



Department of
Intercollegiate Athletics

April 2013
Recruiting Calendars

CROSS COUNTRY/
TRACK & FIELD

Contact Period: April 1- 30

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quiet Period: April 1-3

DEAD PERIOD: April 4-11(till noon)

Recruiting Period: April 11 (noon) - 14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Evaluation Period: FOR CERTIFIED

EVENTS ONLY April 19-21

Recruiting Period: April 22-24

Quiet Period: April 25

Evaluation Period: FOR CERTIFIED

EVENTS ONLY April 26-28

Quiet Period: April 29-30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Contact Period: April 1-4

DEAD PERIOD April 5-8

Quiet Period: April 12-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Evaluation Period: April 19-23

Evaluation Period: Permitted at Non

Scholastic Events April 19-21

Quiet Period: April 24-30

BASEBALL

Contact Period: April 1-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Contact Period: April 19-30

SOFTBALL

Contact Period: April 1-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Contact Period: April 16-30

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Contact Period: April 1-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Contact Period: April 19-30

LACROSSE

Contact Period: April 1-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Contact Period: April 19-30

SOCCER

Contact Period: April 1-30

ALL OTHER SPORTS

Contact Period: April 1-14

DEAD PERIOD: April 15-18

Contact Period: April 13-30

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COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

April 2013

REMINDERS:

- All CARA/Playing and Practice logs are due on the 5th of EVERY month.
- Record ALL weekly Phone Logs, Contacts/Evaluations, Official/Unofficial Visits in Scoutware.
- Inform the compliance office when there is a change of status on your roster.

National Letter of Intent Signing Dates

The spring NLI signing period for ALL OTHER SPORTS than Soccer and Track **begin April 17th - August 1st.**

Basketball signing dates at **April 17th - May 15th**

Please note that the sports associated with this NLI signing period are in a DEAD PERIOD from Monday, April 15th through Thursday, April 18th.

Rules After Signing

NOTE: Be aware of the following rules regarding communication with prospective student-athletes the DAY AFTER they sign an NLI.

- Once a prospects signs an NLI there is no limit on telephone calls or any other form of communication (ex. Text messaging). [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.3]
- If a prospect is not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g. four year college transfer) , there is no limit on the form of correspondence after the calendar day on which the prospect signs the intent to enroll. [Bylaw 13.4.1.2.1]
- If your prospect is not signing an NLI, once they pay their financial deposit, you may have unlimited correspondence with them.
- A Non-Coaching Institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 and it is permissible to make and receive telephone calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians).
- There is no limit on the number of Contacts and Evaluations by the institution with the prospect
- A prospect that signs a NLI with is permitted to make an unofficial visit during a dead period.
- For those prospects that are not eligible to sign an NLI (e.g. a four-year college transfer), they may make an unofficial visit during a dead period, provided that they sign a intent to enroll or Mason has received a financial deposit in response to an offer of admissions. [Bylaw 13.02.5.4.2]

Helpful NLI Links.

[NLI Quick Reference Guide](#)

[NLI website](#)



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Definitions

Recruiting Periods
(Bylaw 13.02.4)

Contact Period.

A contact period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period.

An evaluation period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability or prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period.

Quiet Period.

A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts ONLY on the institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

Dead Period.

A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institutions campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided by Bylaw 13.7.2.5. During the dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker, attend a meeting or banquet at which a prospective student-athletes are in attendance and may not visit a prospective student-athletes institution. It remains permissible however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone a prospective-student athlete.

NCAA Interpretation

Staff Interpretation

Providing Transportation for a Prospect-Aged Sibling During a Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit (I)

Date Published: March 15, 2013

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may permit a prospect-aged sibling of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official or unofficial visit.

Parking and Unofficial Visits

As a reminder, it is not permissible for Mason to arrange for special parking for prospects to utilize while visiting campus on an unofficial visit (including special parking for athletics events). Also, Mason **may not** provide a prospect on an unofficial visit with a parking pass. Prospects and their family members accompanying them on an unofficial visit must pay the appropriate parking fee (ex. \$3 parking fee for the Fieldhouse lot or parking garage fee on campus). Lastly, Mason may not pay for any parking tickets or towing charges incurred by a prospect or the prospect's family

Have You Heard of Voxer?

Voxer is a smart phone application that allows users to chat and Instant Message as well as share photos and/or talk via a "walkie talkie" function. Please note that the use of Voxer or Blip.Me walkie talkie phone applications (and the like) are not permissible to use when communicating with prospects. These applications are voicemail delivery services that allow you to speak messages that are instantaneously delivered to the recipient. These messages are being treated as text messages with audio files attached; therefore, they are not permissible to send to prospects.



Booster and Alumni Interaction with Prospects

NCAA rules prohibit prospects from having contact with individuals considered to represent a university's athletics interests (e.g., boosters, alumni). Here are some reminders and tips to keep in mind.

- It is not permissible for boosters to have in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect's relatives.
- It is not permissible for boosters to contact a prospect or their relatives (e.g., e-mail, telephone, text message, social networking website).
- Boosters may not interact with a prospect during a prospect's visit to campus, even if the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent and/or accepted an offer of financial aid from Mason.
- If the prospect is with an institutional staff member and is approached by a booster, the staff member is required to take steps to prevent the prospect from having contact with the booster.
- While there is an exception for unavoidable or incidental contact with a booster, such contact is not considered unavoidable or incidental if the staff member is present, arranges or permits the contact and/or the contact occurs on Mason's campus.

