  
**Apr. 23 - Apr. 27        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 28 - Apr. 30        Contact/Evaluation

**Men's & Women's Lacrosse**

Mar. 15 - Apr. 6            Contact Period  
**Apr. 7 - Apr. 10        DEAD Period**  
Apr. 11 - Apr. 30        Contact Period

**Track & Field / XC**

**Mar. 15 - Mar. 16        DEAD PERIOD**  
Mar. 17 - Apr. 30        Contact Period

**All Other Sports**

Contact / Evaluation

## REMINDER -

### All Outside Income Forms Due

All full-time or part-time athletics department coaches and staff members (excluding secretarial or clerical personnel) that were employed at UMD at any point during the 2007 calendar year are required to complete the outside income form. If you have not already done so, please turn the form in to the Compliance Office as soon as possible.



## Compliance Top 5 March Power Rankings

1. **Women's Lacrosse**
2. **Water Polo**
3. **Women's Basketball**
4. **Field Hockey**
5. **Baseball**

Others receiving votes: **SWIM, WTE, & MTE**

## Testudo's Kudos

Testudo would like to say...  
"CONGRATULATIONS to the Wrestling team and Coach Reese!"

On March 8, the Wrestling team won the 2008 ACC Championship. This is their first ACC title since 1973.



Head Coach Cathy Reese delivered a healthy baby girl on March 12. Cayden Elizabeth is the third child for Cathy and her husband Brian.



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