

Colonial Athletic Association

COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

National Letter of Intent Signing Period

Sports: Men's and Women's Soccer

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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 13.1.5.8.1]

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 **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 Official or 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 13.1.3.4.1]
- C. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may make Telephone Calls to or receive Telephone Calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaws 11.7.2.2-(a)-(b) and 13.1.3.2.2]
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians).
[Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect. [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaws 13.4.1.4]

This Month's CAA Events

- ◆ Drexel University holds their CAA Food Drive: Mon. February 9th- Sun. February 15th
- ◆ College of Charleston holds their CAA Food Drive : Sunday, February 15th– Saturday, February 21st
- ◆ CAA Men's and Women's Diving Championship: February 21-22, 2015- Delaware
- ◆ CAA Men's and Women's Swimming Championship: February 25-28, 2015– Richmond Aquatic Center

Staff Interpretation

Coach Who Is A Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent or Legal Guardian Attending Letter-of-Intent-Signing

Date Published: February 27, 2008

Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The membership services staff determined that a coach who is a prospective-student-athlete's parent or legal guardian may attend and observe a letter-of-intent signing activity that involves the coach's son or daughter (or individual for which the coach is a legal guardian) in addition to other prospective-student-athletes, provided the attendance does not involve any personal contact with any other prospective-student-athletes. [References: NCAA Divisions I and II Bylaws 13.1.2.2 (permissible recruiters-general exceptions), Division I Bylaw 13.1.6.7 (letter-of-intent signing), and Division II Bylaw 13.1.6.2 (letter-of-intent signing)]

NCAA Bylaw 12.3 Use of Agents

Bylaw 12.3.1 : An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

Case Study:

Cover 2 and Zone are football student-athletes at Ocean State University. Based on the below scenarios which, if either, would have eligibility issues regarding their interaction with an agent?

Cover 2 met with an agent on campus after practice one day. The agent indicated he would like to represent Cover once his eligibility has exhausted. Cover liked what the agent had to say and was impressed with his client list. As a result, Cover verbally agreed to have this agent represent him once the bowl game was over.

Zone met with an agent on campus after practice one day. The agent indicated that although he was very impressed with Zone's athletic ability, he only represents professional basketball players. He gave Zone 2 concert tickets and wished him luck with the football career.

1. Both Cover and Zone would be ineligible.
2. Neither student-athlete would lose eligibility
3. Cover would be ineligible
4. Zone would be ineligible

The answer is 1. **NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.1** states that an individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she enters into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport.

NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.2 states that an individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: (Revised: 1/14/97)

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport. (Adopted: 1/14/97)

Credits to the Daily Compliance Item

NCAA Bylaw 17.1.7.4.2

Canceled Competition

When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further countable athletically related activities during that day. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

Official Interpretation

Expenses to Attend an Institutional Camp or Clinic that Conducts Organized Competition

Date Published: January 9, 2015

Item Ref: 4-a

Interpretation:

The Legislative Council determined that an individual may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend an institutional camp or clinic from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization), provided the camp or clinic conducts organized competition in the sport for its participants.

[References: NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.3 (expenses from an outside sponsor); official interpretation (2/19/87, Item No. 11) and official interpretation (10/30/14, Item No. 1), which has been archived]

NCAA Bylaw 16.2.1.1 Institutional Events in the Student-Athlete's Sport. [A]

An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. (*Revised: 8/7/14*)

NCAA Bylaw 16.2.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Events. [A]

An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six complimentary admissions to all intercollegiate athletics events at the site at which the student (or team) participates. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14*)

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The NCAA's web applications – such as Legislative Services Database for the Internet, Compliance Assistant, Requests/Self-Reports Online and the NCAA Eligibility Center – are expected to be unavailable starting the evening of **February 13** while maintenance and upgrades are performed on the servers that host them. The systems are expected to be down for three to four days, with the majority of the work taking place over the weekend to minimize impact on member schools. The national office will provide more information about the service outage as soon as it is available. Please plan to complete any work that requires these systems before they go offline. We apologize for any inconveniences this causes. Please email WAHQuestions@ncaa.org if you have any questions.

February Recruiting Calendars

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



Contact Period



Quiet Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

Baseball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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

Men's Basketball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Women's Basketball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Quiet Period: February 1-28

All live evals must be limited to regularly scheduled HS, Prep School, and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving PSA enrolled only at that institution where the regular scholastic activities occur. **Recruiting Period: February 1-28**

Evaluation Period: February 1-28

Cross Country/ Track & Field

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Men's Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Women's Lacrosse

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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Softball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Volleyball

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Contact Period: February 1-28; Each institution is limited to 50 eval. Days (Aug. 1–July 31), per Bylaw 13.02.7.2, which does not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/ clinics or the observation of prospects participating in HS softball competition. In those states that play HS softball in the fall, evals shall be permissible during those seasons, except during dead periods.

Contact Period: February 1-28 In those states that play HS VB season in the winter, contacts and evals shall be permissible Jan. 1 through the Friday prior to the Presidents Weekend Tournament.