



Sycamore Sentinel

ISU Compliance Newsletter for Coaches and Staff



February 2009

****February NLI Signing Period****

Signing Dates for the 2009-10 Academic Year

Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the following dates or after the final signing date listed for each sport.

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Football	February 4, 2009	April 1, 2009
Soccer, Track and Field/CC	February 4, 2009	August 1, 2009

Prior to Signing

Eligibility to Sign NLI

Only the following types of prospects are eligible to sign an NLI: High school, prep school, and two-year college prospects that will be entering four-year institutions for the first time as full-time students in the Fall of 2009; 4-2-4 transfers that are graduating from a junior college during the 2008-2009 academic year and will be enrolling at Indiana State in the Fall of 2009.

NLI Penalty for Prospective Student-Athletes

A prospect that does not honor an NLI is subject to a penalty of (1) one year-in-residence at the prospect's new institution and (2) loss of one season of competition in all sports. This penalty is not applicable to a prospect that engages in a mission of 18 or more months prior to initial enrollment and subsequently attends another institution, graduates from a two-year college more than one year after signing the NLI and subsequently attends another institution.

Delivery of the NLI

NCAA legislation prohibits institutions from hand delivering the NLI to a prospect at an off-campus location. The NLI also may not be delivered to a prospect by a third-party. The NLI may be delivered via express mail, courier service, regular mail, or facsimile machine.

Concurrent with Signing

Signing of the NLI

Coaches may not be present at the signing. For the NLI to be valid, a prospect must sign within 14 days of the date of the Athletic Director's signature. The signed NLI must be filed with the Missouri Valley Conference Office within 21 days of the date of the signature of the prospect or the prospect's parent (whichever is later). Upon filing with the MVC, the Compliance Office will authorize media relations to issue athletic department releases and coaches to speak with the media regarding signings.

February Division I Recruiting Calendar

Baseball

Feb. 1-28 *Quiet Period*

Men's Basketball

Feb. 1-29 *Eval. Period*

Women's Basketball

Feb. 1-29 *Eval. Period*

Football

Feb.1 *Quiet Period*

Feb. 2-5 *Dead Period*

Feb. 6-29 *Quiet Period*

Softball

Feb. 1-29 *Contact Period*

Volleyball

Feb. 1-29 *Contact Period*

Women's Soccer

Feb. 2-5 *Dead Period*

Cross Country/Track

Feb. 2-5 *Dead Period*

Feb. 6-29 *Contact Period*

Contact Period

Permissible to make in-person, off-campus, recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period

Permissible to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. NO in-person, off-campus contacts may be made.

Quiet Period

Permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts ONLY on campus. Evals may continue.

DEAD Period

NOT permissible to make in person contacts or evals on- or off-campus or to permit official or unofficial visits.



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NLI Dead Period

During the dead period, it is not permissible to have on- or off-campus contact with a prospect, to evaluate a prospect, to speak at any banquet or meeting where prospects are present, or to visit a prospect's educational institution. It remains permissible to send recruiting materials, make phone calls, and send e-mails.

Comments Prior to Signing

Prior to receiving a valid, final signed copy of an NLI, and permission from the Compliance Office, an institutional staff member may not comment on a prospect except to acknowledge the institution's recruitment of that prospect. Comments regarding the athletic eligibility of the prospect are prohibited.

Subsequent to Signing

Comments Subsequent to Signing and Institutional Press Releases

Once a valid, signed copy of a prospect's NLI has been received and the Compliance Office has given permission, a coach or staff member may comment regarding a prospect, including comments regarding the prospect's athletics ability and potential contribution to the program. This information may be included in a press release through the Sports Information Office. No press conferences are permitted except as described below. There is no longer a requirement that subsequent press releases contain the same information as the original press release. Once the institution has received a valid NLI (signed NLI and signed institutional tender offer), the institution may release information regarding the prospect (which may include audio/video clips of the prospect) at its discretion.

Miscellaneous Activities:

Press Conferences/Celebratory Functions

Bylaw 13.10.9.2 states that "An institution may conduct one formal press conference on the institution's campus for the purpose of presenting the names of all prospective student-athletes in a sport who have signed a National Letter of Intent or accepted written offers of admission and/or financial aid from the institution, with the understanding that **no prospective student-athletes (or their friends or relatives) may be in attendance at such an announcement.**"

Contacts

Except during dead periods, NCAA legislation provides that a coach may have "unlimited" contacts with prospects that have signed a valid NLI. However, please note that all other recruiting legislation still applies to all other prospects. Thus, in applicable sports, a coach still may not visit a prospect's educational institution more than once per week. In addition, contact with a prospect cannot occur prior to or the day of the prospect's contest or tournament (until the competition is complete and the prospect has been released by his/her coach).

Evaluations

Except during dead periods, NCAA legislation provides that a coach may evaluate a prospect an "unlimited" number of times after the prospect has signed an NLI. However, as with contacts, all recruiting legislation still applies to all other prospects. For example, even if a prospect has signed an NLI, a coach in the sport of basketball may only evaluate a particular prospect's athletics team five times during a given academic year. Please note that a visit (without contact) to a prospect's educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospects in that sport at the educational institution.

Telephone Calls

After the calendar day that a prospect signs an NLI, there is no limit on the number of telephone calls that can be made to that prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives.

Texting

After the calendar day that a prospect signs an NLI, there is no limit on the type of electronic communications that can be made with a prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives. As a result, text messaging or instant messaging prospects is permissible.

Sycamore Shout Out!!

Congratulations!!



Kelsey Luna, MVC MVP of the Year Nominee



Bianca Jarrett, MVC Newcomer of the Week (Jan. 26)



Track and Field



Major Clay

MVC Co-Male Athlete of the Week, NCAA Qualifier

Lauren Martin

NCAA Qualifier



Kylie Hutson

MVC Female Field Athlete of the Week,
NCAA Qualifier



Kelsey Hanley

NCAA Qualifier



“Don’t Bet On It!!”

Have Questions?

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Ask BEFORE you act!!!