

February 2019 Newsletter

## MAKING HEADLINES

### NCAA Finds Academic Misconduct at Missouri

A former tutor at the University of Missouri, Columbia violated NCAA academic misconduct and academic extra benefits rules after she was found to have completed academic work for 12 student-athletes. Due to the unethical conduct, the tutor received a 10-year show-cause order. Missouri received a postseason ban in football, baseball, and softball, was ordered to make a 5 percent reduction in the amount of scholarships for the programs involved, a seven-week ban on unofficial visits, recruiting communications, and all off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. The university will also have to pay a fine of \$5,000 plus 1 percent of each of the football, baseball and softball budgets.

### Impermissible Inducements and Tryouts at University of Arizona

The former University of Arizona diving coach committed a major violation when an international prospective student-athlete received approximately \$5,346 of impermissible inducements from a booster in the form of free housing and transportation. The diving coach also held impermissible tryouts when he allowed the same PSA to participate in his local sports club despite the PSA not being a local resident. The university received a \$5,000 fine, a reduction in women's swimming and diving scholarships, suspension of recruiting, and ban on unofficial visits.



## COMPLIANCE

### MVP:

This month's Compliance *MVP* comes to us from facilities & events. We would like to thank Iva Earley for her support and help with the Compliance Office. Thank you, Iva!





## 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).



NATIONAL LETTER *of* INTENT



## 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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## 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 **\$75** per day with up to an additional **\$40** 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.

## 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.”

Remember: Click don't Type.

## Compliance Tip of the Month:

With March Madness right around the corner, no matter how confident you are that the Hurricanes will win the tournament, remember one thing: **DON'T BET ON IT!** Nothing of value can be wagered on any sporting event whether you are a staff member or student-athlete. Enjoy the games as a fan whose only interest is to enjoy watching the various events!





# FEBRUARY RECRUITING CALENDAR

## Men's Basketball

- Recruiting Period - Dec. 27 - Mar. 31

## Women's Basketball

- Evaluation Period - Dec. 27 - Feb. 28
- Contact Period - Mar. 1 - Apr. 4

## Track & Field

- Contact Period - Jan. 2 - Mar. 7

## Soccer

- Contact/Eval Period - Jan. 6 - July 31

## Football

- Quiet Period - Feb. 8 – Apr. 14

## Baseball

- Quiet Period - Jan. 7 - Feb. 28
- Contact Period - Mar. 1 - July 31

## Volleyball

- Contact Period - Feb. 15 - Apr. 30

## All Other Sports

- Contact/Eval Period - Nov. 16 - July 31



# ASK BEFORE U ACT

**Compliance Questions? Contact a compliance staff member, e-mail us at [Athleticscompliance@miami.edu](mailto:Athleticscompliance@miami.edu), or call 305-284-2692.**

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