



The Education Wave

Tulane Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Recruiting Calendar

Track & Field/Cross Country

🏃 March 17 – June 10: Contact Period

Football

🏈 February 8 – April 14: Quiet Period

🏈 April 15 – May 31: Evaluation Period

🏈 Those days in May/April not designated for evaluation opportunities: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

🏀 April 1 – 2: Contact Period

🏀 April 3 – 10: Dead Period

🏀 April 10 – 13: Contact Period

🏀 April 14 – 17: Dead Period

🏀 April 18 – 30: Contact Period

Women's Basketball

🏀 March 1 – April 3: Contact Period

🏀 April 4 – 10: Dead Period

🏀 April 11 – 13: Quiet Period

🏀 April 14 – 17: Dead Period

🏀 April 18 – 20: Evaluations at nonscholastics

🏀 April 21 – 22: Dead Period

🏀 April 23 – July 5: Quiet Period

Baseball

🏆 March 1 – April 6: Contact Period

🏆 April 7 – 10: Dead Period

🏆 April 11 – July 31: Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

🏐 January 19 – April 6: Contact Period

🏐 April 7 – 10: Dead Period

🏐 April 11 – 30: Contact Period

All Other Sports

🏆 November 16 – April 6: Contact/Eval Period

🏆 April 7 – 10: Dead Period

🏆 April 11 – July 31: Contact/Eval Period

Interp of the Month

Submitted by: Rick Dickson, Athletics Director

Question: Can the AD recruit off-campus?

Answer: No. Only certified countable coaches may recruit off-campus.

National Letter of Intent: Spring Signing Dates

Men's and Women's Basketball: April 16 – May 21

Other Sports: April 9 – 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 16 – May 21, 2008, and for all other sports (excluding football) from April 9 – August 1, 2008. Accordingly, the Compliance Office would like to 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 contact the Compliance Office with questions about NCAA rules regarding the National Letter of Intent.

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
Ticket Office	4.38	5.00	3.75
Business & Finance	3.50	2.67	4.33
Strength & Conditioning	1.50	1.33	1.67
Equipment Operations	1.25	0.00	2.50
Administration	0.59	0.42	0.75
Athletic Training	0.34	0.00	0.67
Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event Management/Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
External Affairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marketing Promotions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Video Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sport Division			
Team	Total Points Average	This Month's Average	Last Month's Average
Women's Golf	4.50	5.00	4.00
Women's Basketball	3.75	3.50	4.00
Women's Track & Field	2.00	0.83	3.17
Men's Basketball	1.50	0.67	2.33
Baseball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Football	0.00	0.00	0.00
Volleyball	0.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Tennis	0.00	0.00	0.00

Compliance Competition Update

The Compliance Competition is in full swing and the competition at the top is as close as ever. In the Staff Division, **Academic Services** remained perfect, but **Ticket Office** and **Business & Finance** are right on their tails. In the Sport Division, **Women's Golf** and **Women's Basketball** appear primed for a battle to the end. **Will anyone knock off the early leaders? Stay tuned to find out!**

Financial Aid for Kids of Former Student-Athletes

It is not permissible to award financial aid through a scholarship program available only to children of former student-athletes. Further, scholarship programs that are available to children of former student-athletes along with other individuals may also be impermissible.

Institutions with these types of clubs (e.g., letterman's club) may still fund and or operate a scholarship program provided either the club does not require athletics participation or involvement as a criteria for membership or eligibility for the scholarship is not restricted only to members of the club.

Finally, it is not permissible to establish a scholarship program that benefits the children of members from a specific team or who participated on a team under a particular coach, even if those members include nonstudent-athletes (e.g., former student managers, trainers) or if the scholarship program is established for a specified and limited time period.

Not So Fast My Friend: Express Mail Services

Under NCAA rules, an institution is not permitted to use express mail delivery services (e.g., UPS, FedEx) to provide permissible printed recruiting materials. This legislation applies to materials that are sent to prospective student-athletes, coaches of prospective student-athletes or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved and who resides within the 50 United States. An institution may only use first-class mail or a lesser rate of service (e.g., parcel post) with no extra services (e.g., certified mail, delivery confirmation).

Only the National Letter of Intent (NLI), financial aid agreement, and necessary pre-enrollment information may be sent using express mail delivery services. Please contact the Compliance Office with questions about NCAA rules regarding express mail services.

Ask Before You Act!

