NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT REMINDERS

The National Letter of Intent (NLI) initial signing date for all sports (other than football, field hockey, soccer and track and field/cross country) is **Wednesday, November 9, 2011.**

- The NLI early signing period is November 9-16. The prospect and the prospect’s parent must sign the NLI within the signing period in order for the NLI to be valid.
- The dead period surrounding the initial signing date is November 7-10 and remains in effect the entire four days.
- A prospect may not be offered a NLI until he/she registers with the Eligibility Center AND completes the amateurism certification questions.
- Coaches may not hand deliver the NLI off-campus or be present off-campus at the time the prospect signs the NLI.
- Once a prospect signs a NLI all conferences and institutions are obligated to cease recruiting the prospect.

Coaches must submit a Tender Request Form for all NLI signees. The form is available online on the compliance website. Please make sure that all of the prospect’s information is correct on the form (e.g., correct spelling of name, correct address).

CAMPUS VISIT REMINDER

Current legislation prohibits prospects and their parents from having contact with current student-athletes’ parents and former student-athletes during their visit to campus (official and unofficial visits). This restriction includes contact at team sponsored functions such as tailgate parties. There is a proposal (Prop. 2011-28) in the legislative cycle that would allow on-campus contact between a prospect and the prospect’s parents and the parents of an enrolled student-athlete, provided the contact occurs on the day of a regularly scheduled on-campus athletics event.

AROUND THE NCAA

Recently several institutions have been in the news for secondary and major violations. Here are a few key points from those cases.

- Promotional Activities: Student-athletes must receive approval from compliance PRIOR to participating in any promotional activity. In addition, student-athletes may not accept any compensation (e.g., cash, gift card, gift certificate) other than actual and necessary expenses for their participation in a promotional activity.
- Employment: Student-athletes must report all employment to compliance. Student-athletes may be paid only for work actually performed and at a rate similar to the going rate in the area for similar services.
- Extra Benefits: Student-athletes may not sell any item received for participation in intercollegiate athletics (e.g., awards, shoes, jersey) or exchange that item for a free or reduced-cost service. Boosters, including local businesses, may not provide student-athletes with a benefit not available to the general student body.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Oct. 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Contact Period: Oct. 1-5
Evaluation Period: Oct. 6-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Contact Period: Oct. 1-6
Evaluation Period: Oct. 7-31

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: Oct. 1-31

FOOTBALL
Evaluation Period: Oct. 1-31
*42 evaluation days Sept.—Nov.*

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Oct. 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Oct. 1-31

SEASONS OF COMPETITION REMINDER

When completing the seasons of competition form, please make sure all competitions are listed. For those sports with both a championship and nonchampionship season please include the competitions from the nonchampionship segment.

CARA REMINDER

When completing practice logs please make sure all countable athletically related activities are recorded each day for each student-athlete. In addition, any break less than 30 minutes between activities must be recorded on the practice logs.

RANDOM TRIVIA

Male bees can’t sting.