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 14 to November 21.

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.

- 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.

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/GIAs 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. Wendy Dunn will notify the appropriate department personnel via email of all signed and returned NLI/GIAs
8. NLI/GIAs will be submitted to the WAC 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.

Compliance Education Sessions

This month’s mandatory SJSU Compliance Rules Education Session will take place on Tuesday, November 27 from 1:30-2:30 PM and Thursday, November 29 from 9-10 AM in the Order of Sparta Room. ALL coaching staff members are required to attend at least one of these Sessions, and we encourage staff members to attend as well.

Interpretation Questions and Answers

Question: A high school prospect is taking 12 units of college courses through his high school, does he start his 5 year clock because of this?

Answer: No, as long as he does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program. NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.3 states that a student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program.

Question: If a current-student-athlete is serving a redshirt year can she compete unattached without jeopardizing a season of eligibility?

Answer: Yes, Per Bylaw 14.7.1.7 a student-athlete is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only herself; because she is only representing herself she is not using a season of competition as a student-athlete at SJSU.

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 NCAA Staff Interp on 10/25/89 states that 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) two meals for the price of one.