

# THE INTERPRETER

## The University of Maryland Athletics Compliance Newsletter National Letter of Intent Reminders

### Reminders

- ◆ For all sports involved in the National Letter of Intent signing day on February 1st, please be advised of the Dead Period beginning January 30th and running through February 2nd.
- ◆ During a DEAD PERIOD it remains impermissible for a coach to have an in-person, on/off campus contact with a prospect that has signed a National Letter of Intent, financial aid agreement, or written offer of admissions!

### Telephone reminders for Soccer, Field Hockey, and Track & Field/CC :

- ◆ Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for signing (February 1st) of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.

### Telephone reminders for Football:

- ◆ Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete 48 hours before (January 30th) and 48 hours after (February 3rd) 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date (February 1st).

### Reminders for all sports:

- ◆ There shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day **AFTER** one of the following events occurs:
  - (a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or
  - (b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission
- ◆ There shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (emails, text messages, etc.) sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day **AFTER** one of the following events occurs:
  - (a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or
  - (b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission

**Head Soccer Coach at College USA loans a game jersey to Trap N. Shoot, a prospect, for his National Letter of Intent (NLI) press conference. Is this permissible?**

No. NCAA Bylaw Staff Interpretation- 2/10/89- Prospective student-athlete utilizing member institution's jersey at press conference- states that NCAA Bylaw 13.2.2 (prohibited offers and inducements) would preclude a member institution from loaning a jersey to a prospective student-athlete to utilize during the individual's press conference to announce his acceptance of the institution's letter of intent.



## January 2012 Recruiting Calendar:

### Baseball:

Quiet Period: January 1-4, 9- 31  
Dead Period: January 5 - 8

### Softball:

Quiet Period: January 1  
Contact Period: January 2 - 31

### W. Lacrosse:

Quiet Period: January 1  
Contact Period: January 2 - 31

### Football:

Dead Period: January 1 - 3, 9 - 12, 30 - February 2  
Quiet Period: January 8, 29  
Contact Period: January 4 - 7, 13 - 28

### M. Lacrosse:

Dead Period: January 1  
Contact Period: January 2 - 16  
Quiet Period: January 17 - 31

### Track:

Quiet Period: January 1 - 2  
Contact Period: January 3 - 29  
Dead Period: January 30 - February 2

### Volleyball:

Quiet Period: January 1 - 13  
Contact Period: January 14 - 31

### M./W. Soccer, Field Hockey:

Dead Period: January 30 - February 2  
Contact Period: January 1 - 29

### M./W. Basketball:

Evaluation Period: January 1 - 31



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**Below are reminders concerning permissible/impermissible activities for any sports program that is currently NOT in their declared playing/practice season during the winter vacation period:**

### Permissible Activities:

- ◆ In individual sports (e.g. Golf, Tennis, Track & Field), a coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes, provided the request is initiated by the student-athlete.
- ◆ Have an individual meeting with a student-athlete, provided it is at the request of the student-athlete and no practice activities occur.

### Impermissible Activities:

- ◆ In team sports, coaches may not observe their athletes participating in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities during the winter.
- ◆ Require your athletes to attend a voluntary workout.
- ◆ Have your athletes submit weightlifting, conditioning, or progress logs to the coaching staff.
- ◆ Reward or penalize athletes who choose to participate in voluntary workouts.
- ◆ Record attendance and participation at winter conditioning activities/workouts.



## Compliance Top 5:

1. Track & Field/Cross Country
2. Women's Lacrosse
3. Gymnastics
4. Golf
5. Field Hockey