



CAA Compliance Monthly



National Letter of Intent Makes Changes for 2007-08 Signing Class

For 2007-2008, the National Letter of Intent has new requirements. The following addresses each provision and the changes for the upcoming signing periods.

- NLI Provision 2 – A National Letter of Intent must be provided with an offer of athletics aid applicable for the entire 2007-2008 academic year. NLI's with offers of aid for one semester or one/two quarters cannot be validated by the conference office. Furthermore, in order for the NLI to be valid, the prospect and the prospect's parent/legal guardian both must sign the NLI and financial aid agreement.
- NLI Provision 7d – This provision states a National Letter of Intent is null and void if a signee serves in the U.S. Armed Forces or on a church mission for a specified period of time. The intent of the policy is unchanged, and new NLI language lowers from 18 to 12 months the length of service required for the NLI to be null and void. It also removes the requirement that the church mission be "official."
- NLI Provision 7f – This provision states that in the event of a recruiting violation involving an NLI signee, the Letter only becomes null and void after the enforcement process is complete and all appeals for restoration of eligibility are exhausted. New language has been added to explain an NLI will be null and void if a recruiting violation results in the need for eligibility reinstatement. (NOTE: The outcome of the reinstatement decision is not relevant to the status of the NLI.)
- NLI Provision 13 – This provision states a National Letter of Intent must be signed within 14 days from the date of issuance in order to be valid. New language has been added to further require the accompanying financial aid agreement to be signed within 14 days from the date of issuance as well.
- NLI Provision 14 – This provision states a National Letter of Intent must be filed with the conference within 21 days after the date of final signature or it will be invalid.
- It is not permissible to issue National Letters of Intent in the sport of Men's Rowing.

As a reminder, signed National Letters of Intent and scholarship agreements should be faxed or mailed to Shequra Dickerson at the CAA. Fax number: 804.754.1973

Rule Change -- Outside the Playing Season

Effective August 1st of this year, the rules governing "Outside the Playing Season" changed. These changes included By-laws 17.1.5.2(a) and 17.1.5.2.2.

Athletic Related Activities Outside the Playing Season for sports other than Football.

Time Limits - All required weight-training, conditioning and individual skill

instruction limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on individual skill workouts.

Exam Period - All of these athletically related activities are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams.

Skill Instruction - More than four student-athletes from the team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches during the period September 15 through April 15.

Recruiting Calendar

Men's Basketball

Oct. 6-March 28, 2007 ~ Evaluation Period

*Exception: Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period; Dec. 24-26 ~ Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Sept. 16-April 17, 2007 ~ Evaluation Period

*Exception: Days not designated ~ Quiet

*Exception: Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period; Dec. 24-26 ~ Dead Period

Baseball

Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Nov. 10-Feb. 28, 2007 ~ Quiet Period

*Exception: Jan. 4-8, 2007 ~ Dead Period

Softball

Aug. 1-Nov. 22 ~ Contact/Evaluation Period

*Exception: Nov. 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Nov. 23-Jan. 1, 2007 ~ Quiet Period

*Exception: Dec. 6-10 ~ Dead Period

Women's Volleyball

Aug. 1-Dec. 3 ~ Contact/Evaluation Period

*Exception: November 6-9 ~ Dead Period

Dec. 4-12 ~ Quiet Period

Dec. 13-31 ~ Dead Period

Football I-AA

Aug. 1-Nov. 25 ~ Quiet Period

*Exception: 42 days in Sept, Oct, and through Nov. 25 ~ Evaluation Period

Nov. 26-Feb. 3, 2007 ~ Contact Period

*Exception: Dec. 17 ~ Quiet Period; Dec. 18-Jan. 4, 2007 ~ Dead Period;

Jan. 5-7, 2007 ~ Quiet Period; Jan. 8-11, 2007 ~ Dead Period

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Reporting Violations

A Secondary Violation may occur during the academic year. In order to appropriately report them follow these steps.

1. Check the NCAA website to determine if the violation is a Level I or Level II.
2. If Level I, send report to NCAA and copy CAA.
3. If Level II, send report to CAA.
4. If reporting a Level II violation to the conference office, use the **Secondary Violation Form**. Use the **Level II Secondary Violations Chart** to assist you in determining the appropriate penalties. Both documents can be found on the CAA Compliance Corner website.
5. If reporting a Level I violation, use CAA form or NCAA Secondary Violation Report form on NCAA website.



Schedule of Events

- > 11/1, 4-5 — Field Hockey Championship, VA Beach
- > 11/2 — Drexel University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 11/2 & 4 — Women's Soccer Championship, VA Beach
- > 11/3 & 5 — Men's Soccer Championship, VA Beach
- > 11/5-6 — CAA SAAC Meeting, Towson University.
- > 11/8 — Northeastern University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 11/15 — University of Delaware/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 11/17-19 — Volleyball Championship, site TBD
- > 11/20 — Towson University/ CAA Blood Challenge.
- > 11/23-24 — Thanksgiving, CAA office Closed

Question of the Month

Can a high school team have a "bake sale" fundraiser at an institutional contest?



Answer: Per Bylaw 13.15.1 it is not permissible for a high school team to have a "bake sale" fundraiser at an institutional contest. An institution cannot offer, provide or arrange financial assistance directly or indirectly benefiting prospective student-athletes. In this case, because the institution is providing the venue and potential

customers, the prospective student-athletes would receive a direct benefit (e.g. monies raised from the sale of baked goods at campus athletics events).

Upcoming NLI Signing Dates

- > 11/8-15 — Basketball (Early Period)
- > 11/8-15 — All Other Sports (Early Period)
**Excludes Field Hockey, Soccer, and Football
- > 12/20/06-1/15/07 — Football (Midyear JC Transfer)

CAA Fall Championships, A Month of Excitement

The month of November is full of sport action with three CAA sports starting their championship series. Field Hockey kicks off on the first, followed by Women's and Men's Soccer, and ending with Volleyball on the nineteenth. There is plenty of action going on, you don't want to miss it! Support your student-athletes this Fall Championship Season!

Stay up to date on scores by going to caasports.com and clicking the CAA Championships button (found on the left hand side of the homepage). The Championship site also includes event information such as: event location, directions, admission prices and game times.



Proposed Legislation



The 2006-2007 legislative cycle is well underway. Proposals have been reviewed by the Management Council and Board of Directors. In early November, the CAA Compliance office will be distributing vote/comment forms to be completed and returned to the CAA by Friday, December 8, 2006.

To view proposals, visit http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal!/ut/p/kcxm/04_Sj9SPykssy0xPLMnMzDvMDY_QizKLN4j3NQDJgFiGpvqRqCK06Al-YXARX4_83FR9b_OA_YLcONClckdFAEuT364!/delta/base64xml/L3dJdyEvUWd3QndNQSEvNEIVRS82XzBftFUI?CONTENT_URL=http://www2.ncaa.org/portal/legislation_and_governance/rules_and_bylaws/legislative_actions_and_issues/dl_popl.html and click the **Online POPL** link.

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit." — *Unknown*

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On the Web: Student-Athlete Spotlight

The Student-Athlete Spotlight page is up! It can be found on the CAA website, just click on the Student-Athlete Spotlight logo! Be sure to visit often because stories are added frequently. To participate, please submit stories and pictures to sdickerson@caasports.com and jdelp@caasports.com, include Student-Athlete Spotlight in the subject.

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Remind student-athletes, coaches, and others that

"Not Knowing is Not an Excuse." ~ Shequra Dickerson



Comments and Suggestions

Do you have a topic you would like the CAA to cover? Is there information you would like included each month? Tell us about it! We welcome comments and suggestions. Please submit ideas to sdickerson@caasports.com, write Compliance Newsletter as the subject.

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