

SACRED HEART NEWS

Athletic Compliance

For Coaches and Athletics Staff

Fall 2007

DEAD PERIOD NOVEMBER 12-15!!!

A dead period is defined as that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations ON or OFF campus. This means that all official and unofficial visits by prospects to our campus are not permitted. It is permissible for a staff member to write, email, or telephone prospects during such a dead period.

NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

All coaches who have Pell grant recipients on their teams will be receiving the forms for the first distribution of this NCAA fund. After all of these student-athletes have received assistance, we will begin to address other student-athletes who are experiencing financial hardship. Just remember that only those student-athletes who receive athletic aid AND have unmet financial need are eligible for this fund (other than Pell grant recipients).

Please have your student-athletes gather receipts totaling not more than \$350 for clothing and transportation BEFORE they return the form. This year they will turn in all receipts to you for approval. Please make sure they sign the form. You will then give the forms and receipts to me.

The following are *not acceptable* receipts:

- ❖ Any entertainment expenses
- ❖ Grocery items and/or food expenses
- ❖ Uniform and equipment costs
- ❖ Inappropriate apparel and/or clothing for family members
- ❖ Books

CURRENT RECRUITING CALENDAR	
<u>Softball</u>	
Sept. 4 – Nov. 22	Contact Only
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
Nov. 23 – Jan. 1	Quiet Period
Nov. 28 – Nov. 30	Dead Period
<u>Baseball</u>	
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
Nov. 16 – Feb. 29	Quiet Period
<u>Men's Basketball</u>	
Oct. 6 – Mar. 31	Evaluation Period
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
<u>Women's Basketball</u>	
Sept. 16-April 22	*Evaluation Pd
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
<u>Football</u>	
Aug. 1 – Nov. 24	*Quiet Period
Nov. 25 – Feb. 2	Contact Period
Dec. 17 – Jan. 3	Dead Period
<u>Field Hockey</u>	
Nov. 14 – 23	Dead Period
<u>Track and Field</u>	
Nov. 12 -15	Dead Period
Nov. 19	Dead Period
Dec. 10 – Jan 2	Quiet Period
Dec. 16-Dec. 19	Dead Period
<u>Volleyball</u>	
Aug. 1 – Dec. 2	Contact Period
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
Dec. 12 – 31	Dead Period
<u>Men's Lacrosse</u>	
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period
Nov. 21 – 25	Dead Period
<u>All Other Sports Except for Soccer</u>	
Nov. 12 – 15	Dead Period

FYI . . .

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Please note that from this point forward, any additions to your team will require completion of the “Late Addition to Roster” Form. Julie Alexander, Lucy Cox, and Kim Callicoatte must sign this form. The use of this form simply organizes the steps that the student-athlete must go through to begin with, and should make late additions much easier. Also, all deletions must now be recorded on the “Official Roster Change” Form. Both forms may be found on the website.

SUITING UP

Student-athletes who have rendered themselves ineligible for intercollegiate competition may not utilize team travel to away from home competitions, nor can they receive complimentary admissions to the away from home competitions. Please note that a student-athlete who is eligible for practice is not permitted to dress for home or away from home competitions but may be on the sidelines and wear their team jersey. Student-athletes who are not eligible for practice may not be on the sidelines during the institution’s competitions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE

In order to be eligible for practice sessions (including voluntary individual skill instruction), a student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at SHU, or if graduating this term, be carrying the courses necessary to complete his/her degree requirements.



Lucky The Dawg SAYS “ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!!”

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the initial date for the signing of the **National Letter of Intent** and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.

Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a **National Letter of Intent**, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution with which the prospect has signed.

The dates for the Fall Early Signing Period are fast approaching. Please see Kim **BEFORE** November 5th if you are planning on any activity during this time!

Official Visits

At the time of the *invitation* of an official visit, the prospect must be notified in writing of the five-visit limitation. After this notification has been sent, the coach and prospect can arrange for high school transcripts and test scores to be received by the compliance office. All official visit paperwork must be presented to the compliance office no later than 72 hours prior to the visit. *At SHU, we do not allow for spontaneous “official” visits. If a recruit is limited in time or circumstance, you must allow them only an “unofficial” visit. There are no exceptions. The prospect must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and appear on your sport’s 2007-08 Institution Request List (IRL).* If you are aware of a prospect that you are actively recruiting who wants to come visit and stay with friends who are on your team, you must count this as an official visit. A letter of notification must be sent and transcripts/test scores must be received. Please make sure your athletes are aware of this rule!

NEW NCAA LEGISLATION – RECRUITING PRESENTATIONS

We may now produce a computer recruiting presentation to show to a prospective student-athlete during an in-home visit or during an official or unofficial visit. The presentations may not include any video/audio component except for a highlight film/videotape/audio tape (as permitted by Bylaw 13.4.2.1) and any features (e.g., sound effects, animation) that are included with the presentation software program. Therefore, any highlight film/videotape/audio tape incorporated into the recruiting presentation may include only clips of actual athletics contests and activities that occur on the day of the contest that are directly related to the contest (e.g., pre-game player introductions, half-time band and cheerleader performances, locker-room talks, crowd reactions, sideline coaching staff activities, post game on-field award presentations). The highlight film may not include clips of other activities that are only indirectly related to the contests (e.g., team travel, team meals, entertainment activities, practice activities, institutional facilities). However, it is permissible to include still photographs of activities not directly related to a contest in the recruiting presentation. Lastly, a computer recruiting presentation may not be created by an entity outside the institution. The following questions and answers will assist in the application of Bylaw 13.4.2.4.

Q: May the computer recruiting presentation be sent to a prospect?

A: It is not permissible to send a computer recruiting presentation to a prospect since it would be considered an attachment to general correspondence. Such attachments may include only information that is not

Q: Is it permissible to use features (e.g., sound effects, animation) that are included with the presentation software program in the computer recruiting presentation?

A: It is permissible to use only those features that are included with the presentation software program. It is not permissible to insert any additional items that alter the features of the program to personalize it for the institution or prospect. For example, it is permissible to include animated clip art or noise effects that

are part of the software program. However, it is not permissible to insert an animated version of the institution's mascot or a sound clip of the institution's fight song into the computer recruiting presentation.

Q: Is it permissible for a prospect to view the computer recruiting presentation on a television or monitor?

A: It is permissible to connect the computer to a television or monitor for viewing. You also may show the computer presentation in a classroom setting with a projector/projection screen for unofficial and official visits or on the wall of the prospect's home. When considering how to show the presentation using different devices (e.g., television, projection screen), it is important to note a computer must be used both to create the presentation and serve as the source of the presentation when shown.

OFFICE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Overzealous, still here, Student-Athlete Academic Services Director seeking issues in order to create action plans and implement solutions to assist you and your team.

Just some ways *I can help*:

- Class scheduling/planning
- Degree Audits
- Choosing a Major
- Academic probation issues
- Tutors/CLA's
- Faculty correspondence
- Career Advisement

Just some ways *you can help*:

- Keep me in the loop with your issues
- Send me your athletes for advisement
- Let me communicate with professors/administrators
- Tell me your good news so I can share

Please require your senior student-athletes who are not going to graduate school to check in with **Career Development** within the next two weeks so they can participate in the end of the month recruitment day. Job market is tough and very competitive and a prepared student-athlete is a sure shot at a great career – **prepared** being the key word.