



University of South Carolina Gamecock Compliance

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNED

The culmination of the recruiting process takes place when a prospect signs their National Letter of Intent (NLI) with their chosen institution. By signing the NLI the prospect becomes officially committed to the institution they sign with. During the early signing period this month all sports except football, soccer and track/cross country are allowed to sign prospects to NLIs. In November more than **three dozen** prospects in **12** different sports will sign a NLI with the University of South Carolina for the 2012-2013 academic year.

This is a good time to examine some of the most frequently asked questions regarding a prospect who have signed a National Letter of Intent.

Q. How long is a prospective student-athlete considered to be a prospect?

A. A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after signing a NLI or financial aid agreement to attend USC. The prospect, the University, and boosters are all governed by the recruiting regulations until the prospect reports for regular season practice or attends their first day of classes in any regular term (i.e., fall or spring).

Q. Is it permissible for boosters to contact a prospect who has signed an NLI?

A. No on- or off-campus contact (including written or electronic correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by boosters.

Q. Is it permissible for a booster to employ a prospect who has signed an NLI?

A. Yes. NCAA rules permit prospective student-athletes who have signed NLI's to be employed by boosters during the summer following their graduation from high school, prep school, or junior college. Prior to employing prospects, however, boosters must check with the coaching staff and the office of compliance services to make sure all regulations are being followed.

Q. Is it permissible for a booster to arrange summer housing for a prospect who has signed an NLI?

A. No. NCAA rules prohibit boosters from making housing arrangements for student-athletes or prospects, even if they have signed an NLI to attend USC. For example, it is not permissible to offer reduced-rate rental opportunities to prospects.

Q. Is it permissible for a booster to assist a prospect who has signed an NLI with precollege expenses?

A. No. Neither USC nor its boosters are permitted to offer, provide, or arrange financial assistance to cover a prospect's expenses educational or other-wise) for any period prior to their enrollment. This applies even to those prospects who have signed an NLI or financial agreement to attend the University of South Carolina.

Please remember that the same prohibitions against the provision of extra benefits to currently-enrolled student-athletes also extend to all prospects.

NCAA rules are often very complicated so if you find yourself in a position where you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us using the information at the bottom of this page.



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