

COUGAR NATION NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011

Upcoming Home Event Schedule

September 26

Volleyball6:00pm vs Colby

September 29

 Baseball Scrimmage 4:00pm vs Brown Mackie

September 30

Volleyball6:00pm vs Garden

October 2

 Men's & Women's Soccer vs Pratt 2:00pm & 4:00pm

October 6

Baseball Scrimmage
4:00pm vs Hutch

October 8

 Men's & Women's Soccer vs Indy CC 2:00pm & 4:00pm

October 11

 Men's & Women's Soccer vs No. Okla.
2:00pm & 4:00pm

October 12

- Men's & Women's Soccer vs Allen CCC 2:00pm & 4:00pm
- Volleyball 6:30pm vs Hutch CC

October 14

Women's Soccer4:00pm vs Butler CC

October 14-16

Baseball Alumni Weekend

From the Athletic Director

Since I wrote you last, things have not slowed down a bit for the athletic department. And truthfully, that is just the way we like it. I want to start this month's newsletter by thanking all the wonderful people within the Cougar Nation who made possible the dedication of our new track & field/soccer complex. From those who had the vision to understand the facility facelift was necessary, to those who saw it through, we are truly blessed to have a facility of that stature for our student athletes. The dedication ceremony on August 27 was simply AWESOME! Every athletic program here at BCC participated in the event with over 200 student athletes total collaborating in the "Meet the Cougars" festivities as well that day. The pride of our school and its supporters rang loud & clear throughout Barton County! The new track & field/soccer complex is just one shining example of many facility improvements that I hope to see through as AD of this great college.

All of our coaches continue to work very hard towards ensuring academic success of our student athletes. There has been much communication between the faculty & learning resource center with our department to ensure student success across the board. Learning isn't any different than winning... It takes a TEAM EFFORT! There are many things that make Barton special. In my short time here on the job, one thing that really stands out about Barton is the willingness of all parties here on campus to work together for our students. Barton truly is student centered! It certainly is a great family to be a part of.

The status of our teams nationally remains the same...STRONG! Men's soccer is off to a tremendous start and have claimed the top spot in the latest NJCAA Poll for the first time in school history! Our volleyball team is off to a 9-4 start and are ranked #15 in the latest NJCAA Div. I National Poll. They recently lost four matches to the #5, 7, 10, and 13 ranked teams in the country in a tough tournament in Idaho. The women's soccer team has continued to grow and improve under the new leadership of Coach Uhlenhake. Men's & Women's golf has started their conference seasons with the ladies taking second in their first conference meet. Baseball and Softball are moving through their pre-season schedules and both show signs of promising seasons this spring. All other programs are working hard daily in anticipation for the start of their regular season play. To keep updated on your favorite team at Barton, just go to www.BartonSports.com

I have challenged each and every one of our coaches to make a difference in the communities we serve. In the October newsletter, look for photos & stories detailing these community service projects. As a department, we want to give back to the communities we serve and get involved with kids all across the county.

While I have been extremely busy with back to school business here at the college, I look forward to getting out in the communities to see you folks personally. Building relationships is very important to me and to all the staff within the athletic department. Look for myself and many of the Cougar coaches to visit you and/or your business in the coming months.

Until next time, be proud! The Cougar Nation is "Takin it Back"!

Respectfully Yours,





Compliance Corner "Tip of the Month"

Article V: Eligibility Rules Section 1: General Information

- A. Compliance with all NJCAA rules of eligibility is the expressed responsibility of all member colleges.
- B. All NJCAA Rules of Eligibility will become effective as of August 1, 2011.
- C. A member college must be in good standing with the NJCAA and its own conference/region to enter a team or an individual in an activity sponsored by the NJCAA. (Effective August 1, 2012 by attending a compliance workshop a minimum of one time each three-year period)
- D. Student-athletes participating on an intercollegiate level in any one of the certified sports of the NJCAA shall conform to the requirements of the NJCAA Rules of Eligibility, the rules and regulations of the conference/region with which the college is affiliated, and also the rules of the college at which the student-athletes are attending and participating.

ARTICLE V, Section 1.D

CASE 1: NJCAA Rules vs Regional / Conference Rules

SITUATION:

NJCAA Region A wants to implement a rule limiting the number of scholarships allowed for a particular sport which is stricter than the national rule. Is Region A permitted to strengthen this rule and require all region members to abide by the strengthened standards?

ANSWER:

In most instances regions are allowed to implement rules which are more stringent than those in place at the national level. In cases where multiple conferences make up the region, the conference which holds the majority of votes will not be permitted to institute a regional rule solely based on numbers. In order to institute a regional bylaw which is stricter than the national rule in a multi conference region a unanimous vote must be collected in order to adopt the new requirements. The change will not be allowed with a majority vote. Conference membership is voluntary but regional membership is mandatory based on NJCAA membership and a member college may not decline regional membership.

Source: 2011-12 NJCAA Handbook



How this applies to Barton:

Under NJCAA Rules, schools around the country have the opportunity to offer awards to student-athletes in upwards to "full-rides", i.e., providing the full cost of a student-athlete's education (Tuition, fees, books, housing, and meals)

Under KJCCC Rules, Barton and other conference members are restricted in offering student-athlete awards to not exceed the cost of tuition and books. *Student-athletes achieving a 3.5 gpa may be eligible for other additional awards not to exceed \$1000 per academic year.

Meet the Cougars - Track/Soccer Complex Dedication





On August 27 Barton proudly unveiled and officially opened the new Track/Soccer Complex. After years of planning and construction, the Cougars now have the basis of a facility to match the achievements of its athletes.

Completion of Phase I included a new track, artificial turf infield, fencing, and the foundation for landscaping.





The Dedication Ceremony also marked the start of Phase II and III of the complex's construction project. This will include restrooms, press box, landscaping, bleachers, offices, concession stand, locker rooms, a timing station, and lighting.



COUGAR SPOTLIGHT: Patrick Hall - Volleyball

Patrick Hall has begun his first season as the Barton Volleyball Coach with the results expected of his hiring. Barton has started the season 9-4 as the #15 ranked Lady Cougars rode a 24-set unbeaten streak to start the season. Barton recently returned from Idaho where it faced some of the best teams in the nation in the College of Southern Idaho Tournament losing to the #5, 7, 10, and 13 teams in the country.

"Prior to our Idaho trip we hadn't played a ranked opponent, but I was still pleased that we hadn't dropped a set. The results of the recruiting efforts Coach Rasmussen and Coach Cabral put in last year speak for themselves," Coach Hall said. "This is clearly a very talented squad, and expectations are, deservedly, quite high. It's great to be in an environment where that is the case. We still have work to do to meet those expectations, but the Barton community continually provides the support and encouragement to help us achieve our goals."



Hall came to Barton from Jayhawk West school Pratt where he spent five seasons and guided the Beavers program to some of the best seasons in school history. Last season Pratt won the Jayhawk West volleyball regular season title for the 1st time in school history with a 12-2 mark in the West and earned him coach of year in the West for the 3rd time in his five seasons with the Beavers. Hall also won the award in 2006 and 2008. Twice his teams were runner-up in the Region VI playoffs, just missing the schools first trip to the NJCAA National Tournament. He also coached Pratt's 1st ever All American during his time.

His 5-year mark at Pratt was 84-92 but in conference play he guided the Beavers to a 33-21 record which includes going 28-10 after moving up to Division I in 2008. The five previous seasons before Hall's arrival, Pratt went 9-31 in Jayhawk West games.

Before going to Pratt, Hall founded and directed the largest club program in the Garden Empire Region - New Jersey and New York - of United States Association of Volleyball. His teams earned berths at USAV Nationals every year. While continuing to coach club ball, Hall coached NCAA Division II Bloomfield College in 2002, where he also earned Coach of the Year honors.

Coach Hall is married to Dr. Ande Hall, and they have four children, Michael, Sam, Sophie, and Vanessa.



Covering all the action in Cougar Sports









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