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NLI REMINDERS—FEBRUARY SIGNING PERIOD

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING PERIOD

Sports: Field Hockey, Soccer and Track & Field/Cross Country

Initial Date for NLI Signing Period: Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Last Day of Signing Period: Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Dead Period: Begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, February 2 and continues until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 5.

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., February 4, 5 & 6, 2009).

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 facsimile machine during the signing period.

GENERAL REMINDERS

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

Eligibility Center Registration. In order to sign the NLI and GIA a high school or preparatory school prospect must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and placed on the institution's IRL.

Admissions and Graduation Rate Data, Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR). Institutions are required to provide prospects and prospects' parents/legal guardians with information contained in its NCAA Academic Progress Rate, Graduation Success Rate, and Admissions and Graduation Rate Data no later than the day prior to a prospect's signed acceptance of the NLI or signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. The reports may be provided in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., electronic mail, link to web site).

Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. Institutions are required to provide to high school prospects and their parents/legal guardians information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3. The information must be provided at the earliest opportunity after the institution begins recruiting the prospect, but not later than the day prior to the prospect's signed acceptance of the NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid. An institution may provide the information in hard copy or electronic form (e.g., email, link to Web site).

Banned Drug List. The Banned Drug List and Information about Nutritional Supplements must be provided to prospects and parents no later than July 1 before the prospect's initial enrollment.

CONTENT OF ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS' PERSONAL WEB SITES AND NONATHLETICS INSTITUTIONAL WEB SITES (I)

Date Published: March 14, 2007

Official Interpretation

The committee confirmed that it is permissible for a institution's Web site or an athletics department staff member's personal Web site (or personal page on any site) to include information related to the institution's athletics programs, subject to the restrictions applicable to an institution's athletics Web site. For example, in order to include any recruiting material, highlight videos or information related to prospects on an athletics department staff member's personal site, it must be permissible to include such material and information on the institution's athletics Web site. Further, it is not permissible for an institution's Web site or an athletics department staff member's personal Web site (or personal page on any site) to include a hyperlink to the Web site of a recruiting/scouting service or a non-institutional publication that reports primarily on the institution's athletics program. Finally, it is permissible for general informational video content related to an institution's athletics programs to appear on institutional Web sites (athletics and non-athletic) and personal Web sites of athletics department staff members, provided such content is generally accessible to the general public (e.g., not included in a separate recruiting section) and is not created for recruiting purposes.

COMMENTS BEFORE SIGNING A NLI

Bylaw: 13.10.2

Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete's signing with that institution. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility and are considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1.

CAMP ADVERTISEMENTS

Date Published: January 15, 2009

Official Interpretation

The NCAA Legislative Council determined that an institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic in any ways, provided any camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) stipulates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). Some examples of descriptions that are now permissible for institutional camp/clinic advertisements and promotions (e.g., brochures, websites) include: Big State University Elite Basketball Camp, Big Tech University Elite Goalie Camp, Big State Women's Basketball Shooter's Camp. Please note that the advertisements must include language that the camp is open to any and all entrants, regardless of skill level (limited only by number, age, grade-level and/or gender).

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/Track & Field

Feb 1 ~ Contact Period
Feb 2- Feb 5 ~ Dead Period
Feb 6- Feb 28 ~ Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

Feb 1-Feb 28 ~ Evaluation Period
*Not to exceed 100 recruiting person days.

Baseball

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Contact Period

Men's Lacrosse

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

Feb 1- Feb 28 ~ Contact Period

Football, Championship Division

Feb 1 ~ Quiet Period
Feb 2-Feb 5 ~ Dead Period
Feb 6-Feb 28 ~ Contact Period



CAA REMINDERS:

Comment/Vote Forms on Adopted & Proposed Legislation are due to the CAA 2-25-2009.

The CAA Men's & Women's Swimming Championship will be held Feb 25-28, 2009 at the George Mason University Jim McKay Natatorium.