

# Crimson Courier



University of Utah Compliance News



ATHLETICS STAFF NEWSLETTER

KEEPING UTAH "ABOVE THE REST"

MARCH 2006

## March Division I Recruiting Calendar

### Baseball

Mar. 1-31 Contact/Eval Period

### Men's Basketball

Mar. 1-29 Evaluation Period

**Mar. 30-31 Dead Period**

### Women's Basketball

Mar. 1-30 Contact Period

**Mar. 31 Dead Period**

### Football

Mar. 1-31 Quiet Period

### Softball

Mar. 1-31 Contact/Eval Period

### Volleyball

Mar. 1-31 Contact/Eval Period

### Women's Soccer

Mar. 1-31 Contact/Eval Period

### All Other Sports

Mar. 1-31 Contact/Eval Period

### Contact Period

Permissible to make in-person, off-campus, recruiting contacts and evaluations.

### Evaluation Period

Permissible to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. NO in-person, off-campus contacts may be made periods.

### Quiet Period

Permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts ONLY on campus. Evals may continue.

### DEAD Period

NOT permissible to make in-person contacts or evals on- or off-campus or to permit official or unofficial visits.

## GAMBLING ACTIVITY

With the increased number of online sports wagering agencies and other gambling programs, wagering on sporting events has reached a level never-before-seen in sports. This year's Super Bowl was the most wagered on sports event in history. As the next large sporting event following the Super Bowl, the NCAA Tournament is expected to draw the attention of a large number of gamblers and wagers as well.

Gambling on any sport in which the NCAA conducts championships or is a developing sport is not allowed. This includes NCAA Tournament office pools. Specifically, NCAA Bylaw 10.3 [Gambling Activities] states:

Staff members of a member conference, staff members of the athletics department of a member institution and student-athletes shall not knowingly: (*Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98*)

- (a) Provide information to individuals involved in organized **gambling** activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- (b) Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- (c) Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- (d) Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value; or (*Revised: 9/15/97*)
- (e) Participate in any **gambling** activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized **gambling**. (*Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

Examples: **(1)** For \$1 you can enter a NCAA Tournament pool with 500 other people. \$1 is not very much, but the winner takes \$300. Would entering the pool be a violation? **Yes.** A good rule of thumb is if there is a risk or a reward – it will violate Bylaw 10.3. Admittedly, the risk is small in this scenario, but it is present. Additionally, there is a large reward.

**(2)** A friend invites you to fill out an NCAA Tournament bracket through Yahoo. You don't have to pay anything to enter. The winner of the pool gets a T-shirt of the eventual NCAA champion. Is participation a violation of Bylaw 10.3? **YES.** Here there is no risk because it is free to enter. However, the T-shirt is a sufficient reward to make this a violation.

Note: Any participation by a student-athlete in a gambling activity noted in Bylaw 10.3 will result in a loss of eligibility for a minimum period of one year. A second violation will result in a permanent loss of eligibility. Any student-athlete involved in any activity designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest will permanently lose eligibility in all sports. Involvement with gambling activities of staff members will also have serious consequences.

If a permissibility question arises, please contact the Compliance office immediately.

# GO UTES!

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## INTERP. CENTRAL:

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR ANSWERS!

**Q:** Can I watch a prospective student-athlete work out on-campus provided that the prospect has arranged for the workout?

**A:** No. Not only is it impermissible for institutions to arrange for prospects to demonstrate athletic ability; it is also specifically prohibited for coaches to observe any workout while the prospect is on campus.

**Q:** A student-athlete who competes one season at a MWC school and then completes a church mission desires to transfer to another MWC school. Must the student-athlete complete a year in residence without aid?

**A:** NCAA Bylaws waive the year in residency requirement provided student-athletes serve a religious mission of at least 18 months. However, the MWC places additional restrictions on transfers within the conference. Student-athletes must complete a year in residence at the second MWC school, forfeit one season of competition and not receive any financial aid prior to being eligible.

**Q:** Is it permissible to send flowers to a prospective student-athlete who has signed a NLI when his/her family member has suddenly passed away?

**A:** Yes. The NCAA permits institutions to send **reasonable** memorials, including flowers, to a prospect that **has signed** an NLI with the institution in the event of the death or life-threatening injury or illness to an **immediate family member**.

### MARCH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

March 8                      Gambling  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Smith Center Auditorium  
All ICA coaches are strongly encouraged to attend.

March 22                     Roundtable  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.    Huntsman Center  
All ICA coaches are invited. The session is designed for all sports to share ideas about international recruiting.

### SWOOP'S STAR OF THE MONTH



Swoop's March star of the month is Volleyball coach Beth Launiere for reminding her student-athletes to complete an employment form prior to beginning any work duties. Thanks for your help!

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES Plans for Summer Semester

**Coaches must inquire into the intentions of their international student-athletes regarding their plans for the coming summer.**

All international student-athletes must inform the Athletics Department and the University of their plans for the summer. One of two options must be declared to the International Student Center prior to the conclusion of Spring Semester.

- (A) If the student-athlete intends to return home to their native country for the summer, the student-athlete is required to apply for a vacation semester from the International Student Center.
- (B) If the student-athlete intends to remain on campus during the summer semester, the student-athlete must register for a minimum of 12-credit hours in order to retain their visa and immigration status.

Please see the Compliance Office or the International Student Center if you have any questions.

### HARDSHIP WAIVERS

Each year student-athletes and coaches approach the Compliance Office requesting a hardship waiver. Often times student-athletes have suffered valid injuries which would justify the a hardship waiver. However they lack the medical documentation that supports their claim. Rather than scrambling to gather the information after months, or even years, have passed, please gather all relevant documentation now.

In order to better facilitate the petitions for these waivers, please gather all medical documentation. Review all of your records from your playing season to determine those student-athletes who suffered injuries and lost playing time. Once all of the documents have been gathered and retained, please contact the Compliance Office to determine whether the student-athlete is eligible to petition for a hardship waiver from the NCAA.

## THE RUNDOWN...



Online articles from around the country

#### OHIO STATE IMPROPERLY FIRED EX-COACH

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=3331340>

#### LAWSUIT TARGETS CAPPING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncaa/news/story?id=3337810>

#### ST. JOHN'S MEETS WITH NCAA

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=3335105>

#### SEC FINES ARKANSAS FOR FANS' JUBILATION

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=3337307>

#### MIZZOU REVIEWS SNYDER'S RESIGNATION

<http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=3337633>