National Letter of Intent

All sports but Men’s/Women’s Soccer, Football and Men’s Water Polo have an early NLI signing period from **November 12 to November 19**. Below are hot topics regarding this period:

- Prior to providing an NLI to a high school or prep school prospect, the institution must place the prospect on the Eligibility Center’s 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. [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.
- NO comments may be made regarding the prospect until the signed NLI is received and verified by the SJSU Compliance Office. [13.10.2]
- 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 with NLI signees.**

Compliance Brain Busters

1. A current student-athlete may endorse a political campaign:
   - True
   - False

2. Which of the following is true regarding permissible recruiting activities for a prospect who was not a qualifier and is enrolled in the first year of a two-year college?
   - a. The prospect may take an official visit.
   - b. Coaches may have contact with this prospect off the institution’s campus.
   - c. Coaches may telephone this prospect.
   - d. No recruiting activities are permissible with this prospect.

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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 MW office for validation

Brain Buster Answers

1. True – NCAA Staff Interp on 12/30/87 states that a student-athlete endorsement of political/candidate is permissible provided that the student-athlete receives no remuneration for their involvement and are not obligated to make any time commitments.

2. C – NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.2 states that a prospect who was not a qualifier as defined in Bylaw 14.02.11.1 and who is enrolled in the first year of a two-year college may not be contacted in person on or off an institution's campus for recruiting purposes.

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Interpretation Questions and Answers

Question: Can a coach scout a future opponent during an exhibition that does not count against their countable contests?

Answer: No, per Bylaw 11.6.1 it is impermissible to scout a future opponent in any form of contest unless the scouting takes place at an event in which both teams are participating at the same site.

Question: Can a prospect who is a model continue his/her modeling career after enrolling at SJSU?

Answer: Yes with stipulations. Per Bylaw 12.5.1.3, a student-athlete is permitted to continue modeling so long as the following criteria is met: (a) The individual's involvement in the activity was initiated prior to his/her enrollment in a member institution; (b) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability; (c) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics; (d) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and (e) The individual's remuneration is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

Question: A local restaurant is providing all SJSU students a 2-for-1 deal on pizzas, can a current student-athlete take advantage of this deal?

Answer: Yes, per an 10/25/89 NCAA Staff Interp, it is permissible for a student-athlete to accept pizza from a restaurant that wishes to provide a 2-for-1 meal deal to all students (including student-athletes).