



THE BAYLOR BULLETIN

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NLI Signing Periods
this year:

• **Early signing period
for all sports except
football, soccer, and
track and field/cross-
country**

Nov. 12 - Nov. 19

• **Football**

Mid-Year/ JC Transfer

Dec. 17 - January 15

Regular Period

February 4 - April 1

• **Soccer, Track and
Field, Cross Country
(Regular Period)**

February 4 - August 1

• **Other Sports
(Late Signing Period)**

April 8 - August 1

• **Basketball
(Late signing Period)**

April 15 - May 20

Want to check out
other compliance
info? Go to:

BaylorBears.com

and click on

[Compliance](#)

**CAFETERIAS ARE
CLOSED**

Thanksgiving (Nov. 26-28)

Christmas (Dec. 20- Jan. 14)

<http://dining.baylor.edu>

Signing Day Reminders

The early signing period for the National Letter of Intent (NLI) is approaching fast! Don't forget these important reminders about NCAA rules regarding commentary and functions. This is not an exhaustive list of rules and regulations and it only highlights a few of the rules.

- No comments may be made about a prospective student-athlete before he/she has signed a valid NLI and scholarship agreement. **NCAA 13.10.2.**
- NCAA rules allow Baylor to comment publicly only to the extent of confirming that we are recruiting a prospective student-athlete. **NCAA 13.10.2.**

13.10.2 Comments Before Signing.

Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete's signing with that institution. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility and are considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1. (Revised: 1/14/97)

- Baylor is prohibited by NCAA rules to publicize or arrange publicity of a prospective student-athlete's intent to sign with Baylor. **NCAA 13.10.7.**

13.10.7 Intent to Enroll.

A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility and are considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1.

- All signed NLIs and scholarship agreements **must** be validated by the Compliance Office prior to any announcement or media release. **NCAA 13.10.9.**

13.10.9 Media Releases Regarding Signing.

Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or after the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Such communications (with no limit on number or content) may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion except as limited by Bylaw 13.10.9.2. However, an institution is prohibited from purchasing or receiving commercial advertising (e.g., print, media or billboard) to be used to identify a prospective student-athlete by name or picture. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility and are considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1.

- Baylor functions that celebrate the signings of prospective student-athletes may only include prospective student-athletes that have actually been signed, all documents have been validated by the Compliance Office, and Baylor has released the information through normal media outlets. **NCAA 13.10.9.4.**

13.10.9.4 Celebratory Functions.

Coaching staff members may attend functions designed to celebrate the institution's signees in the applicable sport and may discuss prospective student-athletes who have signed commitments to attend the institution, including discussions with working media, provided the institution previously has released communications of the prospective student-athletes' commitments to attend the institution to media outlets. (Adopted: 1/14/08)

- A prospective student-athlete can arrange for his/her own press conference independently provided there is no arrangement and no involvement by Baylor or any representatives of Baylor's athletic interests (i.e. boosters). **NCAA 13.10.9.3.**

13.10.9.3 Independent Announcement by Prospective Student-Athlete.

Press conferences to announce a signing may be arranged independently by the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family), provided there is no arrangement or involvement whatsoever by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests.

Is a Baylor student-athlete working?

As a friendly reminder, student-athletes are permitted to work only if they receive prior approval from the Compliance Office. The approval process is extremely important as impermissible employment could result in loss of eligibility and affect countable aid. Keep in mind that student-athletes may only be paid for work they actually perform and it must be at the going rate for that type of work.

How does a student-athlete get approval for employment?

Student-athletes can access and print the one page Student-Athlete Employment Worksheet from BaylorBears.com. When on the website, scroll down and click on Compliance on the left side, click on Current Bears and then click on Employment. The form needs to be completed and signed by the student-athlete, employer, head coach and then submitted to the Compliance Office.

Do student-athletes need to get approval for both on-campus jobs and off-campus jobs?

Yes! Student-athletes need to get approval for any job.

If a student-athlete holds the same job as last year, do they need to do the form again?

Yes! The form must be completed each year that the employment continues.

NCAA Bylaw 15.2.7

Employment.

Earnings from a student-athlete's on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete's cost of attendance or in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided:

- (a) The student-athlete's compensation does not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability;
- (b) The student-athlete is compensated only for work actually performed; and
- (c) The student-athlete is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services (see Bylaw 12.4).

Dead Periods

What is a dead period?

In short, a dead period is a time when no recruiting contact on or off campus may occur.

13.02.4.4 Dead Period.

A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.2.5 for a prospective student-athlete who visits an institution as part of a group. During a dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaw 13.1.9.1, and may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period. *(Revised:1/11/94)*

Are there any dead periods soon?

A dead period for Baseball, Basketball, Equestrian, Golf, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball surrounds the National Letter of Intent signing period.

DEAD PERIOD:

Monday, November 10th through Thursday, November 13th.

Signing a Junior College Recruit?

Junior college prospective student-athletes must register and pay the fee with the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with Baylor University!

Up until this year, the NLI program has only required high school prospects to be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to signing a National Letter of Intent, however a new rule has been implemented which also requires junior college prospects to be registered and to pay the full registration fee **prior** to offering a National Letter of Intent. This new rule simply forces prospects to register sooner, rather than later with the Initial Eligibility Center.

- The NCAA Eligibility Center website found at (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- The registration fee is currently \$60.

Also take note that the NLI has taken on a new look. While much of the information is the same, the NLI now also requires the NCAA Eligibility Center ID be listed on the NLI itself. **The NLI is not valid without the NCAA Eligibility Center ID!**

Don't forget → Coaches need to send all prospective student-athletes we plan to sign the following 5 documents:

APR Data, Grad Rate Data, Graduation Success Rate (GSR), Banned Drug List, and Initial Eligibility Standards

- All of these documents can be sent via email. Compliance has previously provided the documents by email.

QUIZ: What Do You Know???

1. Can a coaching staff have an off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier out of high school and is currently enrolled in their second year at a junior college?

2. Can the athletics department give complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a home athletics event that occurs during a dead period?

3. Can the athletics department employ a high-school student, who is on his/her high school varsity team, to work at a home athletic event?

4. Which athletics department staff members are permitted to place wagers on NFL games?

5. Can a athletics department staff member loan a student-athlete \$5.00 for lunch if the student-athlete promises to pay the staff member back the next day?

Coaches:

Are you looking for a compliance form? Have you seen the new phone log form? Please remember to go to the compliance website through BaylorBears.com previously given to you to get all your up to date forms.

Feedback on New NCAA Rules

Please remember that new NCAA legislation proposals have been distributed to all head coaches via email. Please look over the new legislation being proposed and give feedback to Kevin Price, Associate Athletics Director.

NOW is the time to chime in and make your voice heard on new legislation. Don't wait until it is too late!

QUIZ: WHAT DO YOU KNOW-ANSWERS

1. Yes, since the prospect is in his/her **second** year at the junior college. Keep in mind, an on or off campus contact cannot be made with a prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier and is enrolled in their **first** academic year at a junior college. See
2. No, complimentary admissions to a Baylor athletic event cannot be issued during a dead period unless they are visiting as part of a group and their visit is unrelated to their athletic recruitment. See NCAA13.02.4.4.
3. No, a high school student-athlete who is on his/her varsity high school team cannot be employed by Baylor Athletics to work at a home athletics event. See NCAA 13.2.3.2.
4. No student-athlete, athletics department staff member, or Baylor staff involved with the athletic department are permitted to participate in sports wagering involving any intercollegiate, amateur, or professional athletics competition. See NCAA 10.3.
5. No loans of any money no matter what the amount can be given to a student-athlete. This is an extra benefit and a very serious violation. See NCAA 16.02.3.



REMEMBER: Always ask First.

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