



COMPLIANCE CORNER



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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

NLI SIGNING

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 (2 semesters)
- The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for 1 academic year (2 semesters).

For PSAs enrolling in the upcoming 2019-2020 year, the early signing periods apply only to basketball and football. These dates are:

SPORT	INITIAL SIGNING DATE	FINAL SIGNING DATE
Basketball (early)	November 14, 2018	November 21, 2018
Football (early)	December 19, 2018	December 21, 2018 (or if midyear JC transfer: January 15, 2019)
All Other Sports	November 14, 2018	August 1, 2019

Once the PSA signs their NLI and becomes an official member of the UC family, they are permitted to participate in the following activities without violating any NCAA Bylaws or affecting their eligibility:

- Take unofficial (unpaid) visits to UC anytime until enrollment
- Use any UC facilities that are open to the public (ex. Gettler Stadium, Nippert Stadium)
- Work at a UC camp or clinic, if hired by the coaches
- Request/receive the following:
 - Workout Plans
 - Dietary Plans (check with trainers about banned substances)
 - Video Playbooks

HOLIDAY CARA REMINDERS

- All sports in-season November 22-25: CARA and RARA hours are not subject to their respective daily and weekly limitations during Thanksgiving Break.
- All sports out-of-season November 22-25: No CARA or RARA hours during Thanksgiving Break
- Last Day of CARA for all sports out-of-season prior to the winter break is December 2, 2018.

CAN YOU SPOT THE VIOLATION ?

A Baseball prospective student-athlete receives an NLI packet from an institution on Wednesday, November 14. Five days later, the PSA posts a video on Twitter with his decision to choose this institution, which shows him selecting that baseball hat from a selection on display in front of him. The institution's baseball Twitter account comments on the video shortly after. The next day, the institution's compliance office receives and validates the signed NLI from the PSA.



The violation occurred when the institution commented on the PSA's video. An institution may not comment publicly as to the likelihood of commitment of a prospective student-athlete before that PSA has signed a National Letter of Intent. Had the institution waited to retweet the video until after the signed NLI was validated, a violation would not have occurred.

13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. **[D]** (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.10.3 Publicity After Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. For institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to a prospective student-athlete who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. **[D]** (Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/25/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 4/28/16 effective 8/1/16)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Can a student make a verbal commitment to one school and sign an NLI with a different school?

ANSWER: Yes. The NLI program does not recognize verbal commitments as binding. Similarly, a school may accept a verbal commitment and later offer the NLI to another prospective student-athlete.

QUESTION: If a PSA has signed an NLI and delays enrollment for their first semester at the institution, is the NLI still binding?

ANSWER: Yes. If the student athlete chooses to delay enrollment by a semester, or to only take part-time classes, he/she is still obligated to attend the institution for two full-time semesters. If a coach or the institution's admissions office asks him/her to delay enrollment, the institution is still obligated to honor the athletics aid if he/she attends the institution. In the latter situation, if the student-athlete does not want to delay enrollment, he/she may choose to attend another NLI institution, and the NLI will be declared null and void.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

FOOTBALL	MBA	MGO	TF & XC	WBB	WLA	ALL OTHERS
EVALUATION/ QUIET PERIOD (42 days since September 1): 1st-24th CONTACT: 25th-30th	CONTACT: 1st-11th DEAD PERIOD: 12th-15th QUIET PERIOD: 16th-30th	CONTACT: 1st-11th; 16th-21st DEAD PERIOD: 12th-15th; 22nd-25th QUIET PERIOD: 26th-30th	CONTACT: 1st-11th; 16th; 18th-30th DEAD PERIOD: 12th-15th; 17th	EVALUATION (scholastic only): 1st-11th; 16th-30th DEAD PERIOD: 12th-15th	CONTACT: 1st; 5th-8th; 19th-20th; 24th-30th EVALUATION: 2nd-4th; 9th- 11th; 16th-18th DEAD: 12th-15th; 21st- 23rd	CONTACT: 1st-11th; 16th-30th DEAD PERIOD: 12th-15th