



# COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

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## Dec 2008 Football Recruiting Calendar

S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Contact Period						
Quiet Period						
Dead Period						

### Recruiting Calendar

**Dec 1– Dec 20: Contact Period****Dec 21: Quiet Period****Dec 22-31: Dead Period**

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## Football Midyear Junior College Transfer Signing Period

**NLI Midyear JC Transfer Signing Period:** Wednesday, December 17, 2008—Thursday, January 15, 2009.**Quiet Period:** December 21, 2008 & January 2-4 & January 11, & January 16-17, 2009.**Dead Period:** December 22, 2008 through January 1, 2009 & January 12-15, 2009\*

\* **Note:** During the Dead Period 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.

## Football Midyear Dead Period Restrictions 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 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.

**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).

**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.

## EARLY SIGNING PERIOD PENALTIES

**Note for two-sport athletes (e.g. Baseball + Football)** Prospective student-athletes who will participate in football are prohibited from signing an NLI during the early signing period. A student who signs an NLI during the early period in a sport other than football will be ineligible for practice and competition in the sport of football during the student's first year of enrollment at an NLI member institution, and shall forfeit one season of competition in the sport of football. In circumstances where a student's primary sport is not football, but the student anticipates participating in football, the student should delay signing an NLI until either the football signing period or during the regular signing period for all other sports.



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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 – non-coaching 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 Tip: Recruiting Ban After Signing.** Once a prospective student-athlete signs an NLI with another institution they are required to cease recruiting that prospect. The recruiting ban extends to prospective student-athletes who enroll in a two-year college after signing an NLI provided the NLI was not declared null and void for reasons listed in Provision 7 of the NLI. Thus, while in attendance at a two-year college, a coach shall not recruit a prospect if he or she signed an NLI prior to enrolling at the two-year college. Recruiting ban violations and allegations should be reported to the NLI Office.