

CAA COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

APRIL 2008

2008 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars

The NCAA Regional Rules Seminars will be held May 18-23 in Boston, Massachusetts and June 1-6 in San Antonio, Texas.

The purpose of the NCAA's regional rules seminars is to present an educational opportunity to athletics administrators and coaches at Divisions I, II and III institutions. The seminars are designed so that participants with different backgrounds and experiences may benefit.



To register for either seminar, go to www.ncaa.org and click: "Media and Events" ► "Events" ► "Regional Rules Seminars" Presentation Materials will be posted May 1st.

Educational Column -- Recertification of Student-Athletes After Incomplete Grade is Replaced With Letter Grade

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Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.4.5, If a student-athlete completes a course in which he or she previously received an incomplete grade, the course with the acceptable letter grade must be counted during the term in which the student was initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the

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incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded, based on the institution's policy for all students.

Therefore, a letter grade earned in the completed course may affect a studentathlete's current eligibility status. If the institution's policy states that the letter grade earned must be posted on the student-athlete's transcript for the term in which the student-athlete was initially enrolled in the course, the studentathlete must be recertified prior to the next contest or date of competition during the current term, using the letter grade earned in the course. However, if the institution's policy states that the letter grade earned must be posted on the student-athlete's transcript for the term in which the letter grade was awarded (e.g., current term of enrollment), the student-athlete would not need to be recertified during the current term.

For example, using completed letter grades earned during the fall term, a student-athlete is certified as eligible for

competition for the spring term. The student-athlete received an incomplete grade for one course during the fall term. After the spring term has begun, the student-athlete completes the course and earns a letter grade of "D." Per the institution's policy for incomplete grades, the letter grade earned must be counted toward the term in which the student-athlete initially enrolled in the course (i.e., fall term). Due to the letter grade received, the student-athlete falls below the required minimum grade-point average (e.g., 1.800). Therefore, the institution must immediately recertify the student-athlete as ineligible for competition for the remainder of the spring term. Alternatively, if the institution's policy required that the letter grade be posted on the studentathlete's transcript for the term the grade was awarded (i.e., spring term), the student-athlete would remain eligible for the rest of the spring term.

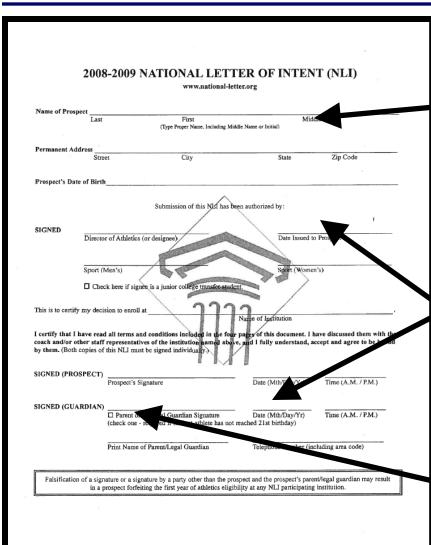
NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT (NLI)

With the Basketball (Regular) Signing Period beginning April 16, 2008 and the Signing Period for "All Other Sports except Field Hockey, Soccer, Track & Field/Cross Country" beginning on April 9, 2008, please review the following NLI guidelines, suggestions and reminders:



NLI's can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the CAA for validation and entry into the NLI database.

- •If NLI's have been faxed or emailed to the CAA and you are also sending originals, please mark the originals as "duplicates" or state in your cover letter that the NLI's have already been sent to the CAA via fax or email.
- •Please limit CAA NLI faxes to 20 pages in length. Large NLI faxes often result in missing/omitted pages.
- •NLI's may also be sent to the CAA via email. Each NLI and financial aid agreement should be scanned (and saved as a PDF) and emailed to rgarka@caasports.com. This is our preferred method of delivery.



Include prospective student-athlete's middle initial on NLI forms. Each NLI is entered into the national NLI database with a unique ID consisting of the prospect's date of birth and initials. NLI's that lack middle initials are often unable to be entered into the database because another prospect with the same date of birth and first and last initial has already been entered into the database.

NLI's must meet the 14-day Signing Deadline and the Institutional Filing Deadline. In order for an NLI to be valid, it must be signed by the prospective student-athlete and parent/legal guardian within 14 days of the date the NLI was issued to the prospect. Additionally, the NLI must be received by the conference office within 21 days of the final signature (prospective student-athlete or parent/legal guardian).

Parent or Legal Guardian box should be checked. In order for the conference office to validate an NLI for a prospect under 21, the NLI must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian. If the parent or legal guardian does not check the appropriate signature box, the athletic department should check the correct box before sending the NLI to the conference office.

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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 M+W Tennis Championship @ Huntington Park Tennis Center, New- port News, VA	CAA M+W Tennis Championship @ Hunt- ington Park Tennis Center, Newport News, VA CAA M+W Golf Champi- onship @ The Golden Horseshoe, Williams- burg, VA CAA M+W Outdoor Track & Field Champion- ship @ William & Mary	CAA M+W Tennis Championship @ Huntington Park Tennis Center, Newport News, VA CAA M+W Golf Champi- onship @ The Golden Horseshoe, Williams- burg, VA CAA M+W Outdoor Track & Field Champion- ship @ William & Mary	
20 CAA M+W Tennis Championship @ Huntington Park Tennis Center, Newport News, VA CAA M+W Golf Championship @ The Golden Horseshoe, Williamsburg, VA	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30 CAA Men's Lacrosse Championship @ site of High Seed (April 30-May 3)				

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RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/Track & Field

April 1-April 30 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

April 1-April 2 ~ Contact Period April 3-April 10(Noon) ~ Dead Period April 11-April 13 ~ Contact Period April 14-April 17 ~ Dead Period April 18-April 30 ~ Contact Period Note: All live evaluations during the April contact period are limited to events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high school, preparatory school or two-year college association, National Federation of High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association and may occur at sites other than the prospect's educational institution only on Saturday and/or Sunday, and not on any weekend during which the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT national standardized tests are administered. In addition, evaluations are permissible at a prospect's educational institution only in conjunction with an offcampus contact.

Women's Basketball

April 1-April 3 ~ Contact Period
April 4-April 17 ~ Dead Period Except for:
(a) One women's basketball event certified
by the NCAA (Bylaw 30.18) held in
conjunction with, and conducted in the host
city of the NCAA Division I
Women's Basketball Championship:
(b) April 11-April 13 ~ Quiet Period
April 18-April 22 ~ Evaluation Period
April 23-April 30 ~ Quiet Period

Basebal

April 1-April 6 ~ Contact Period April 7-April 10 ~ Dead Period April 11-April 30 ~ Contact Period

Softball

April 1-April 6 ~ Contact Period April 7-April 10 ~ Dead Period April 11-April 30 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

April 1-April 6 ~ Contact Period*
April 7-April 10 ~ Dead Period
April 11-April 30 ~ Contact Period*
*Note: Each institution is limited to 80
evaluation days (August 1 through July 31)
per Bylav 13.02.6.2.

Men's Lacrosse

April 1-April 6 ~ Contact Period April 7-April 10 ~ Dead Period April 11-April 30 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

April 1-April 6 ~ Contact Period April 7-April 10 ~ Dead Period April 11-April 30 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

April 1-April 14 ~ Quiet Period
April 15-May 31 ~ Evaluation/Quiet Period*
*Those days not designated for evaluation
opportunities ~ Quiet Period.

NLI Signing Period

Track & Field/Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer February 6, 2008-August 1, 2008.

Basketball (Regular Period) April 16,2008-May 21, 2008.

All Other Sports (Regular Period) April 9, 2008-August 1, 2008

Football (Regular Period) Feb. 6, 2008-April 1, 2008.