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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. For Football and Soccer, this deadline would be February 10th if the prospect receives the NLI on February 3rd

### Contact After Signing an NLI

- In sports that do not allow for unlimited calling or texting, staff members and coaches are permitted to text a prospective student-athlete the calendar day he/she has signed an NLI or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.
- Staff members may make unlimited phone calls to a prospective student-athlete beginning the calendar day he/she signs an NLI or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid (for sports that did not otherwise have unlimited calls permitted).
- A coach may make an unlimited amount of evaluations of a prospective student-athlete beginning the calendar day after he/she signs an NLI or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

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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 operations staff. We would like to thank Michael Turner for his involvement with and support of the compliance staff.



Michael Turner



## 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. This means that an institution and its staff members are not 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, or tag 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: University of Missouri

The University of Missouri has been working collaboratively with the NCAA for over a year to review potential violations within their men's basketball program. Through this initial investigation, it appeared there had been violations dating back to 2011.

The violations involve impermissible benefits from donors to student athletes and prospects, their families, and recruiting contact violations. A specific donor was involved in providing benefits through a summer internship program, which the student athletes and prospect were receiving pay for work that was not performed. The athletes also received benefits in conjunction with the program, including iPads, cash, housing, transportation, and meals. A second donor was involved in providing discounted rates for a local hotel that was not available to the general public. In addition to the benefit, a Missouri basketball manager was aware of the violations and did not report them.

The former associate head men's basketball coach assisted in the relocation of a prospect by provided his phone number to a donor. Although he was paying the going rate for the rental housing, the arranged relationship between the prospect and the donor is impermissible. Lastly, the first donor mentioned previously had multiple impermissible recruiting contacts with a prospect, while also paying for meals for his non-scholastic coach.

Although the investigation is still currently with the NCAA, the university has self imposed the following penalties:

- Restitution and withholding from competition for impermissible benefits received by student-athletes was imposed as necessary.
- The former associate head men's basketball coach was prohibited from off-campus recruiting for a period of three months while the review process was underway.
- The university permanently disassociated Representative #1, prohibiting him from receiving tickets, making donations or otherwise representing the university.
- The university disassociated Representative #2 for a period of two years, prohibiting him from receiving tickets, making donations or otherwise representing the university.
- The university vacated all wins from the 2013-14 season.
- The university self-imposed the loss of one men's basketball scholarship in 2015-16 and an additional scholarship loss to be incurred no later than the 2017-18 season.



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## FEBRUARY RECRUITING CALENDAR

### BASEBALL

- Quiet Period - February 1-29

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Recruiting Period - February 1-28

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Evaluation Period - February 1-28

### FOOTBALL

- Dead Period - February 1-4
- Quiet Period - February 5-29

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Dead Period - February 1-4
- Contact Period - February 5-29

### 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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