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## Compliance Q & A

### Football NLI Regular Signing Period begins February 5, 2014

**Question:** John Manning is a football prospective student-athlete who is going to sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) next week with Compliance University (CU). There are rumors that the head coach at CU is going to take a coaching job in the NFL. If the coach leaves CU after John signs his NLI, is he still bound by the provisions of the NLI?

**Answer:** Yes. Per the **National Letter of Intent Provisions**, a student-athlete signs an NLI with an institution, not with a coach. If the coach leaves, the prospect is still bound by the provisions of the NLI. See NLI excerpt below:

### *Coaching Changes*

*I understand I have signed this NLI with the institution and not for a particular sport or coach. If a coach leaves the institution or the sports program (e.g., not retained, resigns), I remain bound by the provisions of this NLI. I understand it is not uncommon for a coach to leave his or her coaching position.*



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Congrats to the six CAA Football seniors who played in Saturday's NFLPA Collegiate Bowl at the StubHub Center in Carson, CA. The Collegiate Bowl is comprised of the American Team and the National Team.

Delaware OL Erle Ladson is the league's lone member of the American roster, while Villanova DL Rakim Cox, Maine DB Kendall James, Towson DB Jordan Love, James Madison LB Stephon Robertson and Dukes OL Josh Wells have been named to the National roster.



2013-14 Division I Championship Subdivision Football  
Recruiting Calendar

February 14						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Contact period: February 1 Quiet period: February 2; 7-28 Dead period: February 3-6						
						1 Contact period
2 Quiet period	3 Dead period: February 3-6	4	5	6	7 Quiet period: February 7-28	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	Green - Contact period Red - Dead period Yellow - Quiet period

Note: This is a color coded visual of the recruiting calendar, please consider this when printing.



**NCAA Staff Interpretation**

Application of Two-Year College Transfer Rules to a Nonqualifier Who Received a Fully Approved Initial-Eligibility Waiver

Date Published: January 10, 2014

Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that a nonqualifier who previously received a fully approved initial -eligibility waiver (e.g., obvious waiver, automatic waiver, waiver approved by NCAA staff) to permit athletically related financial aid, practice and competition in the initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment is considered a qualifier for purposes of the application of the two-year college transfer requirements.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.3.1.1 (qualifier); 14.3.1.4 (initial-eligibility waivers); 14.5.4.1 (qualifier); 14.5.4.2 (not a qualifier); and 14.5.6 (4-2-4 college transfers)]

**NCAA Official Interpretation**

Subscription to Recruiting or Scouting Services that Provide Information Beyond Standardized Information Provided to All Subscribers

Date Published: January 15, 2014

Item Ref: 6-a

Interpretation:

The Legislative Council determined that an institution is not permitted to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service that provides information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages, etc.) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers of the service.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services), 14.13.1 (basketball and football), 13.14.3.1.1 (video-only services), 13.14.3.2 (sports other than basketball and football) and 13.14.3.3 (subscription limited to approved services – basketball and football); and official interpretations (9/20/13, Item No. 1 and 12/5/13, Item No. 2), which have been archived]

**NCAA Official Interpretation**

Student-Athletes Selling Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics

Date Published: January 10, 2014

Item Ref: 3

Interpretation:

The committee confirmed that a student-athlete may not sell, or exchange for another item of value, any item received for athletics participation. [Note: This includes awards and gifts provided by the institution, CAA, and/or NCAA]

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions after becoming a student-athlete); 12.1.2 (amateur status); 16.1.4 (types of awards, awarding agencies, maximum value and numbers of awards); and 16.11.2.1 (general rule)]

**NCAA Official Interpretation**

## Elimination or Reduction of Recruiting Restrictions After Commitment

Date Published: January 10, 2014

Item Ref: 1

## Interpretation:

The committee determined that in a situation in which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid with multiple institutions or submits a financial deposit to multiple institutions in response to offers of admission, the legislative provisions that eliminate or reduce recruiting restrictions after a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or after the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission applies only to the first institution with which the prospective student-athlete signs a valid National Letter of Intent, written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the first institution to receive his or her financial deposit in response to an offer of admission, whichever occurs first.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12.1 (exception -- after commitment), 13.4.1.2.2 (exception -- electronic transmissions after commitment), 13.6.2.2.2 (July evaluation periods -- women's basketball), 13.7.1.1 (exception -- men's basketball), 13.7.1.2 (exception -- women's basketball), 13.10.3 (publicity after commitment), 13.11.2.3.1 (exception -- after National Letter of Intent signing), 13.11.3.7.1 (voluntary summer conditioning -- bowl subdivision football), 13.11.3.7.2 (voluntary summer conditioning -- championship subdivision football), 13.11.3.8 (voluntary summer conditioning -- basketball) and 13.12.1.7.1.1 (exception -- employment after commitment)]

**NCAA Official Interpretation**

## Application of Disciplinary Suspension to Graduate Transfer Student-Athletes

Date Published: January 10, 2014

Item Ref: 2

## Interpretation:

The committee confirmed that a graduate student who transfers to an NCAA member institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from his or her previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year in residence at the certifying institution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.1.8.1 (one-time transfer exception), 14.5.1.2 (disciplinary suspension), 14.5.5.1 (general rule) and official interpretation (11/15/90, Item No. 7)]

**CAA Football News**

CAA Football fielded eight student-athletes on the College Sports Journal's 2013 FCS All-Freshman Team released on Friday. Third among all conferences with its eight selections, CAA Football had four players chosen to both the first and second teams.

Headlining the league's list of honorees were CAA Football Offensive Rookie of the Year Darius Victor of Towson and Defensive Rookie of the Year Christophe Mulumba of Maine. Joining them on the first team were New Hampshire OL Tad McNeely and James Madison LB Gage Steele. The four players chosen to the second team were Richmond DL Winston Craig, Towson WR Andre Dessenberg, Delaware punter Eric Enderson and Maine DL Patrick Richard.