

# Compliance Monthly

## NLI Reminders

- \* **Basketball. Division I:** April 16 – May 21, 2014.
- \* **All other sports except football, field hockey, soccer, track and field/cross country, men's water polo.** NLI signing starts April 16 and continues through August 1, 2014.
- \* **Field hockey, soccer, track and field/cross country, men's water polo.** NLI signing started on February 5 and continues through August 1, 2014.
- \* **7-Day Signing Deadline.** The prospective student-athlete must sign the NLI and athletics aid agreement within 7 days of issuance; otherwise, the NLI is invalid. The NLI may be provided to the prospective student-athlete before the initial signing date. When an NLI is issued prior to the initial signing date, the "date issued" shall be the initial NLI signing date and not the date the NLI was signed or sent by the institution. For example, if the NLI has an April 16 issuance date, the prospective student-athlete must sign the NLI by April 23, 11:59 pm.
- \* **14-Day Conference Submission.** An institution must submit the NLI with the athletics aid agreement to the conference office within 14 days of final signature on the NLI. For example, if the prospective student-athlete signs the NLI on April 16 and the parent/legal guardian signs on April 17, the conference submission deadline is May 1, 11:59 pm. This does not mean the NLI has to be received by the conference office on this date but has to be submitted (date on email, fax or postage mark).

The CAA Compliance Staff is dedicated to providing its member institutions with comprehensive Rules Compliance Services and Support. We hope that you find the CAA monthly newsletters to be useful and we welcome your feedback and ideas for new content.

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## The Talking Bench

With the launch of the 'Talking Bench' campaign in March, the NCAA would like to encourage member institutions to actively promote the @TalkingBench twitter account through your own twitter accounts. In an effort to create some Bench-buzz around the first weekend of March Madness, please use the hashtag NoGradesNoPlay (#NoGradesNoPlay) in your eligibility-related or referral posts. Thanks for your help in getting the message out about our new NCAA Division I initial-eligibility standards!



## NCAA Educational Column

### Donations to Outside Sports Clubs or Training Centers

Bylaw 3.1.12 states that 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)]



## NCAA Bylaw Review

The Compliance University Men's Golf Team had the below schedule yesterday:

9am- Practice Round

3pm- 4pm- Strength and Conditioning Workout

The actual length of time for the practice round was 5 hours.

Is this permissible?

No. The institution would not be permitted to conduct a strength and conditioning workout after conducting a practice/qualifying round that exceeded the four hour daily limit because they would have already exceeded the daily limit.

NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.1.1 states that a practice round of golf may exceed the four-hours-per-day limitation, but the weekly limit of 20 hours shall remain in effect. A practice round played on the day prior to the start of a intercollegiate golf tournament at the tournament site shall count as three hours, regardless of the actual duration of the round. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93)

## NCAA Bylaw Review

Joe Smith is a men's basketball student-athlete at Compliance University. And is a junior and likely to be drafted by the NBA after the 2013-14 academic year. And is going to participate in permissible tryout opportunities after the season and has been approached by several agents. And has informed the agents that he cannot enter into any type of verbal or written agreement with them without jeopardizing his eligibility. Several of the interested agents would like to give And a new pair of sneakers to use for the tryouts. Is this permissible? If not, is it permissible to provide the sneakers to Joe's younger brother?

No, it is not permissible to provide any benefits to And or any of his friends and/or family members. **NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.2** states that an individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: (Revised: 1/14/97)

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport. (Adopted: 1/14/97)

***A very useful document to assist men's basketball student-athletes with eligibility remaining is the annual NBA Draft memo from the NCAA Staff. This document can be found on NCAA.org***



### Did You Know?

The NLI Regular Signing Period begins April 16, 2014 for All Sports except football, basketball, field hockey, soccer, track and field/cross country and ends August 1, 2014.

The Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball regular signing period begins April 16, 2014 and ends May 21, 2014.

### Dead Periods

All other sports except FB, MBB, WBB, WFH, Soccer, TF/CC dead period, begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 14 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

MBB/WBB dead period, begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 14 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Educational Column

Leadership Training and Teambuilding Activities with Physical Components

Date Published: March 7, 2014

Item Ref: 1

Educational Column:

The following questions and answers are intended to assist NCAA Division I member institutions in applying the March 6, 2014, staff interpretation.

**Question No. 1:** May coaching staff members observe and/or participate in bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities, including those with physical components, at any time?

**Answer No. 1:** Yes. Bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities conducted as part of life skills programming that include physical components incidental to the activity may occur at any time. Such activities are not countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical or technical instruction related to the student-athlete's sport is provided.

**Question No. 2:** May coaching staff members provide instruction or facilitate bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities, including those with physical components, at any time?

**Answer No. 2:** Yes. Bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities conducted as part of life skills programming that include physical components incidental to the activity may occur at any time. Such activities are not countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical or technical instruction related to the student-athlete's sport is provided.

**Question No. 3:** Must an outside instructor or facilitator of bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities that include physical components be counted against the limit on the number of countable coaches for the sport?

**Answer No. 3:** No, provided any physical component is incidental to the activity and the instructor does not provide any tactical or technical instruction related to the student-athlete's sport.

**Question No. 4:** In bowl subdivision football, must an outside instructor or facilitator of bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities that include physical components be counted against the limit of five strength and conditioning coaches?

**Answer No. 4:** No, provided any physical component is incidental to the activity and is not done for the purpose of performing strength, flexibility, or conditioning activities.

**Question No. 5:** May the NCAA Student Assistance Fund (SAF) be used to fund bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities conducted as part of life skills programming that include physical components incidental to the activity?

**Answer No. 5:** Yes, subject to any applicable conference or institutional policies regarding the use of SAF.

**Question No. 6:** What is meant by "infrequent" in the context of bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding exercises that include physical components?

**Answer No. 6:** There is no set number of occasions associated with the term; however, "infrequent" was intentionally used instead of "occasional" which is commonly found in permissive legislation. The purpose of using "infrequent" rather than "occasional" is to affirm that such activities should not occur very often.

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**Question No. 7:** May bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities that include physical components occur during the summer?

**Answer No. 7:** Yes. Bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities conducted as part of life skills programming that include physical components incidental to the activity may occur at any time. Such activities are not countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical or technical instruction related to the student-athlete's sport is provided.

**Question No. 8:** Is there a geographical limitation on where bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities with physical components may occur?

**Answer No. 8:** No.

**Question No. 9:** May an institution require student-athletes to participate in bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding building activities that include physical components at any time?

**Answer No. 9:** Yes. Bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities conducted as part of life skills programming that include physical components incidental to the activity are not considered countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical or technical instruction related to the student-athlete's sport is provided.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 11.7.2.1.1 (weight or strength coach), 16.3.1.2 (life skills programs), 16.11.1.9 (student assistance fund), 17.02.1 countable athletically related activities, 17.1.6.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations -- playing season), 17.1.6.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season), 17.1.6.2.1 (institutional vacation period and summer) and staff interpretations (5/4/2012, Item No. a) and (5/31/2012, Item No. a) which has been archived]

## NCAA Staff Interpretation

### Leadership Training and Teambuilding Activities with Physical Components

Date Published: March 6, 2014

Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities, conducted as part of life skills programming, that include physical components incidental to the leadership/teambuilding exercise (e.g., carrying a teammate) may occur at any time (in season or out of season). Such physical activities are not countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical nor technical instruction related to the student-athletes' sport is provided.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 16.3.1.2 (life skills programs), 17.02.1 countable athletically related activities, 17.1.6.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations -- playing season), 17.1.6.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season) and 17.1.6.2.1 (institutional vacation period and summer); staff interpretations (5/4/12, Item No. A) and (5/31/12, Item No. A) which has been archived]*

## **NCAA Staff Interpretation**

### **Use of an Institution's Facilities for Physical Activities by a Group that Includes Prospective Student-Athletes**

Date Published: February 28, 2014

Item Ref: b

#### **Interpretation:**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that noncoaching staff members without sport-specific responsibilities and representatives of an institution's athletics interests may perform their regular job responsibilities incidental to supervising the use of the institution's facilities while the facilities are in use for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes (e.g., security, operating the scoreboard, third-party vendors staffing ticket booth or concession stands, field maintenance). However, a countable coach or noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities may not be involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the event, including supervising the use of the institution's facilities, regardless of the nature of his or her regular job responsibilities.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach), 11.7.1.1.1.1 (exception -- noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities), 13.11.3.2 (activities not involving institution's staff)]

## **NCAA Staff Interpretation**

### **Contact with a Committed Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Educational Institution**

Date Published: March 6, 2014

Item Ref: b

#### **Interpretation:**

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a coaching staff member may not have contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission at his or her educational institution outside of a contact or evaluation period (or a recruiting period in men's basketball). In addition, if a coaching staff member visits a prospective student-athlete's educational institution and has contact with no prospective student-athletes other than a committed prospective student-athlete, then the visit counts as an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at that educational institution. The staff noted that, in football, any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a contact period counts as a contact for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at the educational institution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.4.1 (evaluation activities during contact period -- football), 13.02.5 (periods of recruiting activities), 13.02.12.1 (exception -- after commitment) and 13.1.7.1 (visit without contact to prospective student-athlete's educational institution)]

## April Recruiting Calendars

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



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

### Cross Country/Track & Field

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact Period: April 1-30

### Women's Volleyball

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact Period: April 1-13; and 18-30

Dead Period: April 14-17

### Softball

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact: April 1-13; and 18-30, Dead: April 14-17  
\*50 Evaluation Days (Aug. 1-July 31) which does not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics or observation of prospects in HS Softball Competition

### Baseball

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact Period: April 1-13; and 18-30

Dead Period: April 14-17

### Men's Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact: April 1-13; and 18-30

Dead: April 14-17

### Women's Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		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			

Contact: April 1-13; and 18-30

Dead: April 14-17



# Men's Basketball April Recruiting Calendar

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



## 2013-14 Division I Men's Basketball Recruiting Calendar

**April 14**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Quiet period: April 1-2; 24; and 28-30 Dead period: April 3-10 (noon); and 14-17 Recruiting period: April 10 (noon) - 13; and 18-23; Evaluation period: April 25-27 (certified events only)						
Note: All live evaluations during recruiting periods shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at that institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.						
		1 Quiet period: April 1-2	2	3 Dead period: April 3-10 (noon)	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Dead period ends at noon Recruiting period: April 10 (noon) - 13	11	12
13	14 Dead period: April 14-17	15	16	17	18 Recruiting period: April 18-23	19
20	21	22	23	24 Quiet period	25 *Evaluation period: April 25-27 (certified events only)	26
27	28 Quiet period: April 28-30	29	30	Yellow - Quiet period Red - Dead period Green - Recruiting period Blue - Evaluation period		



## Women's Basketball April Recruiting Calendar

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



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

### 2013-14 Division I Women's Basketball Recruiting Calendar

## April 14

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Contact period:</b> April 1-3 <b>Dead period:</b> April 4-17 *April 6-8: Evaluation period shall be considered for one women's basketball event certified by the NCAA held in conjunction with, and conducted in the host city of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship (Nashville, Tennessee). <b>Quiet period:</b> April 11-13 and 18-24; 30 <b>Evaluation period:</b> April 25-29; ** (April 25-27: Evaluations permitted at nonscholastic women's basketball events).						
		1 <small>Contact period: April 1-3</small>	2	3	4 <small>Dead period: April 4-17</small>	5
6 <small>*See above note</small>	7	8	9	10	11 <small>Quiet period: April 11-13</small>	12
13	14 <small>Dead period: April 14-17</small>	15	16	17	18 <small>Quiet period: April 18-24</small>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <small>Evaluation period: April 25-29 ** See above note</small>	26
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