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Football Midyear Junior College Transfer Signing Period

Initial Date for NLI Midyear JC Transfer Signing Period: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Last Day of NLI Signing Period: Wednesday, January 15, 2015

FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR

December 1-13, 2014.....	Contact Period for all football PSAs (*See Note #2)
December 14.....	Quiet Period for all junior college PSAs enrolling midyear
December 14-20.....	Contact Period for all Other football PSAs except those enrolling midyear
December 15-18	Dead Period for all junior college PSAs enrolling midyear
December 19-21.....	Quiet Period for all junior college PSAs enrolling midyear
December 21.....	Quiet Period for all football PSAs
December 17, 2014- January 15, 2015.....	NLI Football Signing Period for Midyear JC Transfers (*See Note #3)
December 22 - January 3.....	Dead Period for all football PSA
January 4-10.....	Quiet Period for all junior college PSAs enrolling midyear
January 4-10.....	Contact Period for all Other football PSAs except those enrolling midyear
January 11	Quiet Period for all football PSAs
January 12-15.....	Dead Period for all football PSAs (* See Note #1)
January 16-31.....	Contact Period for all football PSAs (* See Note #2)
January 15	Last Day of Signing Period for Midyear Junior College Transfers

Notes:

#1. Dead Periods. During the Dead Periods institutional staff members may have contact with a prospect who has been admitted for midyear enrollment, **and has arrived in the locale of the institution for initial full-time enrollment.**

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#2. Contact Periods. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospect are permitted during Contact Periods that are listed on the Recruiting Calendar from December 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.

#3. Football Midyear Two-Year College Transfer Signing Period: The NLI signing period is Wednesday, December 17, 2014 through Wednesday, January 15, 2015 and is only for football prospective student-athletes who are transferring from a two-year college and enrolling at your institution midyear. A football two-year college transfer who will not enroll until the Summer or Fall 2015 term must wait to sign an NLI in the Regular Signing Period February 4 – April 1, 2015.

NLI and DEAD PERIOD REMINDERS

Contacts, Evaluations & Recruiting Trips. No in-person, on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete may be made during the Dead Period, including evaluating a prospect or visiting a high school, prep school, or junior college, even if no contact is made with prospects. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

Speaking Engagements. Coaches may not serve as speakers at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.1.8, 13.02.5.5]

Telephone Calls to Midyear JC Transfers. Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective midyear JC transfer student-athletes during the period starting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15 until 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 19 (i.e., 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date for the NLI). [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.2.1]

Official/Unofficial Visits/Complimentary Admissions. A prospect may not visit your campus on an official (paid) or unofficial (self-paid) visit. Complimentary admissions may not be provided to prospects during a Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5] [Note: See "Communications" Item 9-A below for Unofficial Visit exception applicable after the prospect signs a valid NLI or written offer of admission.] [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

Delivery of NLI. The NLI cannot be hand-delivered or picked up during the Dead Period or at any other time. It may be delivered and returned by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or fax during the NLI signing period. [Bylaw 13.1.5.8.1]

Written Correspondence. Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

Prior to Signing Athletics Grant-In-Aid (GIA). The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete: [Bylaw 13.9.1]

- A. Prospect must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- B. Prospect's name must be placed on the institution's Institutional Request List (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- C. Prospect must complete the Amateurism Certification Questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. [Bylaw 13.9.2.2]

Prior to August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered.

After August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school an institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his/her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the NLI Program.

Communication. The restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians) no longer apply **after the prospect signs a valid NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the prospect submits a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.** Permissible activities for prospects that meet the criteria include:

- A. Prospect is permitted to make an Official or Unofficial Visit during a Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2]
- B. There are no limits on the number of Telephone Calls by the institution to a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1]
- C. A non-coaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may make Telephone Calls to or receive Telephone Calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaws 11.7.2.2 (a)-(b) and 13.1.3.2.2]
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect. [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaws 13.4.1.4 and 13.4.1.4.1.1]

NCAA Bylaw 17.1.7.3.6 Vacation Periods and Between Terms

Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw [17.1.7.4](#)), which may be a vacation day.

(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)

Bylaw 17.1.7.3.7 Final-Examination Periods

Daily and weekly hour limitations apply to countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods and to all official preparatory periods leading to final-examination periods.

(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

10 CAA Football Players Named National Award Finalists

By Eric Wieberg (CAA)

PHILADELPHIA – A total of 10 CAA Football student-athletes were named finalists for the Walter Payton Award, Buck Buchanan Award and Jerry Rice Award on Monday afternoon. The three awards represent FCS football's top individual honors.

Earning recognition as Payton Award finalists from CAA Football were New Hampshire receiver R.J. Harris, James Madison quarterback Vad Lee and Villanova quarterback John Robertson. The Payton Award honors the most outstanding player in the FCS.

Villanova linebacker Don Cherry, Towson defensive end Ryan Delaire and Stony Brook safety Christian Ricard were each named finalists for the Buchanan Award, which is given to the nation's top defensive player.

Finally, UAlbany receiver Josh Gontarek, James Madison cornerback Jimmy Moreland, Towson linebacker James Simms and Delaware defensive tackle Blaine Woodson were each selected as Rice Award finalists. The Rice Award honors the best freshman in FCS football.

CAA Football student-athletes have captured seven Payton Awards, three Buchanan Awards and two Rice Awards throughout the league's history.

Winners for each award will be selected by a national panel, and announced on Dec. 15 at The Sports Network FCS Awards Banquet.



CAA FCS Playoff Games

Second Round:

December 6th

- **#1 New Hampshire** versus Fordham
- **#6 Villanova** versus Liberty
- Coastal Carolina versus **Richmond**



Please visit www.caasports.com for more information on these games.

December FCS Recruiting Calendar



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Dead Period

2014-15 Division I Football Championship Subdivision
Recruiting Calendar

December 2014						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
JC PSAs Enrolling Midyear Contact Period: December 1-13 Quiet Periods: December 14 and 19-21 Dead Periods: December 15-18 and 22-31		All Other PSAs Contact Period: December 1-20 Quiet Period: December 21 Dead Period: December 22-31		During a dead period, institutional staff members may have contact with a prospective student-athlete who has been admitted for midyear enrollment and has arrived in the locale of the institution for initial full-time enrollment.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 JC PSAs Enrolling Midyear	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Quiet Period	22 Dead period: December 22-31	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Green - Contact period Yellow - Quiet period Red - Dead period		

Note: This is a color coded visual of the recruiting calendar, please consider when printing.

January FCS Recruiting Calendar



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Dead Period

2014-15 Division I Football Championship Subdivision
Recruiting Calendar

January 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JC PSAs Enrolling Midyear						
All Other PSAs						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25/31	26	27	28	29	30	30

Red - Dead period
Green - Contact period
Yellow - Quiet period

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