Requesting Final Amateurism Certification

Prospective student-athletes that are enrolling at UVM in Fall 2016 will be able to request final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center starting April 1.

Prospective student-athletes must receive final amateurism certification prior to competition.

* Track & Field student-athletes who also participate in cross-country must receive final amateurism certification in both sports.

All incoming first-years and 2-4 college transfers must confirm the following prior to requesting final amateurism certification:

- The email address on their NCAA Eligibility Center account is the one they check the most;
- Their enrollment period is correctly corresponding to Fall 2016; and
- Any and all athletic participation since age 14 is updated on the Sports Participation link.

NCRA in the News: Syracuse and UNC-Chapel Hill Bring their Baggage to Final Four

The men’s basketball Final Four battle between Syracuse (on probation) vs. UNC-Chapel Hill (under investigation) has been in the spotlight for some negative reasons ever since both teams advanced to this round.

Syracuse was banned from the NCAA tournament last year as part of a self-imposed one-year postseason ban, based on major NCAA infractions, which included academic misconduct, extra benefits, not following drug-testing policy, and not promoting an atmosphere of compliance. In addition to the school’s self-imposed penalty, the NCAA gave additional penalties such as a nine-game suspension for the head men’s basketball coach, vacated 108 victories for the men’s basketball program, and reduction of athletic scholarship for men’s basketball.

UNC-Chapel Hill is under investigation by NCAA for academic misconduct and lack of institutional control. UNC-Chapel Hill committed several violations of academic misconduct such as creating fake classes for student-athlete to take to become academically eligible, and academic tutors giving benefits to the student-athletes. The NCAA is still in the process of investigating the violations against UNC-Chapel Hill.

The recent violations surrounding both of these programs looms as a dark cloud over this very important and high-profile game.

Key Points:

- Please promote an atmosphere of compliance at all times
- If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the compliance office

Remember to ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!!

NLI Signing Period (All Sports Except Soccer)

For all sports except Soccer, the National Letter of Intent Signing Period is approaching. Some reminders about the dead period (Mon-Thurs, April 11-14) surrounding NLI Signing Period:

- Impermissible
  - Official Visits
  - Off-campus contacts
  - Off-campus evaluations
  - Unofficial visits
  - Walk-ins

- Permissible
  - Telephone calls
    - Note: Calls are unlimited starting with the initial date of NLI Signing and for the two following days (Apr 13-15).
  - Texts (if permissible for your sport)
  - E-mails

After Signing of NLI: Majority of recruiting limits are lifted for coaches, including call, text, contact, and evaluation restrictions.

Publicity After Commitment (UVM Policy)

- Social Media: It is permissible to publicize about a PSA after (s)he signs an NLI and has applied to UVM.
- Press Release: It is permissible to send out a press release after (s)he signs an NLI and has applied to UVM.

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Recruiting Calendar

Men’s Basketball

April 1-5: Contact Period
April 6-12 @ 12pm: Dead Period
April 11-14: Dead Period
April 15-30: Contact Period

Women’s Ice Hockey

April 1-10: Contact Period
April 11-14: Dead Period
April 15-30: Contact Period

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* Evaluations permitted at certified events only