



Department of
Intercollegiate Athletics

May 2013
Recruiting Calendars

**CROSS COUNTRY/
TRACK & FIELD**

Contact Period: May 1- 31

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quiet Period: May 1-15

**DEAD PERIOD: May 16-25(Except NVA
Draft Combine)**

Quiet Period: May 26-31

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Quiet Period: May 1-31

BASEBALL

Contact Period: May 1-31

SOFTBALL

Contact Period: May 1-27

DEAD PERIOD: May 28-31

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Quiet Period: May 1-24

Contact Period: May 25-31

LACROSSE

Contact Period: May 1-23

DEAD PERIOD: May 24-26

Contact Period: May 27-31

SOCCER

Contact Period: May 1-31

ALL OTHER SPORTS

Contact Period: May 1-31

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COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

May 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.**

Bylaw 12 AMATEURISM

Bylaw 12.02.5

Limited Benefit — Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at an NCAA Institution — Expenses from a Permissible Source

Prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by **\$300** or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected. *(effective 8/1/13)*

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 if they sign an NLI or pay their financial deposit. [Bylaw 13.1.5.8]
- 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 13.02.5)

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 institution's 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

Official Interpretation

Recruiting Conversations at Camps and Clinics (I)

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The committee confirmed that a camp or clinic is considered an athletics competition or athletics event. Therefore, a host institution's coaching staff member may not engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tours for recruiting purposes, meetings with faculty members, complimentary admissions, extending written offers or aid) other than recruiting conversations with prospective student-athletes participating in the institution's camp or clinic until after the completion of the camp or clinic. Any recruiting activities that occur after completion of the camp or clinic are subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions.

SUMMER DRUG TEST INFORMATION

As a reminder, ALL returning student-athletes must complete the summer drug test information form so that if the NCAA randomly tests one of our teams for year round testing, we have the student-athletes summer address and phone number for them to contact.

Bylaw 13 Recruiting

Bylaw 13.4.1.4 - Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete's Request

Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete's letter or electronic mail requesting information from an institution's athletics department prior to the permissible date on which an institution may begin to provide recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete or information related to the institution's athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department).

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.

