

# Compliance Monthly

## COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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## NLI Regular Signing Period

Applies to All Sports EXCEPT Basketball, Football,  
Field Hockey, Soccer, Track & Field/Cross Country and Men's Water Polo  
[www.national-letter.org](http://www.national-letter.org)

**Initial Date for NLI Regular Signing Period:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

**Last Day of Signing Period:** Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

**Dead Period:** Begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 9 and continues until  
11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

## NLI BASKETBALL - Regular Signing Period

### NLI Basketball – Regular Signing Period

**Initial Date for NLI Regular Signing Period:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

**Last Day of Signing Period:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

**Dead Period:** Begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 9 and continues until  
11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

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### **Staff Interpretation: March 23, 2012**

## **Contact and Conditioning Activities Outside of the Playing Season**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that required conditioning activities outside the playing season may not include contact-related drills or activities (e.g., wrestling, combative activities, blocking drills). Further, the staff determined that the use of training or resistance sleds in required conditioning activities is permissible, provided such equipment is not related to the sport (e.g., blocking sleds in football).

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.6.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season) and 17.1.6.2.4 (conditioning activities)]*



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**DEAD PERIOD RESTRICTIONS**

**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.

**Speaking Engagements.** Coaches may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a Dead Period.

**Telephone Calls.** Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospects on the initial NLI signing date in the prospect's sport and the two days following the initial NLI signing date (i.e., April 11, 12 & 13, 2012).

**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 a prospect during a Dead Period.

**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 machine.

**Written Correspondence.** Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period.

**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:

- 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.

**NEW!! Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date.**

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.

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 by the institution. [Reference NCAA Bylaw 13.9.2.2]

**NEW!!** With the Adoption of Proposal 2010-31 (effective 8-1-11) some of 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 **beginning the calendar day 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 Unofficial Visit during a Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.4.2]
- B. There are no limits on the number of Telephone Calls by the institution to a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.3]
- 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 11.7.4 may make Telephone Calls to or receive Telephone Calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1.2]
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians) however Conditions still apply to contacts at practices/competitions and to Dead Periods [Bylaw 13.1.5.8.1]
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.7.18]
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.4.1.2.1]

**Official Interpretation: March 12, 2012**  
**Permissible Timing for Providing Annual Participation Awards (I)**

The committee confirmed that it is not permissible for an institution to provide an annual participation award (e.g., winter coats, travel blazers) to a student-athlete in a particular sport prior to the day of the institution's final home contest of the regular playing season in that sport.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 16.1.4.1 (annual participation awards); and a staff interpretation (03/02/12, Item No. a), which has been archived]*

**Official Interpretation: March 12, 2012**  
**Permissible Number of Contacts for Multisport Athletes (I)**

The committee confirmed that the maximum number of permissible off-campus contacts used by an institution for a multisport prospective student-athlete may not exceed the specific limit set forth in the contact legislation for the particular sport. For example, if an institution's football coach and track coach contact a prospective student-athlete, the institution uses only one institutional contact; however, the track coach may not engage in more than three off-campus contacts, even if the coach makes contact on the same day as the football coach. Further, if the football coach already has contacted the prospective student-athlete on five occasions, the track coach only has one remaining contact.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.4.1.5 (multiple sport athlete) and 13.1.5 (contacts); and a staff interpretation (11/09/11, Item No. a), which has been archived]*

**Educational Column: March 1, 2012**  
**Donations to Outside Sports Clubs or Training Centers (I)**

NCAA Division I institutions should note that it is not permissible for a member institution or a member institution's booster club to sponsor or make a donation, directly or indirectly, to an outside sports club or training center (e.g., amateur club team, Olympic training center) that involves a student-athlete from that institution or any prospective student-athletes. Further, it is not permissible to provide the names of representatives of the institution's athletics interests to an outside sports club or training center participants for the purpose of soliciting donations. However, it is permissible for a representative of the institution's athletics interests to donate to an outside sports club or training center, provided the representative acts independently of the institution, the funds are distributed through channels established by the organization conducting the fundraising activity and the funds are not earmarked directly for a specific student-athlete or prospective student-athlete.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.11.2.3.3 (institutional sponsorship of local sports clubs), 13.15.1.2 (fundraising for high school athletics program), 13.15.1.2.1 (involvement by local representatives of institution's athletics interests), 16.02.3 (extra benefit) and 16.11.2.1 (general rule); and official interpretations (12/13/90, Item No. 4), (8/7/92, Item No. 9-a-(5)) and (5/8/95, Item No. 4)]*

**Educational Column: March 7, 2012**  
**Counting Exempt Competitions for Basketball Scheduling Requirements (I)**

NCAA Division I institutions should note that, per divisional membership requirements, an institution may not schedule and play more than four basketball contests in an academic year against non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institutions. Any contest with outside competition must be counted toward the four-game limit, regardless of whether it is countable toward the maximum contest limitation in NCAA Bylaw 17. Therefore, exhibitions against non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institutions, practice scrimmages and other exempt contests must count toward the four-game limit.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.3.3.1 (exceptions), 17.3.5.3 (annual exemptions) and 20.9.6.1 (four-game limit); and an official interpretation (1/31/85, Item No. 1)]*

# April 2012 - CAA Championships Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 CAA Men's and Women's Tennis Championship - First Round	20 CAA Men's and Women's Tennis Championship - Quarterfinals  CAA Women's Golf Championship	21 CAA Men's and Women's Tennis Championship - Semifinals  CAA Women's Golf Championship
22 CAA Men's and Women's Tennis Championship - Finals  CAA Women's Golf Championship	23	24	25	26	27 CAA Men's Golf Championship  Women's Lacrosse Championship - Semifinals	28 CAA Men's Golf Championship
29 CAA Men's Golf Championship  CAA Women's Lacrosse Championship - Finals  CAA Women's Rowing Championship	30					

CAA Men's and Women's Tennis Championships  
April 19-22, 2012  
Old Dominion University

CAA Men's Golf Championship  
April 27-29, 2012  
Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, DE

CAA Women's Lacrosse Championship  
April 27 & 29, 2012  
TBA (Highest Seed)

CAA Women's Golf Championship  
April 20-22, 2012  
St. James Plantation, Southport, NC

CAA Women's Rowing Championship  
April 29, 2012  
Occoquan Reservoir, Fairfax, VA

# April Recruiting Calendars



Cross Country/ Track & Field						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Men's Basketball						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Women's Basketball						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Women's Volleyball & Sand Volleyball						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Softball						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Women's Lacrosse						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Men's Lacrosse						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Baseball						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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

Quiet Period
  Contact Period
  Evaluation Period
  Dead Period