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Dead Period: January 1 - 3 and January 7 - 10

*Institutional staff members may have contact with a prospective student-athlete 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.

Quiet Period: January 6

** January 4-6: All junior college prospects who intend to enroll midyear.

Contact Period: January 4 - 5** and January 11 - 31



Quiet Period



Contact Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

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

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FOOTBALL MIDYEAR JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS RECRUITING CALENDAR and NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT (NLI) REMINDERS

Initial Date for NLI Midyear JC Transfer Signing Period: Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Last Day of NLI Signing Period: Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR

December 1-15, 2012	Contact Period (See Note #2 below)
December 16	Quiet Period
December 17 through January 3, 2013	Dead Period (See Note #1 below)
December 19 through January 15	JC: Football NLI Signing Period for Midyear JC Transfers (See Note #3 below)
January 4-6	JC: Quiet Period (* applies to JC Prospects intending to enroll at midyear)
January 4-5	Contact Period (See Note #2 below)
January 6	Quiet Period
January 7-10	Dead Period (See Note #1 below regarding contact)
January 11 through February 2	Contact Period
January 15	Last Day of NLI Signing Period for Midyear Junior College Transfers
February 3	Quiet Period
February 4-7	Dead Period
February 8-April 14, 2013	Quiet Period

Football Recruiting Calendar NOTES:

- Dead Periods.** During the Dead Periods on December 17, 2012 through January 3, 2013 and January 7-10, 2013 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.
- Contact Periods.** Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospect are permitted during Contact Periods that are listed on the Recruiting Calendar from November 25, 2012 through February 2, 2013 with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week.
- Football Midyear Two-Year College Transfer Signing Period:** The NLI signing period is Wednesday, December 19, 2012 through Tuesday, January 15, 2013 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 2013 term must wait to sign an NLI in the Regular Signing Period February 6 – April 1, 2013.

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. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

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. [Bylaw 13.1.8, 13.02.5.5]

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 17 until 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21 (i.e., 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date for the NLI).
[Bylaw 13.1.3.3.2.1]

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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. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

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.
[Bylaw 13.1.5.7.1]

Written Correspondence. Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

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: [Bylaw 13.9.1]

- 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.

Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. [Bylaw 13.9.2.2]

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.

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.

Communication. 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. [Bylaws 13.02.5.5.2]
- B. There are no limits on the number of Telephone Calls by the institution to a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.3]
- 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).
[Bylaw 13.1.3.2.2 and 13.1.3.4.1.2]
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.1.5.8]
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.7.18]
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians).
[Bylaw 13.4.1.2.2]

Educational Column - April 25, 2011

Midyear Replacement

NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 15.5.6.3.2 and 15.5.6.3.5, in Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), a counter in football who graduates midyear or graduated during the previous academic year (including summer), may be replaced midyear by an initial counter or by a student-athlete who was an initial counter in a previous academic year and is returning to the institution after time spent on active duty in the armed services or on an official religious mission. In this case, the initial counter may be counted against the initial limit for the year in which the aid is awarded (if the institution's annual limit has not been reached) or for the following year. If the institution has reached its limit on the number of initial counters for the year in which the aid is initially awarded, the initial counter must be counted against the initial limit for the ensuing academic year.

For example, Institution X has 85 total counters during the fall of the 2010-11 academic year and only 22 initial counters. Five counters graduate at midyear and Institution X would like to replace those five counters in the second semester with five recruited transfer student-athletes from a two-year college who will receive athletically related financial aid. In this scenario, Institution X may provide the transfer student-athletes with financial aid in accordance with Bylaws 15.5.6.3.2 and 15.5.6.3.5. The five transfer student-athletes would replace the five graduating student-athletes as overall counters during the 2010-11 academic year. The transfer student-athletes may be included in the institution's initial-counter limitations in the sport of football during the 2010-11 academic year or during the 2011-12 academic year.

Under the same fact scenario, if Institution X only had 83 total counters during the fall semester of the 2010-11 academic year, it may provide financial aid pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.6.3.2 to the first two transfer student-athletes. Those student-athletes would increase the total number of counters for the 2010-11 academic year to 85, and they may be included in the initial-counter total for either the 2010-11 or 2011-12 academic year. The midyear replacement provisions of Bylaw 15.5.6.3.5 would not apply to these two transfer student-athletes. However, if Institution X awards athletically related financial aid to the remaining three transfer student-athletes it must do in accordance with Bylaw 15.5.6.3.5, because Institution X now has reached its total counter limit of 85. Those three transfer student-athletes would replace three of the midyear graduates as overall counters during the 2010-11 academic year. With the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2010-78, those three student-athletes may be included in the institution's initial-counter limitations in the sport of football during the 2010-11 academic year (if the institution's annual limit on the number of initial counters has not been reached) or during the 2011-12 academic year (even if one or more of the three student-athletes does not return to the institution for the 2011-12 academic year).

In FBS, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year to the maximum number of overall counters (85 total counters). In FCS, an institution may use the midyear replacement exception only if it previously has provided financial aid during that academic year that equals the maximum number of overall equivalencies or overall counters.

[References: Bylaws 15.5.6.3.2 (recruited student-athlete entering after fall term, aided in first year) and 15.5.6.3.5 (midyear replacement)]