Compliance Corner

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National Letter of Intent

Baseball, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Gymnastics, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Volleyball, and Women’s Water Polo at SJSU have their early signing period taking place from **November 13 to November 20**. Below are hot topics regarding NLIs:

- Prior to providing an NLI written offer of athletically related financial aid to a high school or prep school prospect, the institution must place the prospect on the Institutional Request List. [13.9.1(b)]

- A high school, prep school or transfer prospect must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire with the EC prior to providing an NLI/written offer of athletics aid. [13.9.1(c)]

- A transfer from a four-year institution may not sign an NLI.

- All prospects under 21 MUST have his/her parent or legal guardian sign the NLI.

- NLIs may be issued prior to the signing period; however, they may only be signed during the signing period.

- A member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming the recruitment of the prospect. NO comments may be made regarding the prospect’s ability or the contribution that the prospect might make to the team until the signed NLI is received and verified by the SJSU Compliance Office. [13.10.2.1]

- Once a prospect has signed an NLI, many recruiting limitations are lifted, including telephone calls, electronic transmissions, evaluations and dead period unofficial visits. There are still restrictions placed on contacts in certain circumstances, so please contact the compliance office for questions prior to planned contacts.

Compliance Brain Busters

1. When is it permissible to contact a prospect at a tournament?:
   - A. After the first night in a three day tournament.
   - B. After the prospect has been released from the last contest on the last day in the tournament.
   - C. After the last contest on the last day before the prospect heads to the locker room.
   - D. Never, contacts at tournaments are impermissible.

2. It is permissible to hand deliver a National Letter of Intent off-campus.
   - True
   - False

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San Jose State Fun Fact
In San José State’s win over UNLV, a tight end threw a pass for the first time since the November 8, 1975 win over New Mexico.

NLI Request Process
1. Submit NLI/GIA Request Form to Wendy Dunn
2. Requests will be reviewed to ensure team is within NCAA limitations, PSA is on the IRL and PSA has answered amateurism questions
3. Requests will be reviewed for an initial eligibility evaluation, SJSU admissions evaluation and an APR evaluation
4. NLI/GIA will be submitted to the Deputy Director of Athletics and Director of Financial Aid for signatures
5. NLI/GIA will be provided to the coaching staff for the head coach’s signature and delivery to the PSA
6. NLI/GIAs may be delivered via electronic mail!
7. Signed NLI/GIAs are to be returned to Wendy Dunn
8. Wendy Dunn will notify the appropriate department personnel via email of all signed and returned NLI/GIAs
9. NLI/GIAs will be submitted to the WAC office for validation

Brain Buster Answers
1. B – Bylaw 13.1.6.2 (d) Contact shall not be made with the prospect involved in competition that requires participation on consecutive days until after their final contest is completed and he/she is released by the appropriate authority and leaves the dressing facility.
2. False – Bylaw 13.1.5.7.1 states that 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, electronic mail or facsimile machine.

Compliance Education Sessions
In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Compliance Office would like to give thanks to all coaching staff members who’ve dutifully attended the mandatory Ed Sessions this semester. As a gift, we will not be conducting Rules Ed in November. Cheers!

Interpretation Questions and Answers

**Question**: Can a student-athlete in their first season redshirting play in an exhibition and not lose a year of eligibility?

**Answer**: Yes, Per NCAA Bylaw 14.2.3.1.3, A student-athlete serving a redshirt can play in an exhibition or scrimmage so long as it is his first year of enrollment and a preseason event without jeopardizing his eligibility.

**Question**: Can a camp limit attendees by their graduation date?

**Answer**: Yes, Bylaw 13.12.1.3 requires an institution’s camp or clinic to be open to any and all entrants limited only by number of attendees, age, grade level and/or gender.

**Question**: Can a prospect begin travel for an official visit during a Dead Period?

**Answer**: Yes, per the staff interpretation on 4/15/1992, travel may begin during the dead period. However, a coach is unable to conduct any part of the official visit during the dead period. It is permissible for the prospect to travel and stay overnight in the locale of the institution, but there may be no recruiting activities.