



The Education Wave

Tulane Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Recruiting Calendar

Football

🏈 April 1 – May 31: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

- 🏀 April 1 – 5: Dead Period
- 🏀 April 6 – 8: Contact Period
- 🏀 April 9 – 12: Dead Period
- 🏀 April 13 – 30: Contact Period

Women's Basketball

- 🏀 April 1 – 5: Dead Period
- 🏀 April 6 – 8: Quiet Period
- 🏀 April 9 – 17: Dead Period
- 🏀 April 18 – 30: Quiet Period

Baseball

- 🏆 April 1 – 8: Contact/Evaluation Period
- 🏆 April 9 – 12: Dead Period
- 🏆 April 13 – 30: Contact/Evaluation Period

Women's Volleyball

- 🏐 April 1 – 8: Contact/Evaluation Period
- 🏐 April 9 – 12: Dead Period
- 🏐 April 13 – 31: Contact/Evaluation Period

All Other Sports

- 🏆 April 1 - 8: Contact/Evaluation Period
- 🏆 April 9-12: Dead Period
- 🏆 April 13 - 30: Contact/Evaluation Period

Interp of the Month

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Question:

If a prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI), may he/she contact Tulane's strength and conditioning staff?

Answer:

Yes. It is permissible for a member institution to provide weight-lifting program information to a signed prospect, and a copy of material related solely to the institution's strength and conditioning program.

National Letter of Intent: Spring Signing Dates

Men's and Women's Basketball: April 11 – May 16

Other Sports: April 11 – August 1

The spring signing dates for the National Letter of Intent (NLI) are here! For men's and women's basketball, these dates run from April 11 – May 16, 2007, and for all other sports from April 11 – August 1, 2007. Accordingly, the Compliance Office would like remind everyone of important guidelines surrounding the NLI program.

First, a prospect may sign a National Letter of Intent only during the designated signing period. If a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent outside the appropriate signing period, the National Letter of Intent shall be considered null and void. Presuming it is within the permissible signing period, a prospect and his/her parent or legal guardian must sign the NLI and financial aid agreement within 14 days of issuance. The NLI may not be signed prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the initial signing date or after the final signing date for the particular sport.

Also, each prospect should sign his/her National Letter of Intent in duplicate. Once the prospect has signed it twice, he /she should retain one copy of the signed Letter for his/her records. The other copy should be sent back to the Compliance Office. When the Compliance Office receives the Letter, it will keep the signed document and forward a copy to Conference USA. Tulane must file every NLI with Conference USA within 21 days after the date of final signature. If this filing deadline is not met, the Letter will be void.

Tulane coaches and staff should also be aware of the following provisions that apply regarding the publicity of new signees.

Comments Prior to Signing: Coaches may only comment to the extent of confirming their recruitment of a prospect prior to the signing of a prospect to a NLI or Tulane's intent to enroll and/or financial aid agreement. Coaches may not comment generally about the prospect's ability or the contribution that the prospect might make to the team. In addition, a coach may not comment on the likelihood that the prospect will sign or enroll with Tulane.

Announcement of the Signing: Once Tulane has received, by mail or fax, a signed NLI and financial aid agreement or the signed Tulane intent to enroll form, Tulane may publicly comment on the prospect's commitment to attend the institution. Such communications shall be limited to those media forms normally used by Tulane Athletics. If you are unsure which media outlets are normally used by Tulane, please contact the Compliance Office.

Video Clips: Tulane may show video clips of signees through normal media outlets during the announcement. Booster Clubs or other friends of the program are generally not considered normal media outlets.

Please keep these guidelines in mind as the spring signing dates approach.

Compliance Competition Standings

Staff Division			
Department	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Academic Services	5.00	5.00	5.00
Event Management	3.25	2.50	4.00
Business & Finance	2.88	4.50	1.25
Communications	2.50	1.00	4.00
Marketing/Promotions	1.92	1.50	2.33
External Affairs	1.90	1.40	2.40
Strength & Conditioning	1.42	1.17	1.67
Equipment Operations	1.33	2.00	0.67
Ticket Office	1.19	0.63	1.75
Video Operations	0.50	0.00	1.00
Athletic Training	0.32	0.64	0.00
Sport Division			
Team	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Men's Basketball	2.75	3.00	2.50
Volleyball	1.88	1.75	2.00
Women's Track & Field/Cross Country	1.05	1.10	1.00
Football	0.95	1.18	0.71
Baseball	0.55	0.50	0.60
Women's Basketball	0.08	0.00	0.17

Compliance Competition Update

As we reach the mid-point of the Compliance Competition, **Academic Services** and **Men's Basketball** have clearly established themselves as the teams to beat in their respective divisions. However, there is still time for each team to rally and challenge the division leaders. Everyone who has submitted answers has scored well, so keep those answers rolling in and good luck!

Clearinghouse/Eligibility Center Update

Many of Tulane's 2007-08 signees have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse, but many have yet to initiate the Clearinghouse's amateurism certification process. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their signees have registered with the Clearinghouse and have provided updated information.

Other things to keep in mind with the Clearinghouse include: (1) the Clearinghouse will only accept test scores from the testing agency; and (2) prospects who were enrolled in high school for more than 4 years, attended a prep school, and/or attended more than two high schools during their prep career will have their academic records scrutinized by the NCAA. It is important that these prospects submit all of their academic information to the Clearinghouse as quickly as possible to prevent any delays in receiving athletic aid or being eligible for practice and competition.

Attached is the latest letter from the NCAA regarding the certification of high schools.

Summer Drug Testing

If you are not already aware, the NCAA has extended its drug testing program from the academic year into the summer. All student-athletes are subject to testing every summer. The same rules still apply. If a student-athlete misses a test, he/she will be suspended for one year. The Tulane Athletic Training staff will contact coaches for the summer contact information of each student-athlete. Make sure the information is correct and accurate, because (it cannot be stated enough) if a student-athlete misses a test, he/she will be suspended. Any questions should be directed to either Tulane Athletic Training or the Compliance Office.

Summer Leagues and Competition

Summer is just around the corner, and many Tulane student-athletes will be participating in summer events and contests. The NCAA has rules for student-athletes participating in summer competition in the sports of baseball, basketball, track & field, and volleyball. Coaches should be aware of these rules and contact the Compliance Office with questions and/or to pick-up a summer competition approval form. It is important that student-athletes are properly approved before participating in a summer league, whether as a team or individually.

Ask Before You Act!

