



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 2020-2021 year, the early signing periods apply only to basketball and football. These dates are:

SPORT	INITIAL SIGNING DATE	FINAL SIGNING DATE
Basketball (Early)	November 13, 2019	November 20, 2019
Football (Early)	December 18, 2019	December 20, 2019
All Other Sports	November 13, 2019	August 1, 2020

FOLLOWING COMMITMENT

- 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 sports in-season November 28-December 1: CARA and RARA hours are not subject to their respective daily and weekly limitations during Thanksgiving Break.
- For all out-of-season sports November 28-December 1: No CARA or RARA hours during Thanksgiving Break.

CAN YOU SPOT THE VIOLATION ?

Valerie is a high school volleyball player from Colorado who graduated in June 2019. Her NLI was delivered to her by express mail on November 12th, 2019. She signed the NLI at 6 AM local time in Colorado on November 13th, 2019 (on the first date of a signing period). In Cincinnati, the time of the signing would have been 8 AM. Is it permissible to deliver her NLI using express mail before the start of the signing period? Is the NLI valid if it was signed at 6am local Colorado time?



The violation occurred when Valerie signed the NLI on November 13th, 2019 at 6 AM local time in Colorado even though the time in Cincinnati was 8 AM. On the first date of a signing period, the prospective student-athlete and parent/legal guardian are not permitted to sign the NLI prior to 7 AM local time.

It is not a violation to deliver the NLI using express mail before the start of the signing period. In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member is prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or facsimile machine. (Bylaw 13.1.5.10.1)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Is there a deadline to sign the NLI?

Answer: If the PSA does not sign this NLI and the offer of athletics aid within 7 days after the date of issuance (noted on the signing page) it will be invalid. The 7-day signing deadline does not apply if the NLI is received on the last day of a signing period. In this case, the 7-day signing deadline only applies if there are 7 days remaining for the signing period.

Question: Does NLI legislation apply to 4-4 transfer students?

Answer: No, because 4-4 transfer students are not eligible to sign a NLI.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

Contact Period	Evaluation Period	Dead Period	Quiet Period	Recruiting Shutdown
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Football

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Baseball

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Men's Basketball

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Women's Basketball

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Track & Field & CC

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Men's Golf

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					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

Women's Lacrosse

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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All Other Sports

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