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NLI Early Signing Period

(November 9-16)

For all sports other than football and soccer, the National Letter of Intent 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 a National Letter of Intent to a prospective student-athlete is prohibited. It is only permissible to send a NLI via express mail, regular mail, e-mail, or fax.
- National Letters of Intent can be sent to the prospective student-athlete prior to the early signing date but cannot be signed until 7a.m. on November 9th.
- A National Letter of Intent must be signed prior to the conclusion of the signing period, November 16th.
- The prospective student-athlete must sign two copies; returning one to the institution and keeping one for their own records. Parents must sign both copies.
- All prospective student-athletes under the age of 21 also require the signature of a parent or legal guardian.
- NLI's must be returned to the compliance office for final approval.

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Recruiting and the Media

- A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by a coaching staff member on or off campus.
- Before a prospective student-athlete signs an NLI, an institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete and not on athletic ability or the potential to contribute to the team.

Vacation Period Reminders

During a Vacation Period, Student-Athletes may receive room and board expenses in the following circumstances:

- Student-Athletes who are required to remain **on campus** for organized practice sessions or competition.
- If a student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided, except for a meal that is incidental to participation to required activities.

Student-Athletes who return to campus from institutional competition during the official vacation period during a regular academic term (e.g., Spring Break), room and board expenses may be provided when the student-athlete arrives on campus.

If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes, a cash allowance may be provided not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away from campus trips.

COMPLIANCE MVP

This month's compliance MVP comes to us from the football offices. We would like to thank Ely for his support and help in conjunction with football related compliance issues and official visits.



Ely Allen

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COMPLIANCE NOTES

To prevent academic violations by collegiate athletic programs there must be institutional control. With multiple academic violations happening in major Division I programs across the country, it is important that head coaches hold themselves and their staffs accountable and make sure these types of incidents do not happen at the University of Miami.

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In the News: Ole Miss — Violations Across Many Sports

The University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss") is found to have violated multiple NCAA rules within its football, women's basketball, and track and field programs, resulting in many self-imposed penalties and NCAA penalties.

In women's basketball, the University and NCAA found that an assistant coach paid for online summer courses for a number of student-athletes, coursework had been impermissibly completed for incoming junior college transfers, and members of the staff provided false information during the investigation. As a result, the University self-imposed a post season ban, a reduction of two scholarships, and prohibition of signing junior college prospects for two years.

For the track and field programs, it was found that members of the staff conducted on campus evaluations for prospective student-athletes while they were on an Official Visit and paid for prospective student-athlete's hotel stay during Unofficial Visits. The University self-imposed a reduction of official visits the University could give for track as well as a reduction in recruiting days.

The football investigation is on-going, with 13 violations tied to the program thus far including academic and recruiting misconduct, fixing ACT scores, booster involvement, and \$15,000 in extra benefits provided to student-athletes and their families. As a self-imposed penalty, the University has decreased its scholarship total by 11 over a four year period.

The NCAA penalties include a 3-year probation period for the athletic department and six show-cause orders for the women's basketball and track programs. As for football, the NCAA has yet to rule given the present nature and magnitude of the investigation.



NOVEMBER RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL

- Contact Period - November 1-6
- Dead Period - November 7-10
- Quiet Period - November 11-30

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Recruiting Period - November 1-6
- Dead Period - November 7-10
- Recruiting Period - November 11-30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Evaluation Period - November 1-6
- Dead Period - November 7-10
- Evaluation Period - November 11-30

FOOTBALL

- Evaluation Period - November 1-26
- Contact Period - November 27-30

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Contact Period - November 1-30

CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD

- Contact Period - November 1-6
- Dead Period - November 7-10
- Contact Period - November 11-18
- Dead Period - November 19
- Contact Period - November 20-30

ALL OTHER SPORTS

- Contact Period - November 1-6
- Dead Period - November 7-10
- Contact Period - November 11-30



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