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UTEP ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

## COMPLIANCE HOT SHOT



**Jon Teicher**  
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Jon does a great job working with the compliance office especially in his role as sports administrator for softball. He never hesitates to come to us if he has any questions or concerns. Thanks for your commitment to compliance Jon!



### AGENTS REMINDER

Any agreement with an agent, in writing or verbally to market his or her athletic skills will render a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletic competition. Additionally, any athletics department staff member that introduces an agent to a student-athlete is in violation of NCAA Bylaw 10.1.

### SPORTS WAGERING [GAMBLING]

The NCAA prohibits any athletics department staff members, staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department, and student-athletes from wagering anything of tangible value on intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition.



### APRIL RECRUITING CALENDARS

**QUIET**      **DEAD**      **CONTACT**      **EVALUATION**

#### FOOTBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### TRACK/CC

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### VOLLEYBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### SOFTBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9^	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3*	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24**	25**
26*	27	28	29	30		

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### OTHER SPORTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

^ Dead period ends at noon. Recruiting period: Noon - 11:59 p.m.

\*Evaluation period shall be considered for one women's basketball event certified by the NCAA held in conjunction with, and conducted in the host city of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship (Tampa, Florida).

\*\* April 24 - 26: Evaluations permitted at nonscholastic women's basketball events.

## APRIL NLI SIGNING PERIOD

SPORT(S)	INITIAL SIGNING DATE	FINAL SIGNING DATE
BASKETBALL (REGULAR PERIOD)	APRIL 15, 2015	MAY 20, 2015
ALL OTHER SPORTS (REGULAR PERIOD)	APRIL 15, 2015	AUGUST 1, 2015

## NLI REMINDERS

### What's the earliest a Prospective Student Athlete (PSA) can sign their NLI?

A Prospective Student Athlete (PSA) may not sign the NLI prior to 7:00am on April 15th, 2015

### Can a coach be present when a prospective student-athlete signs the NLI off-campus?

No. A coach cannot be present when a PSA signs a NLI off-campus. Pursuant to NCAA rules, any in-person, off-campus contact made with a PSA for the purpose of signing a NLI or attendance at activities related to the signing of the NLI is prohibited.

### Is it permissible to provide a NLI to a prospective student-athlete while they are on campus for their official or unofficial visit?

Yes. While under the terms of the NCAA and NLI program a coach or institutional representative may not hand deliver a NLI off-campus. There is nothing that precludes an institution from providing an NLI to a PSA who is on their official or unofficial visit.

### Is a prospective student-athlete required to sign the NLI on the initial signing day for their sport?

No. Signing the NLI is voluntary at any and all times. Prospective student-athletes are not

required to sign the NLI on the first day of the signing period. Please note the NLI provision allows a student 7 days from the date the NLI is issued (or the initial signing date if the NLI is received before that date) to sign and still have it declared valid.

### Publicity After Commitment

There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1.

### Official or Unofficial Visit During Dead Period After Commitment

A prospective student-athlete is permitted to make an official or unofficial visit during a dead period after one of the following events occurs: (a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or (b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

Please send all NLI requests to Fadia at your earliest convenience.



## FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

### Reduction or Cancellation Permitted

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient:

- (a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
- (b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4);
- or (d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal.

### Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award:

- (a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;
- (b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2);
- or (c) For any other athletics reason.

## BASKETBALL DEAD PERIOD REMINDERS

### Men's Basketball

Thursday April 2nd - Thursday April 9th (surrounding Final Four of NCAA DI Men's Basketball Championship)  
Monday April 13th – Thursday April 16th (Initial signing date of the regular NLI signing period for basketball).

### Women's Basketball

Friday April 3rd – Thursday April 9th (period surrounding NCAA DI Women's Basketball Championship Final Four)  
Monday April 13th – Thursday April 16th (initial signing date of the regular NLI signing period for basketball)

### Permissible Recruiting Activities During Dead Period

- Unlimited phone calls to high school juniors and seniors and to 2-Year College prospects
- General correspondence (written or verbal) to prospects not at a competition site
- Electronic correspondence
  - Before NLI is signed: All forms are permissible as long as they are sent directly to the prospect and are private
  - After NLI is signed: No restrictions on the publicity of correspondence sent to a prospect

### Impermissible Activities During Dead Period

- NO Official or Unofficial Visits
  - Exception: A prospect may make an official or unofficial visit during a dead period after the prospect signs a NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution receives a financial deposit
- NO Contacts
- NO Evaluations
- NO Speeches at banquets where prospects are in attendance



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