



Niner Knowledge



October 2006

Important Dates!

Nov 6: Registration for Spring Classes Begins

Recruiting Calendar

Men's Basketball

Oct 6 – Nov 5 Evaluation Period
Nov 6 – 9 Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Oct 7 – Nov 5 Evaluation Period
Nov 6 – 9 Dead Period

Baseball

Oct 1 - Nov 5 Cont./Eval. Period
Nov 6 – 9 Dead Period

Softball

Oct 1 - Nov 5 Cont./Eval. Period
Nov 6 – 9 Dead Period

All Other Sports except Soccer

Nov 6 – 9 Dead Period

New Charlotte 49ers Athletics NLI Policy

The NLI is given to a prospect who a coach believes can achieve both academic and athletic success. All requests for the National Letter of Intent are from coaches to the Director of Compliance in writing using the NLI/Financial Aid Agreement Request Form.

- The Compliance Director is the only person authorized to prepare an Athletic Financial Aid Agreement form and a NLI for a prospect. Two copies of the NLI and one Financial Aid Agreement are to be signed by the Athletic Director.
- The coach or the sport administrative assistant mails the NLI and Financial Aid Agreement Form to the prospective student-athlete along with a letter or a copy of proper procedures informing the prospective student-athlete of how the process works. The procedure instructs them to sign and return the NLI and Financial Aid information during the appropriate signing period. A copy of the mail receipt or envelope should be provided to the Compliance Office immediately after mailing.
- Once the NLI is signed by the prospect and their parent/guardian it should be returned to the Compliance Office by either fax or mail. Once the Compliance Office verifies that all documents are correct and that the dates on all documents and mailing envelopes are within the designated signing period, Sports Information will be notified that a press release may be sent out.

- Once returned to the Compliance Office, appropriate copies of all paperwork are distributed. A copy of the Financial Aid Agreement and the NLI are sent to the Atlantic 10 Conference within 21 days.
- A copy of the Financial Aid Agreement and the original NLI is filed in a student-athlete file in the compliance office. A copy of all paperwork will be sent to the Athletic Business Office, Head Coach and the Financial Aid Office.
- For on campus signings, the Compliance Office should witness the process to verify that all applicable NCAA legislation is followed. If the Compliance Officer is unavailable a member of the senior level administration may witness the signing.
- An educational session will be held with coaches prior to each signing period explaining the process and dates that must be adhered to during the signing period.

Compliance Points

Remember: Continue to submit weekly practice reports. All practice reports should be submitted each week.

2007 – 2008 National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	November 8, 2006	November 15, 2006
Basketball (Late Period)	April 11, 2007	May 16, 2007
Soccer	February 7, 2007	August 1, 2007
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 8, 2006	November 15, 2006
All Other Sports (Late Period)	April 11, 2007	August 1, 2007

2006-2007 Academic Calendar

FALL

Aug. 21, Classes Begins
Sept. 4, No Classes
Oct. 9-10, No Classes
Nov 22-25, No Classes
Dec. 6, Last Day of Classes
Dec. 7, Reading Day
Dec. 8-15, Final Exams

SPRING

Jan 8, Classes Begin
Jan 15, No Classes
Mar. 5-10, No Classes
April 6-7, No Classes
May 1, Last Day of
Classes
May 2, Reading Day
May 3-10, Final Exams

DID YOU KNOW?

- Apr. 01, 1988 Interpretation [official expense-paid visits] would not preclude a prospective student-athlete from being housed in the coach's home on a permissible official expense-paid visit provided the coach's home is within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus and that the accommodations are not excessive in nature.
- Student-athletes may receive three meals per day on road trips, provided that a sponsor is not providing some sort of additional meal, or a meal in place of a meal the institution would provide. In addition, it is permissible for student-athletes to receive a snack the night prior to a game, in addition to the three meals. It is important to note circumstances in which student-athletes are receiving per diem in lieu a meal. In this instance, student-athletes may receive **EITHER** per diem or a meal provided by the institution.
- During an official visit a sibling of a prospective student-athlete may receive a dessert or after-dinner snack at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the director of athletics, coach, faculty member or the institution's president). Reviewed Bylaws 13.6.6.7.1 (entertainment at staff member's home) and 13.6.6.7 (meals) and 5/8/92 NCAA Interpretations Committee minute, Item No. 2
- A member institution may provide unframed pictures of its student-athletes to its student-athletes, inasmuch as the pictures are incidental to participation and, therefore, are not considered an extra benefit. Reviewed Bylaws 16.02.3 (extra benefit) and 16.12.2.1 (general rule for extra benefit).
- October 7, 1996 Interpretation [extra benefits] would not preclude an institution from providing preventive flu shots at no cost to its student-athletes, inasmuch as this is considered a benefit incidental to participation.

Hot Topics

Recruiting Functions

All recruiting coordination functions (except routine clerical tasks) must be performed by a coach who counts toward the numerical limitations of head or assistant coaches in all sports. Functions include:

- Activities involving athletics evaluation and/or selection of PSA
- Telephone calls to PSA (or parents, legal guardians or coaches of PSA)
- Preparation of general recruiting correspondence to PSA (or parents/legal guardian of PSA)

Prize Money Prior to Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment and Coach's Expenses or Fees (I)

The committee determined that for the purpose of calculating a prospective student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses related to participation in an open athletics event, the calculation may not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the prospective student-athlete (e.g., coach's fee or expenses, parent's expenses).

Interview of Athletics Department Staff Members by Media Outlets Associated with a Recruiting Service or Publication (I)

The committee determined that it is permissible for an athletics staff member to provide an interview for a noninstitutional publication or other media outlet that is associated with an entity that also includes a recruiting service or publication, provided the individual conducting the interview is not involved with the recruiting service or publication division of the entity and information from the interview is not included in any media (e.g., publication, web page, television or radio program) that is primarily devoted to reporting on the athletics participation or evaluation of prospective student-athletes. The committee noted that in the case of a web site, this standard is applied to each separate page within the overall site.

Important

If there are any changes to your roster please inform the Athletic Academic Center as soon as possible. Please contact the compliance office if there are changes to competition schedule or playing and practice sessions.

Thanks!