

THE INTERPRETER

The University of Maryland Athletics Compliance Newsletter

NLI Signing Reminders

The following sports: Baseball, M/W Basketball, M/W Golf, Gymnastics, M/W Lacrosse, Softball, M/W Swimming/Diving, M/W Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling please keep in mind the following during your initial NLI signing date on November 9th, 2011:

◆ **Dead Period Reminder: November 7th - November 10th**

◆ Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for signing (November 9th) of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.

◆ 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 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

◆ A prospective student-athlete who was otherwise eligible to sign an NLI, but did not sign an NLI during an applicable NLI signing period continues to be subject to the standard regulations governing telephone calls, permissible callers, contacts and electronically transmitted correspondence after accepting an institution's written offer of admission or signing an institutional financial aid agreement.

For example, even after a prospective student-athlete signs an institutional financial aid agreement or accepts an institution's written offer of admission, an institution may not send a text message, or other electronically transmitted correspondence (except for e-mail and facsimile) to that prospective student-athlete if he or she was eligible to sign an NLI and chose not to sign an NLI during an applicable NLI signing period. Similarly, an institution may not make unlimited telephone calls to such prospective student-athletes.

Compliance Q & A:

Tip Drill is a basketball prospect who will be signing a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with Ocean State University (OSU) next month. Tip is a highly touted prospect and will hold his own press conference to announce his signing. To make sure Tip has the right people there, the Head Basketball Coach at OSU provides Tip's HS coach with a list of media members to invite. Additionally, the OSU coach provides Tip with a sample script to read during the announcement. Is this a violation?

Yes. NCAA Bylaw 13.10.9.3 states that 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.

November 2011 Recruiting Calendar:

Baseball:

Contact Period: November 1-6

*Dead Period: November 7-10

Quiet Period: November 11-30

M. Lacrosse:

Contact Period: November 1-6, 11-22

*Dead Period: November 7-10, 23-27

Quiet Period: November 28-30

Softball:

Contact Period: 1-6, 11-23

*Dead Period: 7-10, 30

Quiet Period: 24-29

Football:

Evaluation Period: November 1-26

Contact Period: November 27-30

M./W. Basketball

Evaluation Period: November 1-6, 11-30

*Dead period: November 7-10

Track & Field / Cross Country:

Contact Period: November 1-20, 22-30

*Dead Period: November 21

Volleyball:

Contact Period: November 1-6, 11-30

*Dead Period: November 7-10

W. Lacrosse:

Contact Period: Nov. 1-4, 11, 14-18, 21-22

Evaluation Period: Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20

*Dead Period: November 7-10

Quiet Period: November 23-30

M/W Golf, Gymnastics, M/W Swim /

Dive, M/W Tennis, Water Polo,

Wrestling:

*Dead Period: November 7-10

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Reminder: Non-Coaching Staff Members Officiating in Practice

The NCAA clarified repeatedly that non-coaching staff members are not permitted to do any ON-COURT or ON-FIELD activities. Officiating during practice is an on-court activity. Therefore, a non-coaching staff member (e.g., DOBO, Admin Asst.) would not be permitted to officiate during practice. It's been made very simple that these individuals may not do anything on the court or field.

Delivery of the NLI:

Any in-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, e-mail, or fax machine only.

Publicity Before NLI Signing:

As a reminder, before signing a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institutions written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreeent, the institution may only publically comment to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. Please remember **no comments** about a recruits athletic ability, contributions a PSA could make for your program, or publically comment about the likelihood a prospect has with signing at your institution are permissible. The Compliance Office will send a confirmation e-mail once receipt of a signed NLI or Financial Aid Agreement are received.



Compliance Top 5:

1. Track/Field & Cross Country
2. Water Polo
3. Field Hockey
4. Swimming / Diving
5. W. Basketball