

SACRED HEART NEWS

Athletic Compliance

For Coaches and Athletics Staff

Fall 2003

DEAD PERIOD NOVEMBER 10-13!!!

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 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 have been recruited 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 \$500 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

Softball

August 1 – July 31 *Contact/Eval. Pd

Except for Fall dates listed below:

Nov. 10 – 13 **Dead Period**

Nov. 27 – Jan. 1 Quiet Period

Dec. 3 – 7 **Dead Period**

[Must designate 50 evaluation days]

Men's Basketball

Oct. 6 – Nov. 19 Quiet Period

Nov. 10 – 13 **Dead Period**

Nov. 20 – Mar. 15 *Evaluation Period

[Must designate 40 evaluation days]

Women's Basketball

Oct. 8 – Feb. 29 *Evaluation Pd

Nov. 10 – 13 **Dead Period**

*[Must designate 40 evaluation days]

Football

Aug. 1 – Nov. 30 *Quiet Period

Dec. 1 – Jan. 31 Contact Period

Dec. 15 – Dec. 18 **Dead Period for JCs**

Dec. 21 – Jan. 10 **Dead Period**

*[42 evaluation days during the months of Sept., Oct., and through the last Saturday in Nov. (not to exceed a period of 42 calendar days)]

Field Hockey

Nov. 19 – 24 **Dead Period**

All Other Sports Except for Soccer

Nov. 11 – 13 **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.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

For all sports other than football, 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.*

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 – PASSED SINCE JULY 2002

2002-21 – Financial Aid – To exempt a student-athlete's on and off campus employment earnings from both individual and institutional financial aid limits. Student-athletes can work within the athletics department; freshmen on full scholarship can now work; No longer a \$2,000 limit on earnings.

2002-22 – Initial eligibility requirements – The number of core courses will increase from 13 to 14. The index of GPA and test score has been modified to include SAT scores of 400, and all references to partial qualifiers have been eliminated. **This will take effect August 1, 2005.** Until this time, student-athletes will be certified using the new and then the old method.

2002-23 – Eligibility – Satisfactory Progress – Instead of the 75/25 rule, sat progress will now be based on 24 credits prior to the sophomore year, of which 18 must be achieved within the academic year. Each student-athlete must complete **6** credits the preceding academic term in order to be eligible to compete in the subsequent term. ***These credits cannot be achieved with intercession.***

OFFICE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Overzealous, still here, Student-Athlete Associate 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

A reminder about the “***Notification of Team Travel***” form. If this form is not presented to faculty within the first two class meetings of a semester, you risk the chances of your student-athlete being able to travel for competition. If you are not sure when you are leaving for an event – prepare the forms at “worst case scenario” with an asterisk saying if the bus leaves later, the student-athlete **WILL BE IN CLASS**. Then you'll have no surprises. It is much easier for me to attempt mediation at the very being of a semester and at worst case; I can assist in getting the student-athlete out of the conflict class and into another, even if the class is closed. I am here to assist with these problems **BUT** if I don't know about them, I can not help and the student-athlete suffers. Unscheduled travel due to re-scheduling or possibly making it to a play-off and/or tournament, I can help as well. Let me know **ASAP** who, what, when and where and I'll get right on it.

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.

Thank you again for supporting last night's presentation on Substance Abuse and Leadership. Please have your student-athletes at risk check in with Janice Kessler in the counseling center if need be.

Early warnings will be out this week and I'll be contacting you if need be. ***Go Pioneers!!!!***



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

