



University of Richmond Department of Athletics Compliance Newsletter APRIL 2009

Recruiting Calendars:

Cross Country/ Track & Field

April 1-30 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

April 1 ~ Quiet Period

April 2-9 (noon) ~ Dead Period

April 9 (noon)-12 ~ Contact Period

April 13-16 ~ Dead Period

April 17-22 ~ Contact Period

April 23-30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

April 1-2 ~ Contact Period

April 3-9 ~ Dead Period

April 10-12 ~ Quiet Period

April 13-16 ~ Dead Period

April 17-21 ~ Evaluation Period

April 22-30 ~ Quiet Period

**Evaluations permitted at non-scholastic events April 17-19*

Baseball

April 1-5 ~ Contact Period

April 6-9 ~ Dead Period

April 10-30 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

April 1-5 ~ Contact Period

April 6-9 ~ Dead Period

April 10-30 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

April 1-14 ~ Quiet Period

April 15-30 ~ Evaluation Period



Other sports subject to the April 6-9 Dead Period:

- Golf, men & women
- Tennis, men & women
- Swimming/diving

Playing & Practice seasons ... Skill Instruction Reminder:

- **Wednesday, April 15** is the last day to conduct skill instruction with more than four student-athletes; after which, skill instruction is limited to no more than four student-athletes from the same team at any one time in any facility
 - Rules says between September 15 through April 15 more than four student-athletes from the same team can engage in skill instruction; prior to September 15 and after April 15 the limit is four student-athletes
- **Sunday, April 19** is the last day for all countable athletically related activity for out-of-season sports
 - Rules state that all athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period – exams begin Monday, April 27

NCAA Eligibility Center ... Tips for signed prospects and walk-ons:

From now until all incoming prospects in your respective program are cleared, you will receive frequent updates of their status. Please follow up with the prospects to ensure they are taking the appropriate steps to get cleared.

- As of April 1, all prospective student-athletes can log onto to the eligibility center website and request a final amateur certification by signing a 10.1 statement. Please(!) encourage all of your incoming prospects to log on and complete this process now.
- The eligibility center is still processing early academic certifications ... so if you have a prospect that meets the criteria below, please encourage them to follow up with their guidance counselor and have a transcript submitted now.
 - **EARLY CERTIFICATION!!!** A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria:
 - A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85; and
 - A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (4.000 scale) in a minimum of 13 core courses on completion of six semesters – complete junior year transcript (or the equivalent).

USE THE RESOURCE SHEET SENT ALONG WITH THIS NEWSLETTER TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO YOUR PROSPECTS, OR EMAIL IT TO THEM DIRECTLY TO FACILITATE THEIR CLEARANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NEW LEGISLATION

In January, at the NCAA convention, proposals in the current cycle were voted on by the Legislative Council. Below are the proposals that were adopted in January and are effective immediately that apply to ALL sports. Additional proposals were passed that apply to specific sports; please see your compliance staff regarding your particular sport.

Old Rule	New Rule
An individual is no longer a PSA when the individual officially registers and enrolls and attends classes during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and receives institutional athletics aid.	An individual is no longer a PSA when the individual officially registers and enrolls and attends classes during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment. <u>(NO requirement about athletics aid)</u>
You may text message a PSA only after s/he has signed an NLI or written offer of admission or financial aid.	Same – <u>AND/OR you may send text messages after May 1 of the senior year if the PSA has submitted a room or tuition deposit to your institution.</u>
General information (such as a teams schedule) posted on an institutions web site may NOT be sent to a PSA as attachments to general correspondence (unless it is on the permissible list, e.g., questionnaire, camp brochure).	<u>You may send general information that appears on the institution's web site as attachments to general correspondence</u> (black ink on plain white paper).
Currently there is an exception to allow teams to travel to a site of a competition more than 48 hours before the event during a vacation period for a post-season event, but there is not an exception to allow teams or individuals to remain longer than 36 hours after.	For post-season events that take place during a vacation <u>period it is now permissible to leave prior to 48 hours before and remain at the site longer than 36 hours after the event.</u>

ON THE RADAR:

Effective: AUGUST 1, 2009	Institution may NOT send institutional postcards unless they meet the legislation for institutional note cards.	New legislation has been created to define and allow for institutional post-cards to be sent to PSAs. May not exceed 4.25 inches x 6 inches, may only contain institution's name and logo or an athletics logo on ONE side when produced – all other information must be hand written on the opposite side.
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ALL SPORTS:

Please schedule a compliance meeting with your team prior to final exams. The meeting, which will last no longer than 30 minutes, can be scheduled at a time most convenient for the student-athletes, and can occur after Sunday, April 19. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Distribute and collect necessary summer forms
- Review NCAA summer drug testing program
- Discuss summer employment & extra benefits
- Provide information related to summer leagues, or outside competition during the summer months.

On the Horizon:

- At least three review sessions for the 2009-10 recruiting exam will be scheduled during the month to prepare coaches for the exam, which will be available May 5:
 - Link to online practice exam:
<http://web1.ncaa.org/coachesTest/exec/practiceexam?division=1>.
- The compliance office will distribute (via email) a guide summarizing permissible activities for prospects that will be on campus and enrolled in summer classes.
- Update the compliance staff of any walk-ons that will be joining your team so that they can be added your incoming spreadsheet that tracks their status with the NCAA eligibility center
- Work with Melissa to ensure that your 2008-09 participation list is accurate