



# COMPLIANCE CORNER



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## FOCUS OF THE MONTH

### NLI SIGNING DAY REMINDERS

The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution. By signing the NLI:

- PSA agrees to attend the institution full-time for 1 academic year
- The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for 1 academic year

For PSAs enrolling in the upcoming 2021-22 year, the early signing periods apply only to basketball and football

SPORT	INITIAL SIGNING DATE	FINAL SIGNING DATE
Basketball (Early)	November 11, 2020	November 18, 2020
Football (Early)	December 16, 2020	December 18, 2020
All Other Sports	November 11, 2020	August 1, 2021

Following the signing of an NLI after the initial signing date by a PSA they are no longer subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1, which deals with contact between institutional staff and athletic representatives with student athletes. However, the commit is still considered a prospective student athlete for purposes of applying the rest of Bylaw 13 and the other bylaws.

### REMINDERS

- For all in-season sports, CARA and RARA hours are not subject to their respective daily and weekly limitations during Thanksgiving Break (11/26 - 11/29)
- For all out-of-season sports, no CARA or RARA hours are permitted during Thanksgiving Break (11/26 - 11/29)

# WASHINGTON INFRACTIONS CASE

- The Washington baseball staff arranged and paid for the airfare of 23 parents of 14 recruits that came on official visits, totaling \$7,795.
- Three of those prospects eventually enrolled and competed for Washington while ineligible.
- Two assistant coaches believed that the payments were permissible. They were then told to double-check with the compliance office, which they claimed they did, but there was no record of the conversation or approval, highlighting a weakness in the institution's recruiting travel education and monitoring processes.
- Penalties:
  - One year of probation
  - A limit of 18 official paid visits for the 2020-21 academic year from a total of 25 allowed annually.
  - A vacation of records of contests in which student-athletes participated while ineligible.

## CHARLESTON SOUTHERN INFRACTIONS CASE

- Charleston Southern's head women's volleyball coach had 79 impermissible contacts with at least 8 student-athletes and two parents of student-athletes he had formerly coached at a previous institution.
- The text messages ranged from wishing happy birthday or to just talk generally about life events, and the coach denied tampering or trying to influence the student-athletes to transfer.
- Text messages with at least one parent show that the parent initiated contact about a potential transfer and the head coach responded to those texts and phone calls with the parent before the student-athlete entered the transfer portal. That student-athlete subsequently entered the portal and transferred to Charleston Southern.
- Penalties:
  - One year of probation
  - A one-year show-cause order for the head coach. During that period, the coach is prohibited from participating in all recruiting communication contacts and off-campus recruiting for two weeks during the next contact period. The coach also must reduce his number of evaluation days during the next recruiting cycle by four.
  - The coach is suspended from 10% of the next season, which must be served at home games.
  - The coach was issued a letter of admonishment and must attend one NCAA Regional Rules Seminar in 2021 at his own expense.

## RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period

Evaluation Period

Dead Period

Recruiting Shutdown

### All Sports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	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
29	30					

The NCAA adopted Emergency Legislation to establish a temporary recruiting dead period for all NCAA Division I sports, effective immediately, and in effect until at least January 1, 2021