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USD COMPLIANCE

National Letter of Intent: Reminders

We are fast approaching the NLI early signing period, which is November 9-16th. Below are some reminders provided by the Summit League office to help all remain compliant to NLI rules.

Signing an NLI:

- An NLI may be signed by either a prospect who will be enrolling at a four-year institution for the first time in the fall of 2012, or a prospective 4-2-4 transfer who will graduate from the junior college before enrolling at your institution in the fall of 2012.
- By signing an NLI, a PSA agrees to attend the institution for one academic year

in return for a one-year offer of athletics aid.

- If the PSA is under the age of 21 at the time of signing, his/her parent or legal guardian must cosign the NLI. If a parent/legal guardian is unavailable, an alternate cosigner must be approved in advance by the NLI office. Cosigning of the accompanying financial aid agreement is based upon institutional policy.
- Both the NLI and the accompanying financial aid agreement must be signed by the PSA within the applicable signing period and within 14 days of issuance by the institution. The completed documents must

then be received by the League office within 21 days of the PSAs signature.

Recruiting Ban:

After a PSA signs an NLI he/she may not be recruited by another NLI institution until :

- The NLI becomes invalid or null and void under NLI Guidelines
- The PSA receives a complete release or release from the NLI recruiting ban
- The PSA enrolls at the signing institution (NCAA recruiting rules then apply)
- The signing institution's academic year elapses without the PSA enrolling
- Visit national-letter.org for more info

Division I Recruiting Calendar for November, 2011

Men's Basketball

Nov 1-6 Eval. Period
Nov 7-10 Dead Period
Nov 11-30 Eval. Period

Women's Basketball

Nov 1-6 Eval. Period
Nov 7-10 Dead Period
Nov 11-30 Eval. Period

Softball

Nov 1-6 Contact Period

Nov 7-10 Dead Period

Nov 11-23 Contact Period

Nov 24-29 Quiet Period

Nov 30 Dead Period

Football

Nov 1-26 Eval. Period
Nov 27-30 Contact Period

Track/Cross Country

Nov 1-20 Contact period
Nov 21 Dead Period

Nov 22-30 Contact Period

Volleyball

Nov 1-6 Contact Period
Nov 7-10 Dead Period
Nov 11-30 Contact Period

All other sports

Nov 1-6 Contact Period
Nov 7-10 Dead Period
Nov 11-30 Contact Period



NCAA revamps Men's Basketball Recruiting—Michelle Brutlag Hosick, NCAA.org

Men's basketball coaches will be free to contact recruits without many of the current restrictions under a new recruiting model for the sport adopted by the Division I Board of Directors Thursday.

Coaches will be allowed to send unlimited phone calls and text messages to men's basketball recruits. The deregulation extends to social media, starting June 15 after a recruit's sophomore year. Private messages on social networks also will be deregulated. Public messages through social networks will continue to be prohibited because of the rule preventing institutions from publicizing their recruiting efforts.

The new model, recommended after a year of study by the Leadership Council, also restores two weekends of recruiting at nonscholastic events in April and trims the summer recruiting period to three four-day

periods in July.

In addition to modified recruiting periods and less stringent contact rules, the changes adopted by the Board include:

- A start date for official visits beginning January 1 of the junior year, with schools able to pay travel expenses for the prospect and a parent/guardian.
- Permitting some contact at a prospect's educational institution during the junior year in conjunction with an evaluation, with some restrictions and requirements.
- The July period will be limited to three four-day periods beginning Wednesday at 5 p.m. and ending Sunday at 5 p.m.
- The April period will be limited to certified events that begin after 6 p.m. on Friday and end before 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The new model will be fully in place by August 1, 2012. In April 2012, coaches will be permitted to evaluate on two weekends (not during the Final Four, not during standardized test weekends or over Easter weekend), and the new July calendar will go into effect in 2012 for three four-day periods.

On June 15, 2012, the current contact limits will be lifted and coaches may contact prospects who have finished their sophomore year. The rest of the provisions will become effective August 1, 2012.



STUDENT-ATHLETE REMINDER

What constitutes an extra benefit?

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of athletics interest to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Examples include, but not limited to:

- Special discounts
- Free or reduced-cost services
- Special rates for meals, movies, transportation
- Loan of money
- Athletic equipment, supplies or clothing from manufacturer



Coyote Football Star selected for Prestigious Award

University of South Dakota senior running back Chris Ganious was announced as one of 16 football players named as recipients of the prestigious NFF National Scholar-Athlete and finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy by the National Football Foundation.

Each NFF National Scholar-Athlete honoree will receive an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship at the 54th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 6 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, and one of 16 will be announced as the 22nd recipient of the William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes

an individual as the absolute best scholar-athlete in the nation.

Ganious has had a stellar career for the Coyotes both on and off the field.



He moved into third all-time in rushing this season in school history with 2,760 yards.

In the classroom, Ganious' accomplishments are just as impressive. He carries a 3.81 GPA in psychology and plans on attending

P.A. school after graduation in May. He is a two-time Great West Academic All-Conference selection and earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Second Team Academic All-America honors in 2009. He is a two-time FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) ADA Academic All-Star and had the prestigious honor of representing South Dakota at the NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in May of 2009 in Orlando, Fla.

Ganious is the Co-President of SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) and was nominated for Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year (July 2011).

DI Board adopts Improvements in academic standards and student-athlete support

The Division I Board of Directors continued the quick-action precedent set earlier this summer, adopting a package of proposals Thursday that toughen academic standards and provide increased academic and economic support to student-athletes.

The Board approved an implementation plan – which includes all football bowl games – that mandates a certain level of academic performance in order to participate in postseason competition. The eligibility requirement will begin phasing in with the 2012-13 academic year.

The Board also adopted legislation giving student-athletes who receive full athletics scholarships the opportunity to receive additional athletics aid up to the full cost of attendance or \$2,000, whichever is less.

ACADEMIC CHANGES

The new postseason eligibility structure will take effect in the 2012-12 academic year, with a two-year implementation window before the benchmark moves from 900 to 930. For access to postseason competition in 2012-13 and 2013-14, teams must achieve a 900 multi-year APR or a 930 average over the most recent two years to be eligible.

In 2014-15, teams that don't achieve the 930 benchmark for their four-year APR or at least a 940 average of the most recent two years will be ineligible for postseason competition.

In 2015-16, the 930 benchmark for postseason competition participation, and additional penalties, will be implemented fully. The APR requirement for post-season participation would be waived only in extraordinary circumstances.

STUDENT-ATHLETE WELL-BEING IMPROVEMENTS

Student-athletes who receive full athletics scholarships or get other school financial aid combined with athletics aid to equal a full scholarship will have the opportunity to receive additional athletics aid (or other institutional aid, including use of the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund) up to the institution's calculation of full cost of attendance or \$2,000, whichever is less.

The figure will be adjusted according to the consumer price index, so the presidents will not need to approve new figures when the cost of living changes. The Board resolved to not revisit the \$2,000 amount for three years.

The new rule makes the additional aid available to student-athletes in head-count sports (for example football and basketball) and those in equivalency sports who reach the value of a full scholarship.

COYOTES

For further information regarding these changes, please visit : <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/myconnect/public/ncaa/resources/latest+news/2011/october/di+board+of+directors+adopt+changes+to+academic+and+student-athlete+welfare>



Four Ohio State football student-athletes must sit out games, repay benefits

Ohio State University football student-athlete Devier Posey must sit five games and repay benefits after receiving approximately \$720 from a booster for work not performed, according to a decision by the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff. Posey also accepted approximately \$100 in golf fees from another individual, which is a preferential treatment violation.

Three additional Ohio State football student-athletes – Marcus Hall, Melvin Fellows and Daniel Herron – will miss one game and

must repay benefits after receiving pay for work not performed from the booster. Herron and Fellows both accepted approximately \$290 in excess pay while Hall received \$230 in overpayment. In its decision, the staff noted the overpayment occurred over an extended period of time.

NCAA Bylaw 12.4.1 requires that compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: (1) Only for work actually performed; and (2) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.



Cabinet discusses agents, pro sports counseling panel—NCAA.org

The Division I Amateurism Cabinet is endorsing concepts that would help schools inform student-athletes about involvement with agents and whether to pursue a professional sports career.

At its fall meeting, the cabinet proposed an NCAA Agent Registration Program, which would require agents to register and would provide student-athletes and NCAA schools with agent contact information, employee lists and any disciplinary actions against individual agents. All information would be verified by NCAA personnel.

Cabinet members also favor a companion program, called the National Professional Sports Counseling Panel, to advise elite-level student-athletes on not only the viability of a future professional career but also timing, contract details, agent interaction and other aspects of pursuing professional sports. Many institutions offer similar panels locally, but few student-athletes avail themselves of the service because of the perception of bias.

The registration program would allow the NCAA to create a database of individuals who would trigger the NCAA definition of an agent. It also would be populated by various professional league players associations' registered agents and advisors. Any individual who wants to represent a prospective or enrolled student-athlete would be required to register with the NCAA and provide the information requested. Agents would review and update their registrations annually.

The NCAA staff could provide education about NCAA rules to agents at the time of registry, ensuring that all agents and advisors receive the same information pertaining to agent activities, regardless of what education comes through sport or professional league players associations.

While cabinet members recognized that making the program mandatory for agents might require penalties for institutions or eligibility consequences for student-athletes who work with agents not in the registry, they reasoned that without penalties, the program would be difficult to enforce and might not be effective.

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