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## Additional Academic Requirements—Football

### 14.4.3.1.6

#### Additional Requirements — Football

In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition for the following playing season

### 14.4.3.1.6.1

#### Regaining Eligibility for Two Contests

A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to

compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.

### 14.4.3.1.6.2

#### Regaining Full Eligibility—One Time Exception

One time during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, a student-athlete who does not successfully com-

plete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term or earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term may regain eligibility to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40-quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at the certifying institution may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement.

## GOOD LUCK TO THE TEAMS WHO CONTINUE TO COMPETE FOR A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

|                                    |                                    |                        |   |                                |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Montana St.<br>Vs<br>New Hampshire | Ga. Southern<br>Vs<br>Old Dominion | Towson<br>Vs<br>Lehigh | North Dakota St.<br>Vs<br>James Madison | Appalachian St.<br>Vs<br>Maine |
| 3:00p.m.                           | 1:00p.m.                           | 3:30p.m.               | 4:00p.m.                                | 2:00p.m.                       |

All games can be seen on ESPN3 this Saturday, December 3rd!

## **FOOTBALL MIDYEAR JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS RECRUITING CALENDAR and NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT (NLI) REMINDER**

**Initial Date for NLI Midyear JC Transfer Signing Period: Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**Last Day of NLI Signing Period: Sunday January 15, 2012**

### **FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| December 1-17, 2011                   | Contact Period (See <b>Note #2</b> below)   |
| December 18                           | Quiet Period  |
| <b>December 19-22</b>                 | <b>JC: Dead Period (*only applies to JC Prospects intending to enroll at midyear)</b> |
| December 19 through January 3, 2012   | Dead Period (See <b>Note #1</b> below)  |
| <b>December 21 through January 15</b> | <b>JC: Football NLI Signing Period for Midyear JC Transfers (See Note #3 below)</b>   |
| <b>January 4-8</b>                    | <b>JC: Quiet Period (* applies to JC Prospects intending to enroll at midyear)</b>    |
| January 4-8                           | Contact Period (See <b>Note #2</b> below)   |
| January 8                             | Quiet Period  |
| January 9-12                          | Dead Period (See <b>Note #1</b> below regarding contact)                              |
| January 13 – 28                       | Contact Period  |
| January 29                            | Quiet Period  |
| January 30 – February 2, 2012         | Dead Period   |
| February 1 – April 1, 2012            | Football Regular NLI Signing Period   |
| Feb. 3 – April 14, 2012               | Quiet Period  |

### **Football Recruiting Calendar NOTES:**

1. **Dead Periods.** During the Dead Periods on December 19, 2011 through January 3, 2012 and January 9-12, 2012 institutional staff members may have contact with a prospect who has been admitted for midyear enrollment, provided the prospect has signed an NLI or other offer of admission and/or financial aid to attend the institution and is required to be on campus to attend institutional orientation sessions for all students.
2. **Contact Periods.** Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospect are permitted during Contact Periods that are listed on the Recruiting Calendar from November 27, 2011 through January 28, 2012 with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.
3. **Football Midyear Two-Year College Transfer Signing Period:** The NLI signing period is Wednesday, December 21, 2011 through Sunday, January 15, 2012 and is only for football prospective student-athletes who are transferring from a two-year college and enrolling at your institution midyear. A football two-year college transfer who will not enroll until the Fall 2012 term must wait to sign an NLI in the Regular Signing Period February 1 – April 1, 2012.



### **DEAD PERIOD REMINDERS**

**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 speakers at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a Dead Period.

**Telephone Calls to Midyear JC Transfers.** Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective midyear JC transfer student-athletes during the period starting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 21 until 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 23 (i.e., 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date for the NLI).

**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 9, 10 & 11, 2011).

**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 prospects 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 fax during the NLI signing period.

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

**Prior to Signing Athletics Grant-In-Aid (GIA).** The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete:

- A. Prospect must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- B. Prospect's name must be placed on the institution's Institutional Request List (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- C. Prospect must complete the Amateurism Certification Questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**NEW!! Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date.**

After August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school an institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his/her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the NLI Program.

Prior to August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered by the institution  
[Reference NCAA Bylaw 13.9.2.2]

**NEW!!** With the Adoption of Proposal 2010-31 (effective 8-1-11) the restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians) no longer apply **beginning the calendar day after the prospect signs a valid NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the prospect submits a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.** Permissible activities for prospects that meet the criteria include:

- A. Prospect is permitted to make an Unofficial Visit during a Dead Period.
- B. There are no limits on the number of Telephone Calls by the institution to a prospect.
- C. A non-coaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make Telephone Calls to or receive Telephone Calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians).
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians).
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect.
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians).  
[Reference NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.2, Electronic Transmissions]

**Educational Column (January 13, 2011)**  
**Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements - Eligibility for Competition - Fulfillment of Credit Hour Requirements - Fall Term Academic Requirement For Future Competition in Football**

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**Question:** If a student-athlete fails to earn the required nine semester/eight quarter hours and the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) eligibility point and does not regain eligibility for the following fall (or is ineligible for other reasons), does the ineligibility for competition in the first four games carry over to the next season in which the student-athlete is eligible to compete at the same institution?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** If a student-athlete fails to earn the required nine semester/eight quarter hours, will the student-athlete be eligible to use the one-time transfer exception, if applicable?

**Answer:** No. The student-athlete would not have been eligible for competition had he remained at the first institution.

**Question:** Does the ineligibility for competition in the first four (or two) games follow the student-athlete if he transfers to another Division I institution?

**Answer:** Yes. The student-athlete would be required to fulfill the transfer residency requirement in the first year of enrollment and would not be eligible for the first four (or two) games in the following year.

**Question:** Does the ineligibility for competition in the first four games follow the student-athlete if he transfers to a Division II or Division III institution?

**Answer:** No. However, the student-athlete would not have been eligible for competition had he remained at the first institution. Therefore, the student-athlete may not meet an exception to the applicable transfer residency requirement.

**Question:** May summer school hours satisfy the nine semester/eight quarter-hour or the 27 semester/40 quarter-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Credit earned in the summer immediately after the applicable regular academic year may be used to satisfy the 27/40 credit-hour requirement. Similar to the application of the six credit-hour requirement for the fall term, only those hours earned during the fall regular academic term may satisfy the nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** May credit hours earned during part-time terms satisfy the nine/eight or 27/40 credit-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Hours earned while a student-athlete is enrolled as a part-time student prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may satisfy the 27/40 credit hour-requirement for a student-athlete in his first year of attendance at the certifying institution. Such hours may not be used to satisfy the fall term nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** May credit hours earned during the regular academic year in an interim term (intersession, mini or "J" term) completed before the beginning of the following term (spring semester or winter quarter) satisfy the nine/eight credit hour and/or the 27/40 credit-hour requirements?

**Answer:** Credit hours earned during an interim term, either at the certifying institution or from another institution, may be used to satisfy the 27/40 credit-hour requirement. Credit hours earned from another institution must be acceptable for degree credit at the certifying institution. However, hours earned during an interim term may not be used to satisfy the fall term nine/eight credit-hour requirement.

**Question:** How will incomplete credit hours, nondegree applicable credit hours, remedial credit hours, credit hours earned while concurrently enrolled at another institution, etc. be used for purposes of satisfying the nine/eight credit-hour requirement and 27/40 credit-hour requirement?

**Answer:** All current legislation and interpretations that govern the application of credit hours for other progress-toward-degree credit-hours requirements will apply.

**Question:** How will the legislated exceptions to progress-toward-degree requirements apply for purposes of these requirements (e.g., missed term, medical absence)?

**Answer:** There are no changes for the application of the current legislated exceptions to progress-toward-degree requirements. Credit hours will continue to be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance. Please note the nine/eight credit-hour requirement is only applicable if a football student-athlete was enrolled as a full-time student during the fall term.

**Question:** Does the legislation apply to student-athletes who were not members of the football team during the previous fall term?

**Answer:** No, the legislation only applies to student-athletes who were on the football team during the applicable fall term.

**Question:** What requirements must be met by a football student-athlete who is not included within the APR cohort for the fall term in order to be eligible for all contests in the following season?

**Answer:** Such a student-athlete must successfully complete nine credit hours in the fall term in order to be eligible for all contests in the following season.