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Applying to Mizzou

As you are securing commitments for the upcoming 2018 class, please keep in mind the following reminders for prospects who are applying for admission as a future scholarship student-athlete:

1. The MU application must be submitted online at <https://admissions.missouri.edu/apply/>
2. We can only flag prospective student-athletes who will be on an athletics scholarship. Walk-on prospects must apply and be admitted on their own accord.
3. Coaches will need to provide the following information to the compliance office **prior** to the prospect completing their application online:
 - full name
 - birthdate
 - email address that the prospect will be applying to MU with.

If the email address provided does not match exactly with what was provided to the compliance office, the prospect will not be coded as a student-athlete and may be erroneously denied admission if they do not meet normal admission standards.

Please remember that if you would like to pay for a prospect's application fee (\$55 domestic, \$65 international), the student should not apply until after he/she signs a NLI or financial aid agreement. If the prospect applies before they sign, the NCAA rules do not permit us to reimburse them for that payment.

NLI Signing Period Reminders

The early NLI signing period for all sports except football and soccer starts at 7am on November 8th and concludes on November 15th. Below are some reminders regarding the NLI signing process. Coaches will receive specific instructions for requesting the creation of NLIs in the coming weeks.

Requirements Before Providing an NLI to Prospective Student-Athletes

- A prospective student-athlete, including a two year college transfer, must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and be on MU's institutional request list (IRL).
- Prospects are required to complete the amateurism and sport participation sections of the Eligibility Center registration process to be eligible for NLI issuance.
- The MU Compliance Office must have the appropriate test scores and transcripts on file prior to issuing an NLI and accompanying financial aid agreement.

Individual Sport Meetings and Required Signatures Prior to NLI Issuance

- A representative from each sport must participate in an individualized review of potential signees with the sport supervisor and a compliance office representative prior to the release of NLIs.
- The director of athletics or a designee's signature must be included on the NLI. A financial aid authority's signature must be included on the SEC and institutional aid agreements. The head coach must provide signature on the SEC aid agreement. All documents must have these signatures prior to NLI issuance.

Cosigner Requests

- In the event a prospect's parent or legal guardian is not available to sign an NLI due to extenuating circumstances, a cosigner may be used. A cosigner must be approved in advance of the signing and the following information must be submitted to the NLI office for review: prospect's name, explanation of why parent or legal guardian is unable to sign and the name and relationship of the individual who has agreed to participate as a cosigner. Please be aware that coaches and athletics administrators are not permitted to participate as cosigners for the NLI.



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From the Interpretations Files...



Uniforms on Display in the Locker Room during Visits

In light of changes to an NCAA Educational Column, the SEC provided an update to confirm displays of equipment/apparel only in the locker room or an equipment room for prospects on visits are permissible (e.g., hung in lockers, on tables, etc.). Such displays are distinguishable from other types of displays of items that are not normally found in a locker room and thus appear more to be decorative items or even special additions (e.g., mannequin not normally in locker room, trophies not normally in locker room, bowl gifts, or any other item not normally located in the locker room). Keep in mind that this is strictly limited to the locker room and equipment room (not other rooms). The uniforms still may not be personalized. Lastly, prospective student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in any game day simulations (e.g. holding, shooting or kicking a ball, running out of the tunnel, etc.).

Tailgates and TVs

Now that we have completed four straight weekends of home football games, we want to provide additional clarification on which special additions to an official visit entertainment area are permissible. Please see the chart below and note, if there are any prospects on an unofficial visit we are severely limited in what may be set up for entertainment purposes.

Question	Official Visits Only	Unofficial Visits Only	Combined Official and Unofficial Visits
Can we rent a Pop-a-Shot for entertainment during a tailgate?	 If paid by Host Money	 Only nominal items (Frisbee, bag toss game)	 Only nominal items (Frisbee, bag toss game)
Can we set up a TV for entertainment during a tailgate?	 Any cost associated must be paid by Host Money	 Considered a special addition	 Considered a special addition
Participating in entertainment at location open to public (e.g. campus bowling alley)?	 If paid by Host Money	 If PSA pays the cost for the entertainment and must be on-campus	 <u>Official</u> - If paid by Host Money <u>Unofficial</u> - If PSA pays the cost for the entertainment and must be on-campus.
Participating in entertainment restricted to S-A (e.g., Ping Pong in ADH, student-athlete lounge, locker room)?	 If not permanent, must be paid by host money	 If in its normal location and is not a special addition for a recruiting visit.	 If in its normal location and is not a special addition for a recruiting visit.

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