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National Letter of Intent

By signing a National Letter of Intent, a prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the designated college or university for one academic year. Pursuant to the terms of the National Letter of Intent program, participating institutions agree to provide athletics financial aid to the student-athlete, provided he/she is admitted to the institution and is eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.

An important provision of the National Letter of Intent program is a recruiting prohibition applied after a prospective student-athlete signs a Letter of Intent. This prohibition requires participating institutions to cease recruitment of a prospective student-athlete once a National Letter of Intent is signed with another institution.

A prospective student-athlete must sign the NLI and athletics aid agreement within 7 days of issuance, or else the NLI is invalid.

After Signing an NLI

- There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent.
- Dead Periods do not apply to those PSAs who have signed NLIs.
- All contact and evaluation restrictions are lifted for NLI signees(13.1).

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Student-Hosts on Official Visits

- Only one student host may receive complimentary meals provided that they are accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an official visit.
- A student host is allotted a daily amount of money for entertainment purposes, which can only be used for the host and prospect. This student host entertainment money amounts to **\$40** per day with up to an additional **\$20** per day for added prospects.
- The following activities are strictly prohibited while on an official visit:
 - Underage consumption of alcohol;
 - Use of drugs or sex for recruiting players;
 - Any activities that violate criminal law;
 - Gambling or gaming activities; and
 - Attending any adult entertainment establishments.

COMPLIANCE MVP

This month's compliance MVP comes to us from the Track & Field staff. We would like to thank Cory Young for his involvement with and support of the compliance staff.



Cory Young



Publicity of Prospective Student-Athletes

Prior to signing a National Letter of Intent, financial aid agreement, or for walk-ons, being “verified,” it is impermissible to publicize a prospective student-athlete. Until one of these actions has occurred, an institution may only confirm the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. However, an institution and its staff members are permitted to “like” comments from or concerning prospective student-athletes on Facebook, “favorite” comments made by prospective student-athletes on Twitter or Instagram, “retweet” comments made by prospective student-athletes on twitter. They may not tag a prospective student-athlete in any form of social media posting, until that individual has signed with the University of Miami, or been “verified.”



COMPLIANCE NOTES

Each institutional staff member is required to complete a compliance new hire orientation, attend a compliance annual staff review, and attend a department-specific compliance rules education session each semester.

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In the News: Head of NCAA Enforcement Sensitive to Growing Concern Over Cases Taking Too Long

The NCAA has long wrestled with the issue of speed of dealing with infractions cases. Jon Duncan, who heads the NCAA's enforcement committee, recently defended the work his staff has done to decrease the length of infractions cases. His comments came in light of ongoing public criticism, which includes ACC Commissioner John Swofford over the pending North Carolina Case and a member of the Mississippi state legislature, who proposed a bill that would force the NCAA to complete investigations within nine months.

Duncan said the NCAA is sensitive to concerns about how long cases can take and that changes he's implemented since 2013 have "moved the needle not by days or weeks, but by months." Additionally, he said that some of the difficulty in speeding up cases is due to the safeguards that were legislated into the processing phase, which allows institutions to respond to the allegations. But there's no doubt that many of the NCAA's high-profile cases have taken a long time to resolve, leaving a major cloud over a program years after penalties are assessed.

"I'm totally tracking on the concerns that cases take too long," Duncan said. "We are working to reduce the duration and we're being effective at that, without sacrificing quality, accuracy and the collaboration that we enjoy." Duncan also alluded to the fact that there are many cases the public is unaware of that are opened, investigated, and closed in a matter of days or weeks. "Nobody's tracking on those because the world doesn't know about them and they're confidential, so many are judging the timeliness of cases by a very small slice of our overall workload."



FEBRUARY RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL

- Quiet Period - February 1-28

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Recruiting Period - February 1-28

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Evaluation Period - February 1-28

FOOTBALL

- Dead Period - February 1-2
- Quiet Period - February 3-28

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Dead Period - February 1-2
- Contact Period - February 3-28

ALL OTHER SPORTS

- Contact Period - February 1-28

Covered Individual

A covered individual may include but is not limited to, an agent, a certified contract advisor, financial advisor, marketing representative, brand manager or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons.

Gambling

The NCAA *strictly prohibits* student-athletes and institutional staff members from gambling or wagering anything of value on any sport that the NCAA sponsors. This includes providing information to an individual that intends to use the information for gambling purposes.



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