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NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT REMINDERS

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With the early signing period of the 2006-07 National Letter of Intent quickly approaching (Wednesday, November 9 to Wednesday, November 16, 2005), here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when signing a prospective student-athlete during this time:

1. An institution is not permitted to have in-person, off-campus contacts with a prospect for the purpose of signing an NLI. In addition, attendance at activities related to a prospect's off-campus signing of an NLI or institutional commitment is prohibited. An institution may deliver an NLI by regular mail, express mail, courier service, fax, and starting this year via e-mail.
2. An institutional staff member may not pick-up an NLI at an off-campus location once the prospect has signed it.
3. An institution may issue an NLI to a prospect prior to the initial signing date. Keep in mind that the prospect and his or her parent/legal guardian should sign the NLI no earlier than 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date and should also sign within 14 days of the date of issuance. (During the early signing period, prospects must sign no later than November 16th).
4. An institution may provide an NLI to a prospect when he or she makes an official or unofficial visit to campus. In addition, coaches may be present when a prospect signs an NLI or other institutional commitments on-campus, provided it is not during a dead period.
5. Telephone calls - Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the initial NLI signing date and during the two days immediately following. Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs an NLI, there is no limit on the number of telephone calls an institution may make to a prospect who has signed with that institution.
6. Contacts - Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a NLI, there is no limit on the number of contacts an institution may have with a prospect who has signed with that institution provided the contact parameters stated in NCAA Bylaw 13.1.6.8 (page 96) are also followed.

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PROPOSAL 2 WATCH 4: #2005-171: ATHLETICS AID FOR 4-YR. COLLEGE TRANSFERS

This possible rule change is aimed at motivating student-athletes to maintain academic progress in order to qualify for athletics aid even if they choose to transfer to another four-year school. Under the new legislation, a four-year college transfer would be required to be academically eligible to compete in the next immediate regular academic term (fall/spring) in order to receive institutional athletics aid during their first academic year at the new institution. The objective of this NCAA Division I Board of Director-sponsored proposal is to ensure that all student-athletes continuously move toward earning a degree.

NLI REMINDERS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

7. Publicity - Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to an NLI, an institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospect, not about the recruit's ability or the contribution that he or she might make to the institution's team, and may not comment in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospect's signing with that institution.

COMMENT REMINDERS WITH REGARD TO PROSPECTS - GENERAL DOs AND DON'Ts

DO feel free to confirm with the media, sponsors or representatives of our athletics interests/boosters that we are recruiting a particular prospect **PRIOR** to the prospect signing an NLI or written offer of admission/financial aid.

DO feel free to comment on a prospect's athletic ability and contributions to your program **AFTER** you have received confirmation from the Compliance Office that the prospect has signed a valid NLI or written offer of admission/financial aid.

DO feel free to have a prospect sign a NLI or other written offer of admission/financial aid on DU's campus during an official or unofficial visit however, **NO** media may be present at the signing.

DO provide the Media Relations staff with personal and athletic information (e.g., height, hometown, position and contributions you expect him/her to make) about a signed prospect to assist them in providing a full and accurate release about the prospect's signing with DU to the media.

DO NOT comment to the media, sponsors or representatives of our athletics interests/boosters on a prospect's athletic ability and contributions to your program **PRIOR** to the prospect signing an NLI or written offer of admission/financial aid.

DO NOT attend an off-campus signing of a NLI or other written offer of admissions/financial aid.

DO NOT deliver a NLI or other written offer of admission/financial aid to a prospect off-campus.

CONTACT REMINDER

Bylaw 13.1.6.8 states that after the day the prospect signs an NLI there should be no limit on the number of contacts (i.e. face-to-face) provided:

*Any contact at the prospect's educational institution in the sports of football and men's basketball should be confined to the permissible contact period and should not exceed one visit per week.

*No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made during a "dead period."

*No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made with a nonqualifier enrolled in the first year at a two-year college.

*No on- or off-campus contact (including correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests except those involving permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., coordinating employment opportunities).

*Contact at the site of a prospect's competition should continue to be governed by the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (Restrictions at Specific Sites).

EVALUATION REMINDER

As per NCAA Bylaw 13.1.8.17, following the actual calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there should be no limit on the number of evaluations by the institution with which the prospect has signed.

SIGNING DATES FOR THE 2006-2007 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

SPORT	INITIAL SIGNING DATE	FINAL SIGNING DATE
Basketball (Early Period)	November 9, 2005	November 16, 2005
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 12, 2006	May 17, 2006
Soccer	February 1, 2006	August 1, 2006
Football	February 1, 2006	April 1, 2006
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 9, 2005	November 16, 2005
All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 12, 2006	August 1, 2006





OUTSIDE THE MANUAL: EVALUATIONS

RULES INTERPRETATION

Evaluation of other prospects when institution has used four evaluations on one prospect

Recently, the NCAA Interpretations Committee reviewed the provisions of **Bylaw 13.1.6** (limitation on number of evaluations) as they relate to a situation in which an institution's coach who previously has evaluated a prospective student-athlete on four occasions wishes to attend an event in which the prospective student-athlete is competing to evaluate other prospective student athletes, and determined the following:

1. In team sports, an institution would utilize an evaluation for each prospect participating in a contest that is observed by the member institution's coach, thus the institution's coach who previously has evaluated a prospective student-athlete on four occasions may attend a multi-team competition (e.g., basketball tournament) in which the prospective student-athlete is competing in order to evaluate other prospective student-athletes, provided the coach does not observe the contest in which the prospect who previously has been evaluated on four occasions is a participant.

An institution's coaching staff member who is attending an event in which multiple competitions are occurring at the same time in the same facility is charged with an evaluation of each prospect participating in the event that the coach observes for evaluation purposes. For example, if three volleyball competitions are occurring simultaneously in the same facility and a coach is observing the competition occurring only on one court, the coach is charged with an evaluation of all prospects participating on that court, even though prospects participating on the other courts in the same facility are all within the coach's view.

2. In individual sports, the institution would utilize an evaluation for each prospect participating at any time on a given day in a competition, thus an institution's coach who is attending a competition in an individual sport (e.g., track meet, swim meet, tennis match) on a specific day would utilize an evaluation for all participants in the competition on that day. Therefore, a school that has evaluated a prospective student-athlete on four occasions may not attend a day of a competition in which that prospective student-athlete is competing in order to evaluate other prospective student-athletes; however, it would be permissible for that coach to attend another day of the competition, provided the prospective student-athlete who previously has been evaluated on four occasions is not a participant during that day.

Please note that the limitations on the number of evaluations (four) apply only during the academic year. Outside the academic year, there is no limit on the number of times a prospective student-athlete may be evaluated by an institution, provided such an evaluation occurs during an applicable contact or evaluation period.

COMPLIANCE HOT SEAT:

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MEN'S BASKETBALL

The NCAA passed new rules (Bylaws 13.6.5, 13.6.6.7, and 13.6.6.9) last year to stop schools from luring recruits with special perks and elaborate entertainment as a response to well-publicized scandals at Colorado and Miami. Tennessee officials found out recently that even a welcome sign made from a piece of typing paper can cause trouble. The new NCAA rules outlaw personalized jerseys and putting the recruit's name and picture on the scoreboard to simulate game day introductions. But they also cover anything special added to the locker room or other location just for the prospect's visit.

A Tennessee men's basketball graduate assistant thought he was just being creative and helpful when he made a color sign for a high school player on an unofficial visit and posted it beside the locker room door. A school compliance official saw the sign and determined it fell under the category of "personalized recruiting aid," which is now banned by the NCAA. The university self-reported the secondary violation to the Southeastern Conference office.

Coach Bruce Pearl and the graduate assistant were sent letters of admonishment by their athletic director, and now a member of the staff has to approve recruiting materials.

The NCAA alleviated possible misunderstandings with the new rules by just getting rid of anything special for recruits. The intent is to make your visit similar to how it would be when the athlete is actually in school.

Still, a small welcome sign pales when compared to schools taking recruits to five-star restaurants or flying them in private planes — all allowed before the rules were enacted. "It's hard to believe that that would be something that would rise to the level of having to report," Coach Pearl said.

CLEARINGHOUSE 14/16 CORE-COURSE RULE

Division I 14 core-course requirements: Classes of 2005-2007

- *4 years of English
- *2 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- *2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- *1 year of additional English/math science
- *2 years of social science
- *3 years of additional core courses (any of the areas above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

Division I 16 core-course requirement: Classes 2008 and after

- *4 years of English
- *3 years of math (Algebra I or higher)
- *2 years of natural/physical science (one lab)
- *1 year of additional English/math science
- *2 years of social science
- *4 years of additional core courses (any of the areas above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



NOVEMBER COMPLIANCE QUIZ

Answer the following questions related directly to Bylaws found in the 2005-06 NCAA Division I Manual. The first DU Athletics staff member to e-mail the correct answers to the Compliance Office (christensen@duq.edu) wins a prize from the **Duquesne University Bookstore**.

TRUE or FALSE:

- 1.) The earliest date that a prospective student-athlete may be provided with an expense-paid (official) visit is September 1.
- 2.) Although a prospective student-athlete is only permitted one official visit per institution and a maximum of five official visits all together, they can be provided additional visits if they participate, and are being recruited, in more than one sport (i.e., multi-sport student-athlete).
- 3.) Beginning October 15 following a prospective student-athlete's completion of high school, they may be provided five additional post-high school official visits.
- 4.) A nonqualifier enrolled at a two-year college may not be provided an official visit until they have completed a full academic year at the institution.
- 5.) A prospective student-athlete that has already signed a valid National Letter of Intent may take an unlimited amount of official visits to the institution for which they have signed with.

*May/June 2005 Compliance Quiz answers: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F

NOVEMBER DIVISION I RECRUITING CALENDARS

Baseball

Nov. 1 - 6	Contact/Eval.
Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
Nov. 11 - 30	Quiet

Men's Basketball

Nov. 1 - 6	Evaluation
Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
Nov. 11 - 30	Evaluation

Women's Basketball

Nov. 1 - 6	Evaluation
Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
Nov. 11 - 30	Evaluation

Football

Nov. 1 - 26	Evaluation
Nov. 27 - 30	Contact

Women's Volleyball

Nov. 1 - 6	Contact/Eval.
Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
Nov. 11 - 30	Contact/Eval.

Women's Lacrosse

Nov. 1 - 6	Contact/Eval.
Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
Nov. 11 - 22	Contact/Eval.
Nov. 23 - 30	Quiet

All Other Sports (Except Soccer)

Nov. 7 - 10	Dead
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Contact Period - permissible to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period - permissible to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospect during an evaluation period.

Quiet Period - permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

Dead Period - not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospects to the institution's campus.

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