



COMPLIANCE

TIGER TIDBITS

Newsletter/November 2015

Topics of the Month

NLI EARLY SIGNING PERIOD [November 11-18, 2015]

Sports other than football, soccer: The NLI early signing period is approaching quickly. Compliance would like to remind all coaches and staff about certain policies regarding the NLI process:

- In person, off-campus delivery of an NLI to a prospect is prohibited. It is only permissible to send a NLI via express mail, regular mail, e-mail, or fax. [Bylaw 13.1.5.8.1]
- NLI can be sent to the prospect prior to the early signing date but cannot be signed until 7a.m. on November the 11th.
 - An NLI must be signed prior to the conclusion of the signing period, November 18th.
- The prospect must sign two copies; returning one to the institution and keeping one for their own records.
- Parents must sign both copies
- All prospects under the age of 21 also require the signature of a parent or legal guardian (documented).
- A coach may make unlimited phone calls to a prospect on the initial date of signing and for 48 hours following. [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.1]
- NLI's must be returned to the compliance office for final approval.
- Coaches may not be present during off-campus signing of NLI

POST NLI Contact rules:

- The individual is not subject to Bylaw 13.1 limitations [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]:
- Unlimited Contact (including Dead periods [Bylaw13.02.5.5.2])
- Unlimited phone calls [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.2]
- Unlimited Electronic Correspondence (text, open social media interaction) [Bylaw 13.4.1.4]

NLI Signing Dates for Prospective Student-Athletes Signing 2015-16 and Enrolling 2016-17

Sport(s)	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 11, 2015	November 18, 2015
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 13, 2016	May 18, 2016
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2015	January 15, 2016
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2016	April 1, 2016
Soccer	February 3, 2016	August 1, 2016
All other sports (Early Period)	November 11, 2015	November 18, 2015
All other sports (Regular Period)	April 13, 2016	August 1, 2016

Recruiting Calendar

NOTE DEAD PERIODS!!!!

BASEBALL

Nov 1 - 8	Contact
Nov 9 -12	DEAD
Nov 13 - 30	Quiet

XC/ TRACK & FIELD

Nov 1-8	Contact
Nov 9 -12	DEAD
Nov 13 -20	Contact
Nov 21	DEAD
Nov 22-30	Contact

FOOTBALL

Nov 1 - 28	Eval.
Nov 29-Dec 13*	Contact
*13th is a quiet period for JC	

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov 1-8	Recruit
Nov 9 -12	DEAD
Nov 13-30	Recruit

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov 1-8	Eval
Nov 9-12	DEAD
Nov 13-30	Eval

VOLLEYBALL

Nov 1-8	Eval
Nov 9-12	DEAD
Nov 13-30	Eval

GOLF/ ROWING/ TENNIS/ DIVING

Nov. 9-12	DEAD
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Vacation Period Reminder [Bylaw 17.1.7.3.6]

- Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session.
- If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw 17.1.7.4), which may be a vacation day.

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Head Coach Responsibility-Compliance Discussion Topics

1. **General Correspondence:** Know what is permissible to provide to prospects before their junior year in high school and after. (Bylaw 13.4.1)
2. **Agents:** Know what defines an agent and what limitation a current student-athlete, prospect or their family has in regards to interaction with agents and advisors. (Bylaw 12.3.1)
3. **Managers:** Understand the restrictions that apply to any student that would like to be a manager for your program. (Bylaw 11.01.7)
4. **Disability and Loss of Value Insurance:** understand the general rules regarding who can qualify for such insurance and how it could affect your student-athletes. (Bylaw 16.11.1.4))

Recent NCAA Interpretations of Interest:

Professional Athlete's Symbol, Logo or Trademark on Manufacturer's Apparel (10.19.15):

- Any professional athlete's symbol, logo or trademark included as part of a manufacturer's apparel is a manufacturer's logo. As such, it is not permissible for apparel to bear both the professional athlete's symbol, logo or trademark and the manufacturer's logo.

Application of NCAA Division I Bylaws 15, 16 and 17 to Student-Athlete Who Has Been Granted a Waiver to Practice or Compete While Enrolled Less than Full-Time (10.19.15):

- A student-athlete who is granted a waiver to practice and compete while enrolled less than full time, shall be considered a full-time student for purposes of financial aid, awards and benefits and playing and practice seasons;
- However, a student-athlete who is granted a waiver only for practice may not receive competition-related expense

Averaging Grades in a Core Course (10.6.15):

- In a situation in which a prospect fails at least one term of a core course for which he/she earns one full unit of credit but for which a final grade for the full unit does not appear on his/her final transcript, the NCAA Eligibility Center shall average the grades earned in the course for academic certification purposes.

Ed. Column update – TENNIS Dates of Competition – Individual Singles or Doubles Tournaments (10.14.15):

- NCAA Division I institutions are limited to 25 dates of competition during the permissible tennis playing season, including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition. An individual singles or doubles tournament may be counted as one date of competition, regardless of the number of days during which the tournament occurs, provided the institution has more than four student-athletes competing and there is no team scoring or recognition of a team champion. In order for a date of competition to be considered an individual singles or doubles tournament, the competition must ultimately recognize an individual champion. Any tennis student-athlete participating in such an event must have the opportunity, at the start of the event, to be selected as the individual champion. Events sometimes referred to as "hidden" or "mock" dual matches may be considered individual singles or doubles tournaments as long as an individual champion(s) is determined. For example, a tournament using a round robin format that recognizes an individual winner based on criteria including win/loss record; total number of wins; and least amount of losses would satisfy the legislation because an individual champion is determined.