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PROSPECTIVE ATHLETES NOT ELIGIBLE TO SIGN AN NLI

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NCAA Division I and II institutions are reminded that legislation related to a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) does not apply to a prospective student-athlete who was otherwise eligible to sign an NLI, but did not sign an NLI by the end of the applicable NLI signing period. Legislation related to a prospective student-athlete who is not eligible to sign an NLI applies only to those individuals who are not eligible to sign an NLI during an applicable signing period, including transfers from four-year institutions, midyear transfers and prospective student-athletes who have been released from an NLI for the current academic year.

Therefore, a prospective student-athlete who was otherwise eligible to sign an NLI, but did not sign an NLI during an applicable NLI signing period continues to be subject to the standard regulations governing telephone calls, permissible callers, contacts and electronically transmitted correspondence after accepting an institution's written offer of admission or signing an institutional financial aid agreement.

For example, even after a prospective student-athlete signs an institutional financial aid agreement or accepts an institution's written offer of admission, an institution may not send a text message, or other electronically transmitted correspondence (except for e-mail and facsimile) to that prospective student-athlete if he or she was eligible to sign an NLI and chose not to sign an NLI during an applicable NLI signing period. Similarly, an institution may not make unlimited telephone calls to such prospective student-athletes.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.3.3.3 (telephone calls after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment), 13.1.3.4.1.2 (exception – noncoaching staff member – after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment), 13.1.6.8 (contacts after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment – sports other than women's basketball and football), 13.1.6.8.1 (contacts after national letter of intent signing or other commitment – women's basketball), 13.1.6.8.2 (contact after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment – football), 13.1.7.2.2.2 (exception – women's basketball – communication after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment, and 13.4.1.2.1 (exception – electronic transmissions after national letter of intent signing or other written commitment); Division II Bylaws 13.1.3.3.3 (telephone calls subsequent to national letter of intent signing or other written commitment) and 13.4.5.1 (electronic transmissions following national letter of intent signing or other written commitment); and a staff interpretation (7/22/08, Item No. 1)]

CAA UPDATE: The CAA is always looking for stories to post on the Student-Athlete Spotlight section of the CAA Website. These posts allow for great PR Opportunities to showcase our CAA Athletes helping in the community and various charitable organizations. Please email any stories and photos to Crobinson@caasports.com

CAMP ADVERTISEMENTS

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The committee determined that it is not permissible for an institution to advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic in any way that implies a participant should possess a certain level of experience, skill or ability to attend the camp or clinic (e.g., elite camp, all-star camp, varsity camp, five-star camp, blue-chip camp). Keep this in mind while planning for marketing materials for camps this upcoming summer.

USE OF AN ADDITIONAL CORE COURSE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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The committee determined that it is not permissible for a prospective student-athlete to use a core course, including an online course, completed after high school graduation to satisfy initial-eligibility requirements if the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in the course while concurrently receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term. Further, the committee determined that it is permissible to use a core course completed after high school graduation provided the prospective student-athlete either completes the course prior to receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or does not enroll in the core course until after he or she completes the institution's summer term for which he or she is receiving athletically related financial aid.

NLI EARLY SIGNING PERIOD: NOV 12-19, 2008

Applies to all Sports Except Football, Field Hockey, Soccer and Cross Country/Track and Field.

Dead Period begins at 12:01 a.m. 10/10 and continues until 11:59 p.m. 10/13

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., November 12, 13 & 14, 2008). Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period.

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.

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.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

Cross Country/Track & Field

Nov 1-Nov 30 ~ Contact Period**
Nov 24-Nov 25 ~ Dead Period

Men's Basketball

Nov 1-Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period**
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Nov 1-Nov 30 ~ Evaluation Period
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period

Baseball

Nov 1-Nov 9 ~ Contact Period
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period
Nov 14-Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Softball

Nov 1-Nov 27 ~ Contact Period*
*No Evaluation
Nov 1-Nov 2 ~ Contact Period
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period
Nov 28-Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Volleyball

Nov 1-Nov 30 ~ Contact Period**
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period

Men's Lacrosse

Nov 1-Nov 25 ~ Contact Period**
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period
Nov 26-Nov 30 ~ Dead Period

Women's Lacrosse

Nov 1-Nov 25 ~ Contact Period**
Nov 10-Nov 13 ~ Dead Period
Nov 26-Nov 30 ~ Quiet Period

Football, Championship Division

Nov 1-Nov 29 ~ Quiet Period*
*42 Evaluation days during
September, October, and November
Nov 30 ~ Contact Period



CAA Tip: There will be updates to the NLI Database as well as LSDBI in the coming weeks. Please take a few spare moments to familiarize yourself with these changes, as the NCAA hopes to make things more efficient.