

RAPID REFERENCE: MARCH RECRUITING**Baseball**

- ◆ *March 1-31: Contact Period*

Men's Basketball

- ◆ *March 1-15: Evaluation Period*
- ◆ *March 16-22: Contact Period*
- ◆ *March 23-31: Evaluation Period*

Women's Basketball

- ◆ *March 1-31: Contact Period*

Cross Country/Track and Field

- ◆ *March 1-11: Contact Period*
- ◆ *March 12-13: Dead Period*
- ◆ *March 14-31: Contact Period*

Football

- ◆ *March 1-31: Quiet Period*

Softball

- ◆ *March 1-31: Contact Period*

Volleyball

- ◆ *March 1-31: Contact Period*

RECRUITING PERIODS:

Contact period - permissible for authorized athletic department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation period - permissible for authorized athletics department staff to be involved in off-campus activities to assess academic qualifications and playing abilities. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect are permitted.

Quiet period - permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus.

**ATHLETIC REMINDERS: SUMMER SCHOOL****SUMMER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DUE:****APRIL 16, 2010****COMPLIANCE: DID YOU KNOW?****Providing Necessary Pre-enrollment Information to PSAs***Date Issued: Mar 30, 2006*

The committee determined that any necessary pre-enrollment information, including information in a video format, regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities may be provided to a PSA, provided the PSA has signed a NLI or financial aid agreement or has been officially accepted for enrollment.

Scrimmages Conducted During Institution's Camp or Clinic*Date Issued: Jun 23, 2004*

The subcommittee confirmed that if enrolled SAS are participating in a scrimmage conducted during an institution's camp or clinic, it is impermissible for the institution's coaching staff to observe such a scrimmage.

QUESTIONS:**COMPLIANCE ? OF THE MONTH**

Each month, the first person in the athletic department to answer the Compliance Question of the Month, will be rewarded with a prize. The following month, the winner will be recognized in THE COMPLIANCE CONSCIENCE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY QUESTION:

All NIU athletics Staff and student-athletes are prohibited from participating in any sports wagering activities where there is a fee to enter (of any amount) and an opportunity to win a prize?

ANSWER - A) TRUE

WINNERS:

Lindsay Chouinard

MARCH ? OF THE MONTH:

What is the earliest date that Fall 2010 incoming prospects can final certify their NCAA Amateurism responses at the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- A) March 1st
- B) April 1st
- C) May 1st
- D) June 1st

Please email your answer to Lindsey Hicks—lhicks@niu.edu

HUSKIE BOOSTER Q & A: FUNDING OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**Q: May a booster provide funding for a high school program located in his or her community?**

A: Yes. A booster may provide funding to a local high school in the community in which he or she resides so long as the following conditions are met:

1. The Representative of Athletics Interests acts independently of Northern Illinois University;
2. The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fund-raising activity; AND
3. The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific Prospect.



Please note: some examples have been presented in this Q & A, however, not every possible situation has been covered. If you have any questions regarding your involvement with prospective or enrolled student-athletes and the NCAA rules and regulations, please direct those questions to the:

HUSKIE ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE OFFICE

niurules@niu.edu or visit us on the web at:

<http://www.niuhuskies.com/compliance/niu-compliance.html>

INFO FOR HUSKIE STUDENT-ATHLETES: FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES**Financial Aid From Outside Sources**

Are student-athletes allowed to received financial aid from sources outside of the NIU?

The answer is “yes”, as long as you make sure to follow these tips:

- ◆ Athletic ability and/or achievements may not be considered as part of the criteria for the award.
- ◆ Prepaid state or private college tuition plans are permissible because they are not considered as aid from an outside source.
- ◆ Any aid received from your parents or legal guardians is allowed.
- ◆ It’s considered “NO-NO” if the aid is based on your specific attendance at NIU as a student-athlete.

If you have received an award based on your athletic ability prior to your attendance at NIU please contact the Huskie Athletic Compliance Office to address any questions, or concerns, that you may have.


FROM THE MAC: NLI REMINDERS
Upcoming Signing Dates
Football

Last day to sign an NLI for football is April 1, 2010. After April 1, any written offer of athletics aid in the sport of football shall not be accompanied by an NLI.

Basketball

April 14 – May 19, 2010

Soccer, Track and Field/Cross Country

Signing period continues through August 1, 2010

All Other Sports not noted above

April 14 – August 1, 2010

Valid NLI Submission
Electronic Submission

An NLI may be submitted from the PSA to the institution electronically (e.g. facsimile, email) and from the institution to the conference office electronically. A hard copy or original copy does not have to be mailed to the conference office following the electronic submission.

Valid NLI

Review all NLIs prior to submitting to the conference office.

NLIs must:

- ◆ Be complete (including EC ID, also for Junior College transfers).
- ◆ Be accompanied by an athletics financial aid agreement.
- ◆ Include Director of Athletics (or designee's) signature prior to issuing to the PSA.
- ◆ Not be signed by the PSA prior to the signing dates.
- ◆ Include a parent or legal guardian signature, if signee is under the age of 21.

NLI Code on EC Web Status Report

Once your conference office has validated and entered your institution's NLIs in the conference NLI database, an NLI code will appear on the Eligibility Center web status report. If you have a PSA on your IRL and notice the NLI code on his or her status report but the PSA did not sign with your institution, you should deactivate that PSA from your IRL.

Complete Releases

If a PSA received a complete release from the institution during this current year's signing dates, the PSA is not permitted to sign another NLI during this same signing year. For example, a basketball PSA signed in November 2009 and was subsequently granted a complete release, the PSA could not sign another NLI in the April 14 – May 19 signing period.


FROM THE NCAA: INFRACTIONS REPORT

Institution: UNIVERSITY CENTRAL FLORIDA

Please note: This is an overview of their major infraction case.

VIOLATION SUMMARY:

Violations of NCAA legislation involving administrators' impermissible telephone calls and text messages to PSAs and/or their parents.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION:
◆ BYLAW 13.1.3 (TELEPHONE CALLS):

UCF's Football Recruiting Administrator placed and received approximately 141 telephone calls involving 17 prospects or their parents, which were from his office telephone and his institution-issued cellular telephone.

UCF's Director of Player Personnel placed and received approximately 68 telephone calls involving 10 prospects from his personal cellular telephone .

◆ BYLAW 13.4.1.2 (Electronic Transmissions):

UCF's Football Recruiting Administrator sent 70 text messages to prospects or their parents, 28 text messages were sent prior to the NCAA ban on text messaging and 42 text messages were sent after the Aug. 2007 ban.

UCF's Director of Player Personnel sent an unknown number of text messages to prospects after the Aug. 2007, ban on text messages from his personal cellular telephone.

REASONING

These administrators' primary responsibilities involved assisting with on-campus recruiting activities, which included preparation for and coordination of official and unofficial visits by PSAs. But, as non-coaching staff members, they could not make telephone calls to, receive telephone calls from or send text messages to prospective student-athletes or their parents for recruiting purposes.

This case was considered "major" because the sheer volume of impermissible telephone calls and text messages placed by the administrators (at least 300) clearly reflected that the violations were neither isolated nor inadvertent. Moreover, the impermissible telephone calls and text messages occurred over an extended period of time (i.e., almost 18 months) and involved a significant number of prospects (27).

PENALTY SUMMARY:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- Two years of probation from 2/11/2010, -2/10/2012.
- Recruiting restrictions for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years, as outlined in the public report.
- Two-week suspension for former recruiting administrator, as detailed in the public report.
- Two-week suspension for former director of player personnel, as detailed in the public report.

COACHES CORNER: NCAA AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION PROCESS...PSA FAQs**1. Do I have to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?**

Yes. If you want to compete in NCAA Division I athletics in your first year, you must register with the NCAA and be certified academically and as an amateur.

2. When should I register with the Eligibility Center?

Register for the Eligibility Center at the beginning of your junior year in high school. The athletics participation section should be updated regularly so that institutions recruiting you will have up-to-date information about you. Be sure to ask your high school guidance counselor to send your high school transcript to the Eligibility Center after you have completed at least six semesters of high school coursework.

3. Is there a registration deadline?

No. However, you must be certified both academically and as an amateur before you are eligible to compete at an NCAA Division I or II institution during your first year of enrollment.

4. Is the registration form available in languages other than in English?

At this time, it is only available in English since that is the primary language needed to complete academic work at American colleges and universities.

5. What is the cost of the registration fee?

The registration fee is \$60 for domestic college-bound student-athletes and \$85 for international college-bound student-athletes. There is only one fee to register for the Eligibility Center, which covers both the academic and amateurism certifications. In addition, there is no reduction of the fee if the college-bound student-athlete does not need an academic certification (e.g., has already served an academic year in residence at a collegiate institution).

6. May I receive a fee waiver?

Yes, you are eligible for a waiver of the initial-eligibility certification fee if you have already received a fee waiver (not a state voucher) for the ACT or SAT. If you have not been granted a fee waiver by ACT or SAT, then you will NOT be eligible for a waiver of the certification fee. If you are seeking a waiver of the certification fee, you should confirm your eligibility with your high school guidance counselor. Your high school guidance counselor MUST submit an electronic fee waiver confirmation before your registration may be processed.

7. Who can help me complete the amateurism registration process?

Anyone can assist you in completing the process. However, when you have completed the registration process, YOU will be the only person allowed to submit the information to the Eligibility Center.

8. If I complete the registration process but don't attend a Division I or II institution immediately following high school, do I need to complete the registration process again if I want to attend a Division I or II institution later?

Before being certified for a Division I or II institution, you will be required to update the information you provided for the amateurism questions. You will not be charged a registration fee to update your file.

9. Do transfer student-athletes also have to register with the Eligibility Center?

Every college-bound student-athlete who is attending an NCAA Division I or II institution full time for the first time must be certified by the Eligibility Center.

10. If I am transferring from a junior college to either a Division I or II institution and all I need is my amateur certification, do I need to pay the full amount to register?

Yes, the fee is a flat rate: \$60 for domestic college-bound student-athletes and \$85 for international college-bound student-athletes.

11. If I am transferring from a junior college to either a Division I or II institution, do I have to receive an academic and an amateurism certification?

You will definitely need to receive an amateurism certification. However, you may not need an academic certification. The institution that is recruiting you will be able to advise you on this matter based on your specific academic record.

12. What if I enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution and decide to participate in a sport other than one of the three I had listed on the amateurism certification registration form?

If you decide to participate in a sport other than one listed on the registration form, the Eligibility Center will need to be contacted so you can add this sport and be certified under the amateurism certification process.

13. If I have been participating in events related to my sport for a significant period of time, what events do I need to list on the amateurism registration form?

You should include all events in which you participated, beginning with the ninth grade and thereafter.

14. Can I receive different amateurism certifications for Divisions I and II?

Yes. Divisions I and II have different rules, so it is possible that your certification status may be different for each division.

15. How often can I update my info?

You can update your information as often as you need until you request a final certification of your amateurism status. At that point, you will no longer be able to update your amateurism information.

16. When can I request final amateurism certification?

Beginning April 1 for fall enrollees and beginning October 1 for spring/winter enrollees.

17. How do I request final amateurism certification?

- ◆ Log in to your account at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net;
- ◆ From the menu options, select "Enter/Update Amateurism Questionnaire";
- ◆ Enter or verify the accuracy of your answers;
- ◆ After you have correctly and honestly answered all questions, scroll to the end of the page and click the "Final Authorization Signature" button. Enter the information requested, read the statement and click "Submit" to request final certification;
- ◆ After you have completed these steps, your request for final amateurism certification has been made and no further changes to your questionnaire can be made; and
- ◆ Before logging out of your account, make sure your e-mail and other personal information is current should the Eligibility Center staff need to contact you for additional information.

18. Who will be certified?

Every college-bound student-athlete, both domestic and international, who is attending an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time, must be certified by the Eligibility Center. This includes college-bound student-athletes who are transferring from any two- or four-year institutions (including international institutions) that are not members of NCAA Division I or II. Thus, if an individual wants to participate in athletics at an NCAA Division I or II institution, the college-bound student-athlete must register with the Eligibility Center and submit the appropriate documentation to receive a certification decision.

19. Once I complete the amateurism questions, how long will it take to find out if I am certified as an amateur?

After you complete all of the questions, the length of time it will take for you to receive your "preliminary status report" will depend on the answers you provided.